

Burn o' Vat viewpoint

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This project is a viewpoint on the trail above the Burn o'Vat visitor centre at the Muir of Dinnet National Nature Reserve in Aberdeenshire.

The new viewpoint was designed and built by local contractors, from local materials, and now provides a means of interpreting the view over the Muir of Dinnet reserve.

Use of locally available / sourced materials

The main material used in the construction of the viewpoint is Douglas fir that came from the neighbouring Glen Tanar Estate. Granite boulders from the site also now form part of the viewpoint, by providing informal seating.

Environmental credentials

The new viewpoint was constructed without the use of any concrete, and only uses mechanical fixings to ensure it is entirely recyclable at the end of its life. It is made entirely from wood, with the interpretive panels specifically designed without the use of plastics, solvents or resins often used for external grade graphics.

Relationship with its surroundings / form of development

The viewpoint provides interpretation about the view out over the main part of the National Nature Reserve. The panels



Location

Burn o'Vat viewpoint, Muir of Dinnet National Nature Reserve, Aberdeenshire

Designers and contractors

Timber Stone
Acme studios

Owners

Scottish Natural Heritage

Budget

£20,000

Awards

Cairngorms National Park Design Awards 2012 - Commendation

Links

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that form part of the viewpoint describe the glacial history of the site, and show some of the wildlife visitors may see. The interpretive panels are also integrated into the overall design of the structure, providing informal seating as well as a barrier and an information source.

“A structure that entirely blends in, but is unique enough to stand out” is one comment from the visitors’ book.



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