

The Cairngorms National Park has the largest area of native woodland in Britain. This includes: caledonian pine, juniper, birch, rowan, aspen, alder and willow.

There is a rich cultural heritage to discover. Did you know that Ruthven Barracks was the site of a castle used as a stronghold by the Wolf of Badenoch?



Ruthven Barracks © VisitScotland

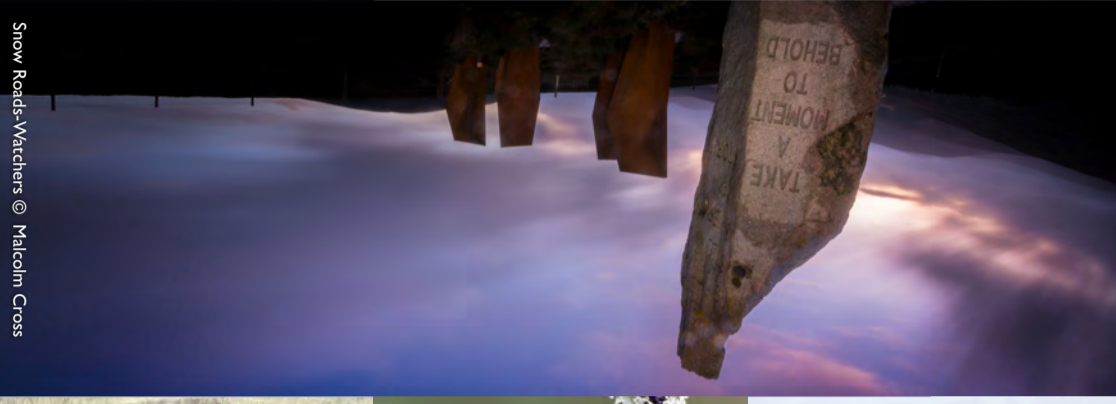


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100 COUNTRIES HAVE NATIONAL PARKS CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK IS THE LARGEST IN THE UK. It is twice the size of the Lake District National Park, and bigger than the whole of Luxembourg. It has Britain's highest and most extensive mountain range, the biggest native forests, spectacularly clean rivers and lochs and miles of moorland & farmland. It really is an OUTSTANDING PLACE.



Snow Roads-Watchers © Malcolm Cross



Blair Castle © Perth Kinross Council

49% of the Park is of international importance for nature and is protected by European Law. There are 9 National Nature Reserves and 25% of Britain's rare and endangered species live here.



Crested Tit © Jina Hope



Mountain hare © Paul Jessett



Parmigan © Paul Jessett

The high plateau is more like the arctic than Scotland. Snow can last all year - Corrie an Sneachda is Gaelic for Corrie of the Snow



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### Getting around the Park

On foot, by bike, canoe and even horse back, the Cairngorms National Park is a great place to enjoy the outdoors.



Lily Lochan © CNPA

### Finding out more

There are year round activities and visitor attractions in the Park for everyone. See below for more details.



Grantown Museum © CNPA

### A slower pace

Why not make the most of your visit by getting out of your car, slowing the pace a little and take in the outstanding scenery along one of our many paths. Many of the villages have paths leaflets that will help you choose the best routes to suit your ability.



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### Know the Code

Know the code before you go and enjoy the park by:

- Take the lead and keep you dog under proper control
- Guard against all fires by following local advice
- Care for the environment and take your litter home



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