

Report of Forest Survey  
December 2001 – March 2002  
Glenmore Forest, by Aviemore, Highland  
NH 9800 / 1000 (centred)



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## **Introduction**

This report is for an archaeological afforestation survey for a management plan conducted by the author on behalf of Forest Enterprise and Highland Council Culture & leisure Services for Glenmore Forest, by Aviemore.

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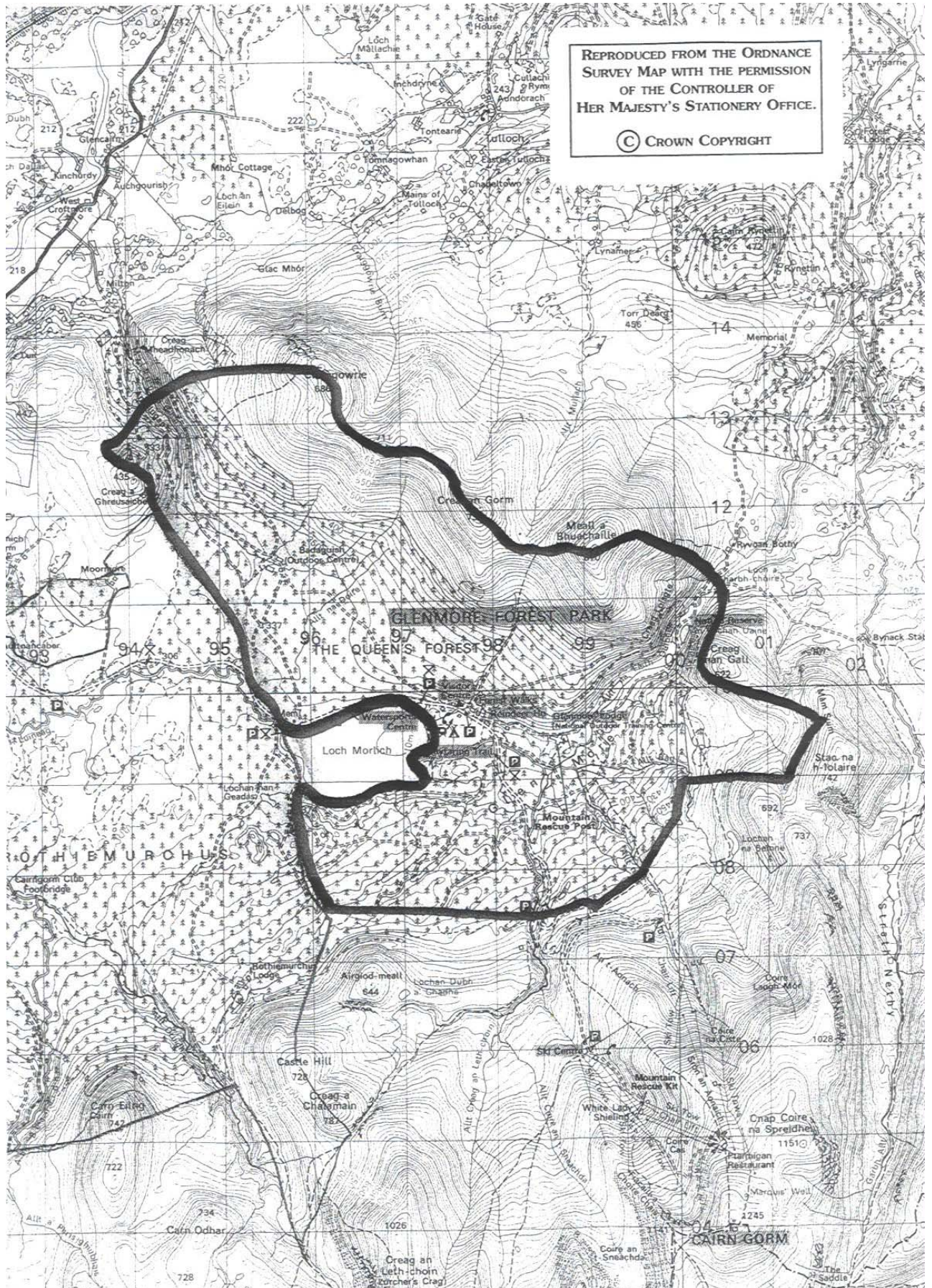
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Cover : View of cross marked boundary stone – site 13.



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## **Objectives**

A walkover survey was conducted to identify those archaeological sites that lie in the area of Glenmore Forest to be part of the management plan. This followed on a desktop survey of records held in the Highland Council Sites and Monuments Record and Highland Council Archives. A copy of the specification provided by Highland Council Archaeology Unit is enclosed.

The survey was conducted with the use of volunteers to enable a wider area to be studied quickly whilst giving an introduction to the archaeology of the forest.

## **Historical Background**

The forest of Glenmore is not mentioned in any medieval charters being formerly owned as part of the Lordship of Badenoch forming part of a Royal Shooting Forest under James II passing to via the Comyns to the Earls of Buchan before belonging to the Duke of Gordon, who received a Crown Charter for the estate in his favour in 1685 and who owned it until 1924. The area of Glenmore was used during World War I for felling operations, whilst in World War II it was used to train soldiers of the Norwegian Army.

The majority of the current area of woodland is shown on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition Ordnance Survey map of 1875 (surveyed 1869) and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of 1902. (Sheet 74 Inverness-shire) (See enclosed copies) The Ordnance Survey name book records Glenmore as "This is a large wide glen lying in the Cairn Gorm Mountains and about 5 miles north of Ben Macdhuie and situated on the eastern side of Rothiemurchus Estate. It is nearly all covered with fir trees, and is entirely let as a deer forest. It is on the Duke of Richmond's property".

Glenmore Forest was partly felled in the 1780's replanted in 1839 and again replanted in the 1920's as a result of the wood being cut for use in the First World War. The wood was cleared of tenants in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and in 1859 the area was made into a deer park.

Currently to date a total of 54 sites have been recorded to the area in the Highland Sites and Monuments Record. Sites identified in the area include shielings, structures forming part of 2 townships (Bochionnich & Beglan) and remains resulting from former forestry operations. Mrs. Ann Wakeling of Aviemore, as part of the Badenoch & Strathspey Historical Society, has provided the majority of information to the Highland Council Sites and Monuments Record between 1994 and 1999. A number of sites currently recorded were found to have the incorrect grid references as to be not in the area at all. (See gazetteer)



### **Previous Work**

The area has seen limited survey work in the past apart on a national basis but quite extensively on a local basis.

Work by Ann Wakeling and other members of the Badenoch & Strathspey Historical Society has seen the majority of sites in the area been visited and sketches made (see over) and photographs taken. Also using information from plans of the estate from the 18<sup>th</sup> century held in the National Archives of Scotland, West Register House comprising of :

- **RHP 2501** – No title of c.1770. Plan of the lands from Cairn Gorm to River Spey. Shows watermill, steadings, Loch Morlich, old stances, sheilings and roads.
- **RHP 2502** – Plan of Kincardine with Glen More and Wood exhibiting all the different tacks, crofts, etc with their extents by William Anderson of 1766. Land use of arable, pasture, wood and moor. Houses shown in elevation, mills, roads and River Spey with table of contents.
- **RHP 2504** – ‘Glenmore and Wood’ by William Anderson of 1762. Plan of townships of Renachin & Rein Ruick (Glenmore Lodge) showing arable pasture, plantation and moor.
- **RHP 2737** – Plan of 1765. Marches betwixt the Duke of Gordon’s Lands of Kincardine and Glenmore with Sir L Grant’s of Gerton, Tulloch and Nethy, Glen Alvin & Rothiemurchus and all the boundings of Kincardine and Glenmore. Shows watermill, Loch Morlich and shielings and boundary markers.

On a national basis the area of Glenmore has been used in a geographical survey of Roy’s Military Map (Whittaker & Gibson, 1986, 41-44) that showed that there were vast differences between the military map and estate maps. (See over)

A search of photographs in the National Monuments Record of Scotland, Edinburgh only revealed two photographs of Glenmore Lodge - one from the List C Survey of 1975-6 and the other a postcard from circa 1950 (see over). Work by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland has seen a number of sites recorded as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Edition Survey Project where those sites noted as abandoned on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875 have been recorded.





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GLEN MORE LODGE



Particular interest has been made of the logging operations of the First World War by the Canadian Forestry Corps (Alexander, 1920) that has seen a number of sites being recorded including camp, railways, log-piles and bridges. The area to the south has seen extensive survey and mapping of the railway lines by the Forestry Commission and Mr David Rose of the Badenoch & Strathspey Historical Society. (See below)

Limited work was carried out in 1995 as part of a survey of Abernethy Forest Reserve for a management plan (Wood, 1995) in which a number of sites were recorded from cartographic sources, in particular a Seafeld Estate map of 1858 but not visited.

Recent afforestation survey to the area directly south of Glenmore Forest by Jonathon Wordsworth in June 2000 (Wordsworth, 2000) revealed one site (site 37) within this report's study area.

More recently the area of the Cairngorms has seen an outline produced on its historic landscape (RCAHMS & HS, 2001) as part of the proposal to create the Cairngorms into a National Park but as an outline only with no reference to Glenmore.

### **Former Logging Operations**

By far the most researched piece of history relating to the forest has been the logging operations carried out during the First World War by the Canadian Forestry Corps and their remains.

But the Canadians were not the first to use the timber from the Forest. As early as 1780 Osborne & Dodsworth purchased Glenmore Wood on a 26-year lease (NSA, 1845) for the use for shipbuilding at Kingston using the River Spey for transportation with part of the River Luineag being canalised. It is recorded that a total of 19 vessels totalling 3582 tons were constructed using timber from Glenmore for the period 1785-95.

Known that German POW's first cut down trees during WW1 in the Cairngorms at Nethy Bridge but unknown if they worked in Glenmore. The 55<sup>th</sup> Canadian Forestry Corps arrived in November 1916 and was a branch of the Canadian Armed Forces though not wholly comprised of 'lumberjacks'.

The 110<sup>th</sup> Company CFC arrived in Glenmore in November 1916 and was first housed in Glenmore Lodge, huts for up to 200 men with stores, stables for 50 horses and a sawmill being constructed. The camp was in full operation by May 1917. The original tract of woodland purchased consisted of 13409 Scots firs with additional areas being added. Timber felling was not without its problems, it was noted in the 110<sup>th</sup> Company War Diary that 'the hilly nature of the country, which renders the bringing of the logs a very arduous task, and makes the supply of logs precarious at the best of times'. At one time also the mill engine broke and a shortage of parts meant that it did not operate for two months.

A light railway of 5 miles was constructed in 1917 from Aviemore to Glenmore under the auspices of the War office Directorate of Timber Supply. Timber felling operations by the Canadian Forestry Corps were extended in July 1917 with the

arrival of the 121<sup>st</sup> company. The arrival of 121<sup>st</sup> saw the construction of second camp opposite Glenmore Lodge (in area of current caravan park). By autumn 1917 50,00 trees had been felled with the number of trees to be felled increased to 76,000. Operations ceased in 1919 when the 121<sup>st</sup> company returned home, by this time 160,000 trees had been felled.

In all a total of c.10 miles of light waggonways were constructed for the movement of timber. (Routes of the railways are given in blue on the enclosed main map; sites relating to the timber operations are to be found in the gazetteer of sites) (Information from Mr. David Rose of Aviemore, who has extensively researched the history of the Canadian Forestry Corps in the area of Glenmore, has shown that timber operations north of Loch Morlich were undertaken by the 110<sup>th</sup> (who also repaired roads in the area) while those south of the Loch were conducted by the 121<sup>st</sup>).

At the end of the war wood, which had been cut for logs and pit props, was sold off. An advertisement in the Inverness Courier in April 1920 offered for sale logs totalling 123, 945 cubic feet and pitwood of 310,200 cubic foot.

Of all the felling operations carried out during the war there were no recorded casualties amongst the 110<sup>th</sup> or the 121<sup>st</sup> due to accidents. The only exception being of Capt C E Morgan who died of a heart attack on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 1917 and who was buried in Rothiemurchus Cemetery.



### **Field Survey Results**

Weather on the days of work was varied. Emphasis on area's walked was made to those sites currently known and in areas where accessible and not to those areas of steep slope where planting has occurred.

Recommendation's proposed for the management of the archaeological sites in the area are given where necessary per entry in the gazetteer. (Marked #)

### **Future Work**

Although out-with the scope of this project the following projects might be undertaken at a future date to try and understand the history of Glenmore better :

- A study of the history of the mills and dams on the rivers and Lochs;
- What local traditions exist about the area?
- Undertake a detailed study of the Family of Grant Papers held in the National Archives of Scotland.

### **Gazetteer of Sites**

The following sites are based on those listed in the Highland Council Sites and Monuments Records & GIS as of December 2001.

#### **1 – Name – Smith's Town**

Grid Ref – NH 94 / 13

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Forges

HSMR – NH91SW 7

NMRS – NH91SW 12

This site has the wrong grid reference and should be in the Nethy Bridge area.

(Information from Ann Wakeling; Original bibliographic reference has been misinterpreted)

#### **2 – Name – Allt Garbh**

Grid Ref – NH 9489/1341

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Still

HSMR – NH91SW 64

NMRS – n/a

Still 5m x 3m (Information from A Wakeling). Site not accessible at time of visit due to snow.

#### **3 – Name - Sluggan**

Grid Ref – NH 9460/1255

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Mill dam and sluice

HSMR – NH91SW 61

NMRS – n/a

Marked on 1<sup>st</sup> edition Ordnance Survey map of 1875. Mill dam & sluice served the sawmill at Milton (NH 6388/1450) wall of dam and wooden uprights of sluice noted to be surviving in 1994. Pond noted to be silted up. (Information from A Wakeling)  
Site not located March 2002.

**4 – Name - Glenmore**

Grid Ref – NH 9475/1195

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Sawmill

HSMR – NH91SW 63

NMRS – n/a

Sawmill used during 1914-18 war. Remains of logging railways radiate out from it – one along south side of the forestry fence to a boundary stone at NH 9456/1159.

Site not located March 2002.

**5 – Name – Coire Bogha Choinnich**

Grid Ref – NH 9602/1201

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Cairn

HSMR – NH91SE 10

NMRS – n/a

Cairn possibly Cairn Bean-Ruighluich for Christian Robertson died c.1780. Site should be NH 9604/1200 – cairn is 4.1m x 3.1m by 1m high with tree growing on top.

# - Site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, though currently out-with woodland.

**6 – Name – Coire Bogha Choinnich**

Grid Ref – NH 9596/1192

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Shieling huts

HSMR – NH91SE 9

NMRS – n/a

Site is not shieling huts but a rectangular building at 1249ft of 10.2m x 3.6m with addition of 6.5m x 3.6m with walls up to 0.3m wide and 0.2m high and planted with trees.

# - Site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, with site not to be felled by machine.

**7 – Name – Coire Bogha Choinnich**

Grid Ref – NH 9592/ 1188

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Corn drying kiln

HSMR – NH91SE 8

NMRS – n/a

Corn drying kiln likely to have been associated with Boichionnich Township. Measures 3m x 10m with kiln bowl 2.5m diameter and 1.5m deep includes barn to rear of 5m x 4.1m with walls 0.6m wide and 0.3m high.



Bowl of kiln - scale 1m x 1m

**8 – Name - Bochoinnich**

Grid Ref – NH 9589/1178

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Deserted Township

HSMR – NH91SE 7

NMRS – n/a

Township of Bochoinnich marked on Register House Plan 2501 of 1766 to comprise of 5 buildings and 2 enclosures.

Site is planted with trees but discernible. A total of 6 houses, a square structure an enclosure and a stretch of dyke were located.

NH 9592/1176 – House 9.5m x 3.8m with walls 0.3m wide and 0.2m high.

NH 9591/1177 – House 11.3m x 4.1m with walls 0.4m wide and 0.2m high.

NH 9590/1179 – Enclosure 18m x 20m with wall spread to 1m and 0.8m high.

NH 9592/1179 – House 14.4m x 4m with walls 0.4m wide and 0.2m high.

NH 9592/ 1177 – Square structure 6.2m x 4.7m with wall 0.3m wide, cut by path.

NH 9592/1175 – House 9.8m x 3.4m with walls 0.4m wide and 0.2m high.

NH 9594/1174 – House 12m x 4.9m with wall spread to 1m and 0.2m high.

NH 9596/ 1177 – House 10.7m x 4m with walls spread to 0.4m and 0.2m high.

# - Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, with site not to be felled by machine. Recommend that an EDM survey be conducted of area before felling. Possible site for future interpretation.



View of enclosure facing south



View of house - scales 1m



**9 – Name - Beglan**

Grid Ref – NH 9646/1149

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Enclosures, kiln, deserted township

HSMR – NH91SE 2

NMRS – NH91SE 7

Noted by NMRS that township with six unroofed buildings, two enclosures, and some field walls are depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875 and not shown on OS map of 1972. Area was cleared of trees 1998-9. Township is marked on Roy's Military Map of 1750 and estate map of 1766 (RHP 2502) to comprise of 12 houses.

Known to have been in existence in 1736 when a James MacDonald is recorded in the Gordon Rental for Beglan. By 1785 the rental of the farm was in the hands of Dodsworth & Osborne, timber merchants, with a rent of £9. By 1807 the farm was advertised for sale in lots for sheep or cattle. The majority of the township was cleared before 1812.

Last house was built here in 1812, of which the tenant John Grant was allowed 'meliorations' by the factor "if you build a dwelling house on Beglan of stone and lime, and leave it in good repair at the expiry of your lease, you will be paid two thirds of its value, as it shall then be appraised by tradesman mutually chosen." Recorded in 1821 was the valuation (see over) from the Grant Papers in the National Archives of Scotland (GD 44/51/32/2). The last tenant a MacDonald is recorded in the 1841 census but not in 1851.

Recorded in the OS Name Book of 1869 as "The ruins of a farmhouse and steading in Coire Beag-ghleann (corry of the little glen) from which its name is derived, but has been anglicised. Is on the Duke of Richmond's Estate".

Site (March 2002) is heavy with timber felling debris, making identification of buildings difficult, though a few structures were identified.

NH 9655/1144 - Structure 3.9m x 3.9m.

NH 9656/1145 – Dyke for length of 17m, runs run to house.

NH 9649/1149 – House 12.3m x 5.2m with walls 0.3m wide and 0.2m high.

NH 9646/1147 – Rectangular structure 6m x 3.9m with walls 0.3m wide and 0.2m high.

NH 9646/1148 – House 15.7m x 4.5m with walls 0.3m wide and 0.2m high.

NH 9643/1151 – Enclosure 29m x 24m with walls spread to 1m and 0.5m high.

NH 9641/1154 – House 16.8m x 5.5m aligned NE-SW walls to height of 1m and 0.5m thick with enclosure to rear to burn.

Currently (March 2002) site is to have further work carried out in the form of an EDM survey.



Structure beside burn - Scales 1m



House of 1812 facing South - Scales 1m



House site facing East

beglan house valuation  
ex G.D. 44/51/23/2

Letter

The Rev.d. Mr Anderson Fochabers allowing Meliorations to John Grant at Bigland 9 June, 1812.

Fochabers, 9 June 1812.

Sir,

In answer to your Letter of the 30th of May, I have to acquaint you, that if you build a dwelling House on Beglan of complete Stone and Lime, and leave it in good and Sufficient repair at the Expiry of Your Lease, You will be paid to the Extent of two Thirds of its Value, as it shall then be appraised by Tradesmen mutually chosen , at the first term of Martinmas after your removal, and not exceeding in all Thirty Pounds Sterling.

You will also be allowed Twenty pounds for building Stone Dykes - on the same Conditions; that is, that they shall be servicable, and in good Condition at the time of your Removal; and equal in Value to Thirty pounds when // ap.....

One side only copied.

At Beglan the 26th May 1821.

WE John Eason and John Grant Masons from the Parish of Kingussie, and Alexander Meldrum from Kingussie and William Stewart from Abernethy House Carpenters, who having been Mutually chosen by Robert Flyter Esquire Factor to his Grace the Duke of Gordon for the Lordship of Badenoch and Barony of Kincardine upon the one side, and John Grant presently tenant of this Farm on the other, have of this date measured, inspected and valued the Mason and Carpenter work of the Dwelling house of Beglan together with the wood work of another house upon the same farm.

Mason work of Ditto	
Consisting of 6 roods & 3 Yards at £7 p. rood.	£42:11: 8
55 yards of Pavement at 1/6d p. yd. . . . .	4: 2: 6
A Vent valued at . . . . .	1: :
	<u>£47:14:2</u>

WE the above designed, John Eason and John Grant having duly measured, inspected, and valued the above mentioned Dwelling House, and according to the best of our knowledge and judgement find the same amounting as per fixed account, to the above Sum of Forty Seven Pounds, fourteen shillings and two pence Stirling - which we subscribe before James Mackintosh Baron Baillie Clark in the Lordship of Badenoch.

(signed)

John Eason	Mason
John Grant	Mafon



Fochabers 28 Nov 1821

John Grant formerly tenant in Beglan, has a letter of Meliorations allowing £30. for a Dwelling House, and £20. for Dykes.

But as it is understood there are no Dykes, except the Garden and that the dwelling house is appraised at £78:12:2d, it is considered just and equitable to extend his allowance to £44. in full of every thing.

The letter of the Melioration to be taken up, and a regular Discharge granted on payment of this sum; and the Tenant who had entered, and who acts as Forester & Gamekeeper, to be bound to support the Inventory, or pay the Pejoration.

Carpenter Work		
of the Dwelling House of Beglan		£. S. D.
Roof and Work valued at . . . . .		3:13:
56 Yards Floor in Garret at 3/2d p Yard . . . . .		8:17: 4
2 partitions in ditto including a small door . . . . .		1: :
Stair . . . . .		1: 5:
A Hinging Chimney & 2 Crofs Spars . . . . .		1: 1:
Partition in Passage including 3 Plain Doors . . . . .		4:14: 6
The Entry and Room Door at 21/- each . . . . .		2: 2:
Three Windows valued at . . . . .		3: 5:
Lintels of ditto . . . . .		:10:
25 Yards Flooring & Sleepers at 3/2d p Yard . . . . .		3:19:2
		<u>£ 30: 5:</u>

WE the before designed Alexander Meldrum and William Stewart having attentively measured, separately inspected, and valued the above articles Conform to the best of our skill and knowledge, find the one amounting to the above Sum of Thirty Pounds and Seven Shillings Sterling and the other, to Three pounds five shillings Sterling, Which we subscribe in presence of the before designed James Mackintosh -

(signed)

James MacKintosh      Witnefs

Alex.<sup>r</sup>. Meldrum  
William Stuart      Wright

**10** – Name – Allt na Doire

Grid Ref – NH 9640/1112

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Still

HSMR – NH91SE 11

NMRS – n/a

Still beside the Allt na Doire 4m x 3.7m with walls to height of 1.5m with entrance to West.

# - Site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, with site not to be felled by machine.



**11** – Name - Badaguish

Grid Ref – NH 9511/1104

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine and Duthil & Rothiemurchus

Site type – Boundary marker

HSMR – NH91SE 3

NMRS – n/a

Noted on Register House Plan 2502 of 1766. Large rough boulder 2.9m x 2.4m by 1.3m in height. No evidence of any mark. Site lies out-with planted woodland.



Scale - 1m

**12 – Name - Badaguish**

Grid Ref – NH 9529/1063

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine and Duthil & Rothiemurchus

Site type – Boundary marker

HSMR – NH91SE 4

NMRS – n/a

Boundary stone of grey granite 3.3m x 1.5m x 0.9m marked with an X 12cm in length on top. Site lies out-with planted woodland.



**13 – Name – River Luineag or Badaguish**

Grid Ref – NH 9535/1037

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine and Duthil & Rothiemurchus

Site type – Boundary marker

HSMR – NH91SE 5

NMRS – n/a

Stone near Badaguish Road marked with an X on top. 4m x 3m by 1.2m in height.

Cross of 27cm NS by 21cm EW on south side. For photo see cover. Site lies out-with planted woodland.

**14 – Name – Creagn Dubh**

Grid Ref – NH 9756/1114

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Shieling hut

HSMR – NH91SE 12

NMRS – n/a

One of 2 huts named Budn Du on Register House Plan 2502 of 1766. Also marked but not named on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875. Shieling noted March 2002 of 3.7m x 2.5m NW-SE at 1664 ft in area of grass on slope. Site lies out-with planted woodland.

**15 – Name – Creagn Dubh**

Grid Ref – NH 9762/1109

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Shieling hut

HSMR – NH91SE 13

NMRS – n/a

Second of 2 huts named Budn Du on Register House Plan 2502 of 1766. Also marked but not named on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875. Shieling noted March 2002 of 3.7m x 2.5m NW-SE in area of grass. Other stones in area but none discernible as other structures. Site lies out-with planted woodland.

**16 – Name – Rea Coire Chondlaich**

Grid Ref – NH 9825/1085

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Shieling huts

HSMR – NH91SE 14

NMRS – n/a

Marked on Register House Plan 2502 of 1766. Name of James Stewart, tenant of the farm of Knock is associated with them as annotated on the plan. One rectangular structure located at NH 9826/1083 4.5m x 4.5m aligned N-S at 1570 ft. Built of turf and heather.

# - Site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, with site not to be felled by machine.



View of shieling - scales 1m

**17 – Name - Glenmore**

Grid Ref – NH 9595/0800

Parish – Duthil & Rothiemurchus

Site type – Railway

HSMR – NH90NE 5

NMRS – n/a

Logging railway of 1914-18 war from NH 9595/0800 to NH 978/089 with terminus at boundary fence.

Line of railway upon site visit was noted to being used as haul road for logging operations. (Feb 2002)

**18 – Name - Glenmore**

Grid Ref – NH 9617/0810

Parish – Duthil & Rothiemurchus

Site type – Log-pile

HSMR – NH90NE 8

NMRS – n/a

Log-pile 5m wide by 1m high extending to 10m from 1914-18 war.

Not located during site visit – lies to edge of area of current felling operations. (Feb 2002)



**19 – Name - Badnhien**

Grid Ref – NH 9590/0849

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine and Duthil & Rothiemurchus

Site type – Shieling huts

HSMR – NH90NE 7

NMRS – n/a

Shielings of Badnhien on Register House Plan 2737 of 1756. Site lies on parish boundary.

Not located during site visit, lies in area of dense woodland. (Feb 2002)

**20 – Name – Loch Morlich**

Grid Ref – NH 9670/0870

Parish – Duthil & Rothiemurchus

Site type – Bridge

HSMR – NH90NE 10

NMRS – n/a

Remains of charred bridge built for logging operations in 1914-18.

Not located during site visit, burn to this location has in the past been in spate and has likely washed bridge away. (Feb 2002)

**21 – Name – Loch Morlich**

Grid Ref – NH 9690/0882

Parish – Duthil & Rothiemurchus

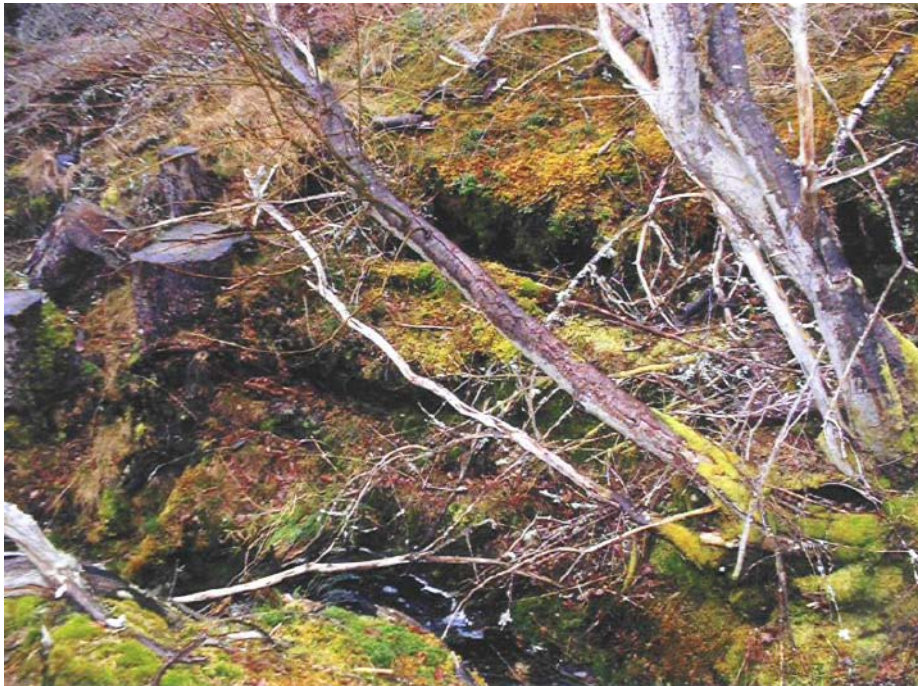
Site type – Bridge

HSMR – NH90NE 11

NMRS – n/a

Remains of charred bridge built for logging operations in 1914-18.

All that remains of the bridge is a large base timber on the east side of the burn. (See below) Majority of bridge has washed away by spate of burn. Also found were occasional sleepers of 4ft wide.



**22 – Name - Glenmore**

Grid Ref – NH 9720/0885

Parish – Duthil & Rothiemurchus

Site type – Railway

HSMR – NH90NE 12

NMRS – n/a

Logging railway used 1914-18. Line now above present road with ditch on the upslope side.

Line of railway still to be occasionally traced adjacent to and as part of the current forest walk. (Feb 2002)

**23 – Name – Allt Rabhaig**

Grid Ref – NH 9780/0890

Parish – Duthil & Rothiemurchus

Site type – Camp

HSMR – NH90NE 13

NMRS – n/a

Logging camp used 1914-18. Railways radiate out from camp. Iron pins from remains of railways have been found in the vicinity. (Information from A Wakeling).

Not located during site visit, lies in area of dense woodland. (Feb 2002)

**24 – Name - Rieunachan**

Grid Ref – NH 9804/0914

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Lodge

HSMR – NH90NE 18

NMRS – NH90NE 6

Recorded in OS Name Book of 1869 as “Applied to the ruins of an old lodge situate about ½ mile to the east of the new Glenmore Lodge...”. Noted by NMRS that a single unroofed T-shaped building with an adjoining enclosure is depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875 and not shown on OS map of 1990.

Not located during site visit, site of building lies in area of current roads depot.

Enclosure marked on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map now a car park. (See below) (Feb 2002)



Site of enclosure facing north.

**25** – Name – Glenmore Lodge

Grid Ref – NH 9763/0983

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – House

HSMR – NH90NE 1

NMRS – NH90NE 1

Site listed in NMRS but no information given. House originally built as a shooting lodge circa 1859 when Glenmore Forest was made into a deer park now a youth hostel.

Recorded in the OS name book as “This is a substantial stone building, two storeys high, situated at the east end of Loch Morlich, and used as a shooting lodge. It is slated and in excellent condition. The Duke of Richmond proprietor.”



**26** – Name - Glenmore

Grid Ref – NH 9853/0957

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Shieling hut

HSMR – NH90NE 22

NMRS – n/a

L-shaped shieling hut above Glenmore Lodge marked on Register House Plan of 1766 (RHP 2502). Measuring 8.5m x 4m with addition of 6m x 3.5 to rear. Walls 0.3m wide by 0.2m high. Planted with trees.

# - Site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, with site not to be felled by machine.



View of shieling facing East



**27** – Name - Glenmore

Grid Ref – NH 9917/0917

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Shielling huts

HSMR – NH90NE 23

NMRS – n/a

Group of shieling huts marked on estate plan of 1766 (RHP 2502). No trace of any shieling like-structures at this location, probably removed by later buildings (site 28).

**28** – Name – Glenmore Lodge

Grid Ref – NH 9917/0922

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Building

HSMR – NH90NE 17

NMRS – NH90NE 5

Noted by NMRS that a single unroofed building is depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875 and not shown on OS map of 1990.

2 buildings found (possible shielings?) in L-shape of 4m x 8m and 3.5m x 12m with internal division at 4m. Walls 0.3m wide and 0.2m high. 2<sup>nd</sup> structure at NH 9917/0918 of 4m x 12.5m walls to 0.2m high and is cut by existing path.

# - Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, with site not to be felled by machine. Recommend that an EDM survey be conducted of area before felling. Possible site for future interpretation.



View of building



Volunteer standing in middle of 2nd building



**29 – Name – Allt Ban**

Grid Ref – NH 9893/0914

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Building

HSMR – NH90NE 16

NMRS – NH90NE 4

Noted by NMRS that a single unroofed building is depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875 and not shown on OS map of 1990. A shieling group is noted here on an estate plan of 1766 (RHP 2502). Area has been recently felled.

Building is 12.5m x 4.5m NE-SW with walls up to 0.6m thick and 0.25m high. Doorway to NW, number of trees planted within.

# - Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area.



**30 – Name – Glenmore Lodge**

Grid Ref – NH 9867/0922

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Building

HSMR – NH90NE 14

NMRS – NH90NE 2

Noted by NMRS that a single unroofed building is depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875 and not shown on OS map of 1990. Site is named as farmstead of Ruich on map of 1766 (RHP 2502).

Site to comprise of house, building and animal burial ground. House is 5m x 17m with walls 0.4m thick and standing to 0.7m. Building is 8m x 4m with walls 0.2m wide and high, cut by footpath. Burial ground for horses and dogs of Deniston Family comprised of 6 polished and 1 unpolished grey granite headstones dating from 1902.

The farm has possibly been previously excavated (stone heap and spoil nearby) by the Badenoch Field Club in the 1950's (information from Mrs A Wakeling), though no information on the results is currently known.

# - Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, site lies in open ground. Recommend that an EDM survey be conducted of area at a future date. Possible site for future interpretation as lies close to path.



View of House



**31** – Name - Glenmore  
 Grid Ref – NH 9870/0943  
 Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine  
 Site type – Training centre  
 HSMR – NH90NE 3  
 NMRS – NH90NE 8  
 Recorded in NMRS & HSMR but no information available.  
 Modern complex of buildings of varying design and use.





**32 – Name – Glenmore Lodge**

Grid Ref – NH 9874/0950

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Farmstead

HSMR – NH90NE 19

NMRS – NH90NE 7

Noted by NMRS that a farmstead also named Ruigh-an t- Sluichd, comprising 3 unroofed buildings is depicted on 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875 and not on later OS map of 1990 only 2 buildings are indicated. Recorded in OS Name Book of 1869 as “This name applies to the ruins of a farm steading. Name signifies ‘the shieling of the hollow’”.

No trace of buildings at this location, site lies in area of outdoor centre. The Royal Engineers used what may be stone from farm into climbing walls in 1968.

**33 – Name – Glenmore Lodge**

Grid Ref – NH 9900/0966

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Building

HSMR – NH90NE 18

NMRS – NH90NE 3

Noted by NMRS that a single unroofed building is depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875 and not shown on OS map of 1990.

Building is 4m x 12m at NH 9904/0962 on south side of track not north. At height of 1188ft with walls covered with heather, there is no sign of any internal division.

Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, site lies in open ground. Recommend that an EDM survey be conducted of area at a future date. Possible site for future interpretation as lies close to path.



Volunteers standing at corners of building

**34 – Name - Glenmore**

Grid Ref – NH 9904/0964

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Shieling hut

HSMR – NH90NE 20

NMRS – n/a

Shieling hut 6m x 4m next to pen 6m x 9m.

Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, site lies in open ground. Recommend that an EDM survey be conducted of area at a future date. Possible site for future interpretation as lies close to path.



Volunteer standing in middle of shieling



Volunteer standing in middle of pen

**35** – Name - Glenmore

Grid Ref – NH 9916/0964

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Shieling hut?

HSMR – NH90NE 21

NMRS – n/a

Shieling hut now under area of mature pines - Information from A Wakeling.

Not located during site visit, lies in area of dense woodland. (Feb 2002)

**36** – Name – Caochan a'Ghuib

Grid Ref – NH 9941/0995

Parish – Duthil & Rothiemurchus

Site type – Logpile

HSMR – NH90NE 9

NMRS – n/a

Logpile from logging operations in 1914-18 close to the track to Ryvoan, 60m from the bridge at NH 9436/0988.

Not located during site visit, lies in area of dense woodland. (Feb 2002)



**37 – Name - Glenmore**

Grid Ref – NH 9750/0758

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Structure

HSMR – n/a

NMRS – n/a

Rectangular building 7m by 3.5m aligned NE/SW. Possible 'stance' as marked on RHP 2501 of 1766. Site heavily destroyed by tree planting. (Wordsworth, 2000)

Not located during site visit, lies in area of dense woodland. (Feb 2002)

**38 – Name – Tam Da Choimhead**

Grid Ref – NJ 0010/1003

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Structure

HSMR – NJ01SW 71

NMRS – n/a

Structure is 7m by 3m and cut into bank - Information from A Wakeling.

Site not accessible at time of visit due to snow.

**39 – Name - Ryvoan**

Grid Ref – NJ 000/100

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Trackway

HSMR – NJ01SW 43

NMRS – n/a

This site has been previously been given the wrong grid reference which should be at NJ 010/100. The farm of Ryvoan is known to have been in existence in 1771.

**40 – Name – Sithean Dubh da Choimhead**

Grid Ref – NJ 0009/1005

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Pit

HSMR – NJ01SW 88

NMRS – n/a

Pit 25m south of still (see 41).

Site not accessible at time of visit due to snow.

**41 – Name – Sithean Dubh da Choimhead**

Grid Ref – NJ 0009/1007

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Still

HSMR – NJ01SW 89

NMRS – n/a

Still 2m across, east wall 1m high with south cut into bank - Information from A Wakeling.

Site not accessible at time of visit due to snow.

**42** – Name – Rea Chonachat

Grid Ref – NH 9984/1007

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Shielling huts

HSMR – NH91SE 19

NMRS – n/a

Shielling of Rea Chonachat marked on Register House Plan 2502 of 1766. 2 huts – 1 at NH 9984/1007 L-shaped & 2<sup>nd</sup> at NH 9983/1008 8.5m NS by 3m EW. Both uncovered by tree felling operations in 1992 - Information from A Wakeling.

Only 1<sup>st</sup> shielling found at NH 9981/1004 of 9.3m x 6.4m with walls to 0.3m high and 0.3m wide. No sign of 2<sup>nd</sup> structure, though area heavy with felling debris.

# Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area. Recommend that an EDM survey be conducted of area at a future date.



View of L shaped shielling facing East

**43** – Name – Allt na Fuithe Duibhe

Grid Ref – NH 9960/1018

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Dam

HSMR – NH91SE 15

NMRS – n/a

Floating dam marked on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey map.

Site not located.

**44** – Name – Allt na Fuithe Duibhe or Stirk's Well

Grid Ref – NH 9975/1025

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Well

HSMR – NH91SE 17

NMRS – n/a

Stirk's well 4m deep lies at the head of a tributary of the Allt na Fuithe Duibhe.

Site not located at this grid ref or immediate area.

**45** – Name – Cnoc Fuithe Duibhe  
Grid Ref – NH 9982/1028  
Parish – Duthil & Rothiemurchus  
Site type – Limekiln  
HSMR – NH91SE 1  
NMRS – n/a  
Site not located at this grid ref or immediate area.

**46** – Name – Rea Craig Loisgte  
Grid Ref – NH 9984/1033  
Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine  
Site type – Shielling huts?  
HSMR – NH91SE 18  
NMRS – n/a  
Shielling of 'Rea Craig Loishk' marked on Register House Plan 2502 of 1766. Visible as grassy patch amongst heather, possible arc of stones on slope of 4.8m x c3m.

# Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area.



Scales 1m

**47** – Name – Allt na Fuithe Duibhe  
Grid Ref – NH 9996/1033  
Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine  
Site type – Dam  
HSMR – NH91SE 16  
NMRS – n/a  
Floating dam marked on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition Ordnance Survey map.  
Site not located.

**48** – Name – Lochan Uaine  
Grid Ref – NJ 0002/1034  
Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine  
Site type – Pits  
HSMR – NJ01SW 70  
NMRS – n/a  
Three pits on a ridge beside the path to Ryvoan - Information from A Wakeling.  
Site not located at this grid ref or immediate area.

**49 – Name - Ryvoan**

Grid Ref – NJ 0000/1100

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Well

HSMR – NJ01SW 67

NMRS – n/a

Name of Fuaran nam-poit – well in which pots were left over the winter for shielings.

Note – 4-figure grid reference only – not in correct location, likely to be to NE closer to the farmstead of Ryvoan. Possibly NJ 001/1100. The farm of Ryvoan is known to have been in existence in 1771.

**50 – Name – Allt na Feithe Duibhe**

Grid Ref – NJ 0034/1140

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Farmstead, shieling huts

HSMR – NJ01SW 82

NMRS – NJ01SW 4

Noted by NMRS that a farmstead with two unroofed buildings, one with a field wall adjoining is depicted on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS map of 1875 and not shown on OS map of 1990. Shieling group of 3 structures of :

- 1- NJ 0032/1114 – structure possible shieling
- 2- NJ 0034/1115 – structure measuring 12m by 5m
- 3- NJ 0027/1110 – shieling hut 8.5m by 3.5m

Site 1 was located of a rectangular structure aligned N-S of 8m x 3.5m with walls to height of 0.7m. Lies in area of dense heather. Site 2 of possible rectangular structure aligned E-W. No evidence for site 3.

# Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area.



View of structure facing North - Scale 1m

**51 – Name - Ryvoan**

Grid Ref – NJ 0040/1120

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Structure

HSMR – NJ01SW 4

NMRS – n/a

Round ended rectangular structure – Information from A Wakeling. Possible sheepfold at 1315ft walls in u shape to height of 1m topped with turf of 5.8m x 6.3m at NJ 0041/1123.



# Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, site lies in open ground. Recommend that an EDM survey be conducted of area at a future date.



View of structure - Scales 1m

**52** – Name - Ryvoan  
Grid Ref – NJ 0055/1120  
Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine  
Site type – Cairn  
HSMR – NJ01SW 116  
NMRS – n/a  
Site not located.

**53** – Name - Ryvoan  
Grid Ref – NJ 0053/1123  
Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine  
Site type – Boundary marker  
HSMR – NJ01SW 45  
NMRS – n/a  
Boundary marker shown on Register House Plan 2502 of 1766.  
Site not located.

**54** – Name - Ryvoan  
Grid Ref – NJ 0040/1131  
Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine  
Site type – Stone  
HSMR – NJ01SW 117  
NMRS – n/a  
Boundary marker with an x on the top, rectangular in shape of granite/schist and is partially split. The farm of Ryvoan is known to have been in existence in 1771.

Rough granite boulder at NJ 0050/1131 with x on edge.

# Site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area.



**55** – Name - Garbhchoire

Grid Ref – NJ 0030/1141

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – New cut

HSMR – NJ01SW 118

NMRS – n/a

Site has been given wrong grid reference should be NJ 013/114 (centred).

#### **Additional Sites**

The following additional sites were located as part of the survey:

**56** – Name – Badguish

Grid Ref – NH 9569/1137

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Farm

Named as Batuisk on the 1<sup>st</sup> edition OS. Recorded in the OS Name Book of 1869 as “A dwelling house one storey high with offices attached occupied by a game-keeper, the former slated, the latter thatched and the whole in good condition. The Duke of Richmond proprietor”.

Majority of Farm is now outdoors centre, though house still stands though altered to accommodation block, also 2<sup>nd</sup> building used as store.





**57** – Name – Loch Morlich

Grid Ref – NH 9587/0963

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Bothy

Site is marked on 2<sup>nd</sup> edition OS map of 1901 and not on any later maps.

Site not found during site visit. Lies in area of recently planted pines.

**58** – Name – Loch Morlich

Grid Ref – NH 9581/0965

Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine

Site type – Structures

Two groups of structures, 1<sup>st</sup> at NH 9581/0966 with 2<sup>nd</sup> at NH 9581/0964 both of varying shape of concrete with iron fittings, of unknown date though possible from WW1 logging operations.

# Complete site to be given 20m exclusion if any new planting to occur in this area, site lies in partly open ground. Recommend that an EDM survey be conducted of area at a future date.



View of 1st structure - Scale 1m



View of 2nd structures - Scale 1m

**59** – Name – Loch Morlich  
Grid Ref – NH 9580/0968  
Parish – Abernethy & Kincardine  
Site type – Monument

Monument of rough pink granite blocks as commemoration to enclosure of Scots Pines planted to commemorate the wedding of the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer in 1981.

# Site to be sign posted.





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