

**West Strathyre
Land Management Plan**

M6: Recreation & Tourism

Legend

- Land Management Plan area
- ✳ Tourist business
- Core Paths
- FC Recreation Trails
- Forest road & tracks
- National Cycle Network Route 7
- Ben Vane indicative route for potential informal path

Scale: 1:35,000 @ A3



Elements of the forest are visible from the key summits to the west: Beinn Each, Stuc a Chroin & Ben Vorlich.

The art installation Sloc nan Sitheanach (Faerie Hollow) frames key areas of the plan area on the west bank of Loch Lubnaig.



There is an existing ridge walk from Ben Ledi to Ben Vane but a circular return route is lacking. Many walkers currently make their way through the forest below to access the road network and return to the Ben Ledi path via a circular route. Currently this route is very challenging. Brashed crops to establish a route off the summit and/or leaving an open ground route on restocking may provide a solution to ease informal access. This issue was raised by the Mountaineering Council of Scotland.

Recreation & Tourism Opportunities:
The LMP area provides a high quality landscape with a distinctive mix of open mountain tops and forested slopes; this is a major tourism asset in National landscape terms in addition to the recreational facilities that the site delivers. Key recreational features have a high usage and are well established. Minor routes are often low maintenance due to ground conditions and continuous cover forestry. Scope for access tracks on restock sites to enhance informal access opportunities. Forest roads provide recreational opportunities. Potential for links with other tourist activities and businesses such as mountain biking.

Recreation & Tourism Constraints:
Budgets are limited. High maintenance costs associated with high usage. More lightly used paths may not justify expenditure. Harvesting and other forestry activities may be constrained by high recreational use.