

Glenlivet Estate - Factsheet

Ownership:

Acquired in 1937, Glenlivet Estate is owned by The Crown Estate. Day to day management is carried out by Smiths Gore, Chartered Surveyors, from their Fochabers office. Tel: 01343 823000

The Crown Estate's Scottish Headquarters are in 6 Bell's Brae, Edinburgh, EH4 3BJ. Tel 0131 260 6070

Glenlivet Estate Office is located at the south end of Tomintoul. Tel 01479 870070

Physical Characteristics:

Glenlivet lies at the Northern fringe of the Cairngorms. Despite its upland location the land is reasonably productive.

Size - Approx. 23,350 hectares (57,700 acres) Altitude - between 200 and 804m above sea level.

Precipitation - generally between 800 to 1000 mm per year.

Geology - Mainly Dalradian metamorphic rocks (principally schist and quartzite) with smaller outcrops of Old Red Sandstone and Devonian granite.

Soils: Mostly peaty gleys, peaty podzols and brown forest soils at lower levels grading to bogs blanket peat and thin montane soils at higher altitude.

Land Designations:

6 Sites of Special Scientific Interest - 3 woodland sites, one mire community, one site covering most of the Ladder Hills and the River Spey and its tributaries. One designated SAC and one proposed. One proposed SPA (Ladder Hills)

Area of Great Landscape Value—covering the whole Estate

Approx 3/4 of the Estate is within the Cairngorms National Park.

Land Use

Farming:

All farms are leased, mainly to family businesses on traditional agricultural leases. There are currently 31 principal farms with a number of small holdings and residential lets.

Farm Sizes - very variable, range from 60ha to 1100 ha (150ac - 2,600 ac)

Landclasses - mainly 4/5/6

Farm Types - mainly stock rearing with production of suckler calves and lambs

Stocking Density - typically 500 breeding ewes and 80-100 suckler cows on an average sized farm.

There is little arable cropping and no dairying.

Forestry:

Commercial plantations purchased from FC 1985. Area - 3500 hectares (8,500 acres)

Species—mainly Lodgepole pine (37%), Scots pine (24%), Sitka spruce (21%), Norway spruce and Larch.

(7%) Timber Output - currently around 15 - 20,000 tonnes pa, 60% from thinnings.

Age Structure - 72% in the 35-45 yr age class. Planted mainly in 1950's and 1960s.

Management: Ongoing thinning programme (56% thinned, 25% considered non-thin, 9% pre 1st thin).

Restructuring - Approx. 10% of the forest area has been clearfelled to diversify age class structure.

Restocking aims to balance species composition with 80% conifer and 20% native broadleaf.

Main management objectives: Timber production, shelter, recreation, conservation and amenity, maximising employment. Long term forest plans approved., this involves a move towards natural regeneration in the pine areas. Shelterbelt planting: 115 ha since 1986.

Sporting Tenancy:

Size - 24,000 hectares (including two large shooting lodges)

Grouse - two principal grouse moors. Management includes predator control (foxes and crows) and muirburn

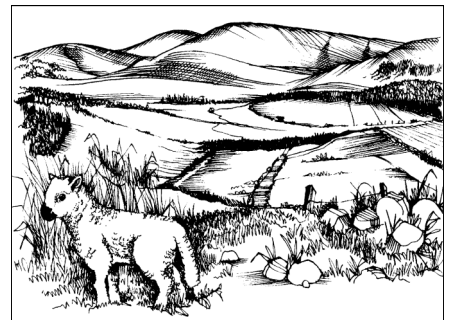
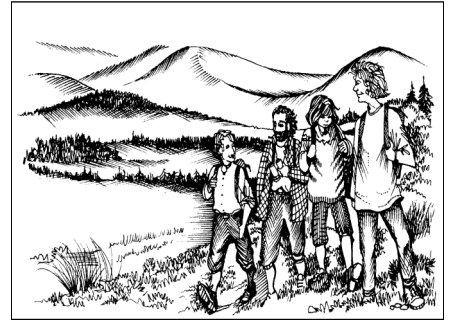
Pheasant shooting operated on low ground and in woodlands. Deer - Roe deer stalking (Spring/Summer) and limited Red deer stalking (Autumn)

Fishing - Salmon and Trout on the Avon and Trout on the Livet - leased to local hotel, community fishing associations and the sporting tenant.

Staff: 5 full time gamekeepers plus 3-4 domestic ancillary staff (all employees of sporting tenant)

Tourism, Recreation and Education:

Walking Routes—An extensive 100 mile waymarked network of walking and cycling routes is available on the estate including the Tomintoul Spur of the Speyside Way. Trail head signs, wildlife hides, car parks and picnic areas are also provided. The Estate Information Centre houses interpretive displays and provides information on estate activities and visitor services. An information point and 25 other information boards are located at picnic sites and other roadside locations around the estate. Environmental education services are provided for primary schools. Educational services/ resources are provided for secondary schools, universities, colleges and special interest groups.



Please visit our website for more information: www.glenlivetestate.co.uk

Publications and Leaflets Available

Information Leaflets/Booklets

- 'Explore Glenlivet' map and guide (leaflet)
- A Guide to the Cycling Trails on Glenlivet Estate (leaflet)
- Birds on Glenlivet Estate
- Butterflies on Glenlivet Estate
- A Guide to the Walks on Glenlivet Estate (booklet)
- 'Water of Life and a Breath of Fresh Air' - Guide to the Braes Heritage Trail (booklet)
- Glenmulliach Forest Nature Trail Guide
- A guide to the fishing beats on the Rivers Avon and Livet
- The Crown Estate—About Us
- Smugglers Trails—a walking guide
- "Welcome to Glenlivet" - Information leaflets in French, German & Spanish

Information Sheets

- A guide to golf courses near Glenlivet Estate
- Estate Office Camping area - Information Sheet
- Hill tracks and rights of way - Information Sheet
- Wild Camping - Information Sheet
- Camping Sites for Duke of Edinburgh Award / Youth groups
- Glenlivet Estate Factsheet
- Natural History of Glenlivet - Information Sheet

Educational Services / Publications

- Opportunities for Primary School Visits (A5 leaflet)
- Opportunities for Secondary School Visits (A5 leaflet)
- Opportunities for Land Management Studies (A5 leaflet)