

WELCOME TO Glenlivet

Lying between the Ladder and Cromdale Hills in the Cairngorms National Park, the two broad straths of the rivers Avon and Livet form the 58,000 acre (23,000 hectare) Glenlivet Estate, part of The Crown Estate.

Here amidst open expanses of heather covered hills, clear rushing burns and rivers, sheltered straths, glens and woodlands you will find some of the finest scenery in the Grampian Highlands.

Within this varied landscape you can enjoy excellent walking, cycling, horse riding and skiing on an extensive network of waymarked trails, but above all you can find solitude and a wonderful sense of peace, quiet and open space.

A wealth of fascinating historic sites bear witness to past events that have shaped the landscape and the community that live here, while the mixed countryside supports a wide variety of interesting wildlife.

Glenlivet welcomes you to explore its tracks and byways.

This leaflet is your guide to the waymarked walking trails, places of interest and a wide range of local services on the estate.

We hope you will enjoy your time in Glenlivet and look forward to your return.

ABOUT GLENLIVET

The Glenlivet Estate consists of the lower reaches of the River Avon (pronounced 'a-an') together with its main tributary, the Livet, which rises to the east in the Ladder Hills. This is high country, as nowhere in Glenlivet is lower than 600 feet, and winter snow can last late into the spring. The high Cairngorms to the southwest intercept much of the rain and the area is surprisingly drier than many other parts of Scotland.

Acquired by The Crown Estate in 1937, Glenlivet is a highly integrated multiple-use upland estate. Managed to provide opportunities for sustained employment in agriculture, forestry, sporting and tourism, a high priority is given to the long-term development of the estate's community, it's recreational, educational and other resources. This is balanced with the need to protect, enhance and conserve the rich natural and cultural heritage of this fascinating area, while preserving the special qualities and characteristics of the countryside, that combine to produce the remarkable Glenlivet landscape.

Today farming is still the major industry, although the need to remain viable now means that the estate's tenanted farms are fewer, larger and more efficient. Livestock is the main product, with an emphasis on cattle breeding and rearing. While altitude and exposure restrict agricultural activities, the soils of the area are generally fertile and the quality of stock is highly regarded.

The rolling heather covered Cromdale and Ladder Hills, encircle the estate. A particular feature of the area, especially in the late summer and autumn when the purple flowers come into bloom, these moorlands support populations of red grouse, together with other characteristic upland birds and animals. The moors are carefully maintained by controlled burning to increase the numbers of grouse that live on them - an activity that helps to conserve this special habitat. Grouse shooting takes place in August and September but other activities including deerstalking, rought shooting and salmon fishing allow the operation of year-round sporting activities on the estate.

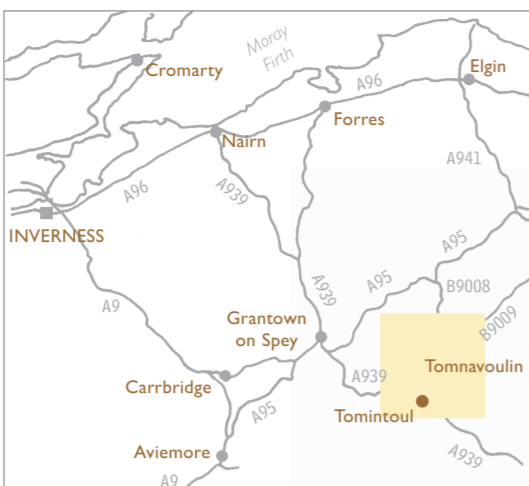
Afforestation in the 1950's and 1960's resulted in the establishment of the pine and spruce woods that dissect the countryside. Managed by The Crown Estate, a restructuring programme of thinning, clearance and replanting is now in progress. The aim is to produce a continuous crop of timber for the future and long term employment in the area, while maintaining and improving the benefits for shelter, diversity for wildlife and facilities for recreation.

Native broad-leaved trees account for a high percentage of newly planted areas and there are several stands of semi-natural woods of birch and alder, which add greatly to the natural heritage of the area. Birch woods support a rich and varied mix of plants and animals, but they have suffered a severe decline over the years as grazing animals hinder regeneration. Steps are being taken to manage, protect and extend areas of birchwood, through farm-based woodland management schemes. Grazing pressure is reduced and natural regeneration encouraged, helping to conserve these attractive woods and the wildlife they support.

The varied nature of the countryside provides good opportunities for enjoying birdwatching or viewing other upland animals. Crossbills, siskins, redpolls, goldcrest and long-tailed tits can be seen in many of the woodland areas, where you may also spot the occasional red squirrel darting amongst the trees. Areas of Juniper scrub, heather heath and adjoining woodlands provide good habitat for black grouse and short eared owls, while bogs, blanket peat and rough grassland allow many waders, including snipe, redshank, curlew and golden plover to breed. Mountain hares are frequently seen on the hills, particularly in the spring when still wearing their white, winter coat, while red and roe deer browse over both the high and low ground. The wooded banks of the rivers Avon and Livet are particularly attractive and it is not unusual to see goosanders along these stretches of water during the summer. Dippers are commonly seen flitting amongst the rocky burns and noisy oystercatchers nest among pebble banks in the spring. This mixed countryside and open moorland provides good habitat for a variety of different birds of prey including kestrel, sparrowhawk, hen harrier and merlin while buzzards are frequently observed soaring in the sky.

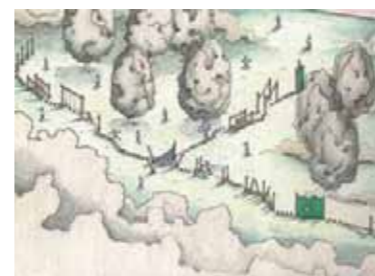
Within this working landscape, new uses of the land have appeared to complement traditional activities. The skiing area at the Lecht offers easily accessible slopes especially for beginners and intermediates and at nearby Glenmullach, cross-country ski trails have been laid out through the forest. The extensive network of waymarked walking and cycling trails provides access to many quiet, attractive and remote parts of the estate, while the progressive development of new facilities and services for visitors is an important element of estate management.

Indeed visitors are welcome to share this peaceful countryside, and we hope that you will enjoy exploring Glenlivet.



Camping

A small unserviced camping area for overnight stops is available near the Estate Office and Information Centre in Tomintoul (tents only). Unobtrusive, overnight, wild camping is permitted in open hill or forest areas but campers are asked to avoid using farmland, particularly near buildings or in fields containing livestock. If you are unsure please contact ranger staff. Large groups or organised clubs should also contact the estate office for details of suitable sites. Please leave your camp as you find it and ensure that all litter is removed, human waste is properly buried and that care is taken not to pollute watercourses or cause disturbance to wildlife or other people. Camp fires are NOT permitted, as the risk of moorland or forest fires can be high at any time of the year. An information sheet is available from the estate information centre.



KNOW THE CODE BEFORE YOU GO ...
Enjoy Scotland's outdoors - responsibly!

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

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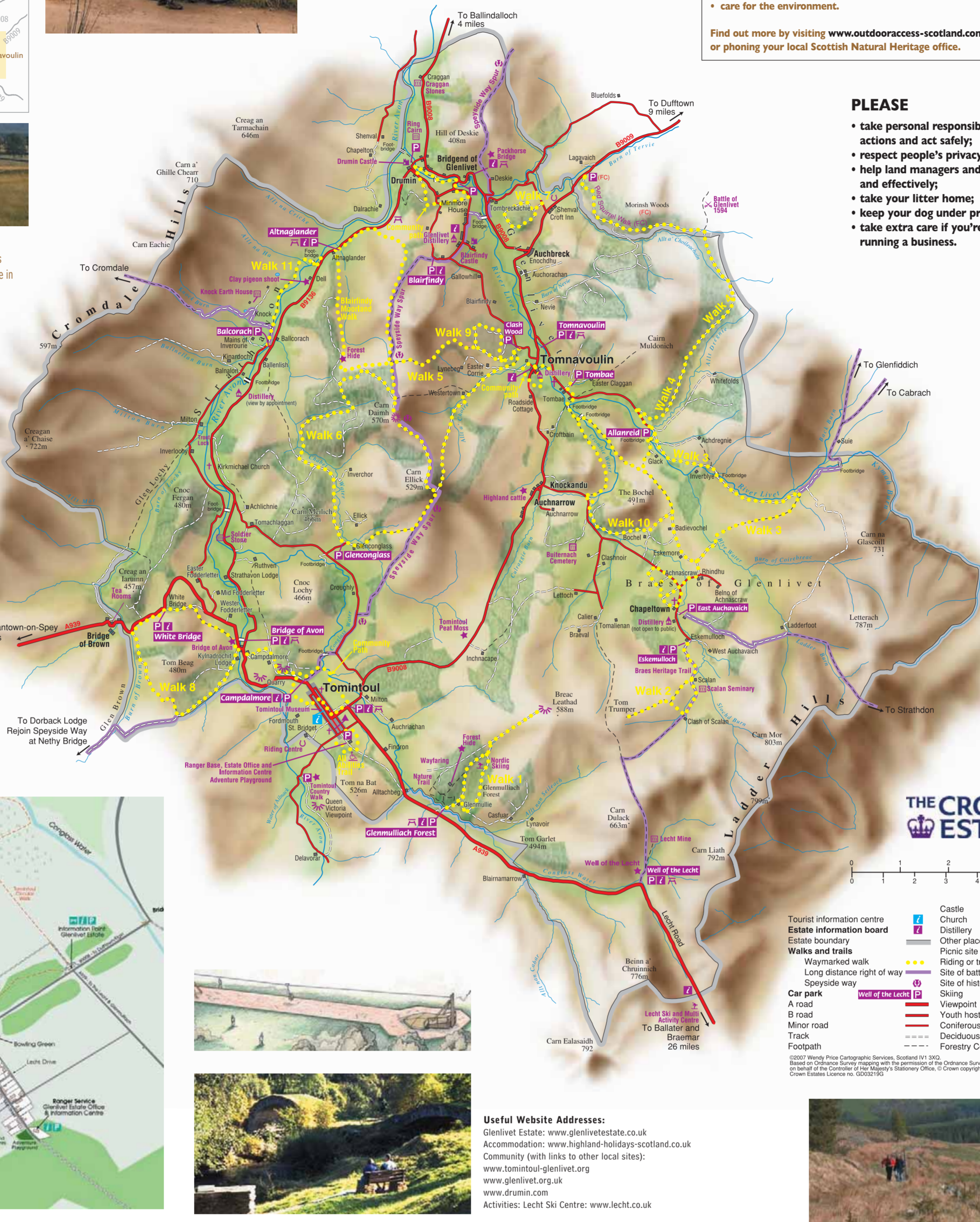
- take responsibility for your own actions;
- respect the interests of other people;
- care for the environment.

Find out more by visiting www.outdooraccess-scotland.com or phoning your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.



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- take personal responsibility for your own actions and act safely;
- respect people's privacy and peace of mind;
- help land managers and others to work safely and effectively;
- take your litter home;
- keep your dog under proper control;
- take extra care if you're organising an event or running a business.



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Useful Website Addresses:
Glenlivet Estate: www.glenlivetestate.co.uk
Accommodation: www.highland-holidays-scotland.co.uk
Community (with links to other local sites): www.tomintoul-glenlivet.org
www.glenlivet.org.uk
www.drumin.com
Activities: Lecht Ski Centre: www.lecht.co.uk

Activities, Crafts & Local Information

TOURIST ACCOMMODATION
Tomintoul and Glenlivet Highland Holidays. This is an association of owners of holiday accommodation. Members offer a wide range of comfortable self-catering cottages, bed and breakfast accommodation, hostel and hotels which are inspected under the VisitScotland Quality Assurance Scheme. For a free leaflet phone 01479 870070 or write to Tomintoul and Glenlivet Highland Holidays, c/o Glenlivet Estate Office, Tomintoul AB37 9EX. Web: www.highland-holidays-scotland.co.uk

OTHER OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES:

- Fishing:** Stocked Trout Loch Fishing: Loch Lochy fish ponds, Inverloch Farm, Strathavon, Tel: 01807 580243. Permits for community beats on the rivers Avon and Livet are available from the Post Office in Tomintoul and Tomnavoulin respectively. Guide to fishing beats on Rivers Avon and Livet available.
- Horse Riding:** Riding Instruction/Trekking: St. Bridget's Farm, Tomintoul Tel: 01807 580210. Details about riding routes/trails suitable for horses available from the Estate Ranger.
- Downhill Skiing:** Lecht 2090 Ski Centre. Equipment hire, dry ski slope. Open in summer for Devil Karts, Fun Karts, Tubing, Chairlift rides and Quad biking. Weather reports Tel: 01975 651440. Ski School Tel: 01975 651412
- Cross Country Skiing:** Waymarked forest trails - Glenmullach Forest near Tomintoul (free map available).
- Wayfaring/Orienteering:** Recreational wayfaring course in the Glenmullach Forest near Tomintoul. Maps available.
- Mountain Bikes:** Approximately 60 miles of waymarked cycle trails are laid out on the estate. Free trail leaflet available.
- Canoeing:** The rivers Avon and Livet are suitable at moderate - high water levels. Mostly grade 1/2. Up to grade 3/4 in places. Contact ranger staff for details.

- Clay Pigeon Shooting:** Gun hire - lessons. Non-instructional practice rounds. Contact Gerald Stewart, Dell Farm 01807 590227.
- Wild Farm Safari:** Visit friendly reindeer, iron-age pigs, fallow deer and Soay sheep on a tour around this Glenlivet farm, part of the Cairngorm Reindeer Co. Contact Alan or Elizabeth Smith. Tel: 01479 861228 (summer only)
- Children's Adventure Playground:** Located next to Glenlivet Estate Office & Information Centre. Free entry - accessible anytime. Equipment suitable for children 3 yrs upwards - woodland hide.
- Tennis Courts:** Tomintoul (see Tomintoul map above). Available for public use.
- Glenlivet Wildlife:** Off road landrover tours, guided walks and wildlife holidays. Contact David Newland on 01807 590241.
- Outdoor Bowls:** Tomintoul (enquire at club house - see Tomintoul street plan overleaf).
- Golf:** Free information sheet available with details of courses near Glenlivet.

LOCAL CRAFTS:

- A'Avonside Studios, Tomintoul:** Specialist Scottish made gifts, Tel:01479 872074.
- Cairngorm Corner Stone:** Complimentary therapies and varied gifts, Tel: 01807 580229
- Tomintoul Art Gallery:** Batik and ceramics. Tel: 01807 580458.
- Handmade furniture:** Scotland's premier Windsor Chair specialist. Tel: 01807 580702.
- Glenlivet Crafts:** Greeting cards and other gifts in paper filigree work, handmade candles. Tel: 01807 590439.

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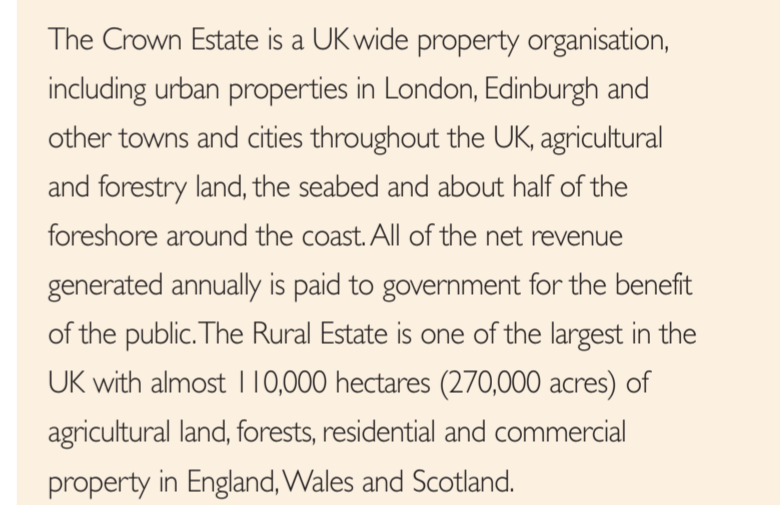
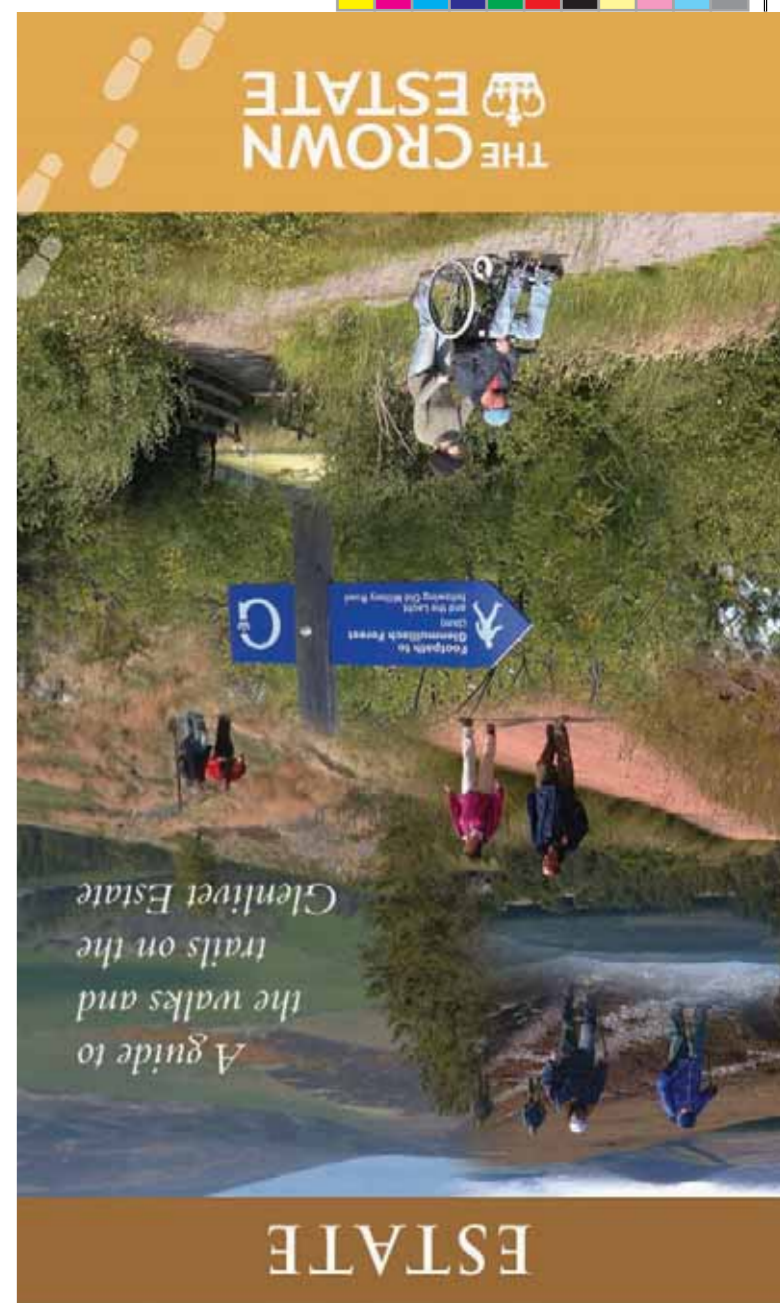
Tourist Information: Tomintoul Tourist Information Centre, The Square, Tomintoul AB37 9ET. Tel: 01807 580285. Open Easter to October. When closed please phone Elgin TIC. Tel: 01343 542666/543388.

EATING OUT:

- Tomintoul area:** Gordon Hotel and Cromdales restaurant. Tel: 01807 580206. Glenavon Hotel. Tel: 01807 580218. Bridge of Brown Tea Room Tel: 01807 580335.
- Lecht Ski Centre Cafeteria.** Tel: 019756 51440. Old Fire Station Tearoom. Tel: 01807 580485.
- Glenlivet area:** Minmore House Hotel. (next to Glenlivet distillery) Tel: Glenlivet 01807 590378. Glenlivet Distillery Visitor Centre Coffee Shop. Tel: 01807 590427. Croft Inn, Glenlivet (Dufftown road) Tel: 01807 590361.

OTHER LOCAL SERVICES:

- Post Offices and General Stores:** Tomintoul Post Office and General Store. Tel: 01807 580201. The Whisky Castle and Highland Market, Tomintoul. (Link Cash Point) Tel: 01807 580213. Tomnavoulin Post Office and General Store. Tel: 01807 590220. Ballindalloch Shop and Post Office. Tel: 01807 500213.
- Library:** Located in Tomintoul School (see map). Restricted opening. Tel: 01807 580755.
- Toilets:** Public conveniences (open 24 hrs): Tomnabat Lane, Tomintoul (suitable for disabled). Glenlivet Estate Information Centre also has visitor toilets (suitable for disabled) available when the Centre is open.
- Church of Scotland:** Main Street, Tomintoul. Minister: Tel: 01807 580254.
- Roman Catholic:** St. Michael's. Main Street, Tomintoul. St. Mary's. Chapeltown. Church of the Incarnation, Tombae. Local Priest: Tel: 01807 580226.
- Police:** 0845 600 5700.
- Doctors:** Tomintoul: The Health Centre, Tel: 01807 580219. Glenlivet: Community Surgery, Drumin. Tel: 01807 590273.
- Garage Services/Fuel:** Skene's Garage, Tomintoul. Tel: 01807 580361. (Repairs and breakdown service). No fuel available in Tomintoul/Glenlivet area. Nearest fuel stations are: Grantown on Spey (14 miles) Ballindalloch (18 miles) or Ballater (22 miles). There is a 24hr petrol station in Aviemore (26 miles).
- Youth Hostel/Group Accommodation:** Tomintoul Youth Hostel (open May to October), Tel: 0870 155 3255 St Michaels Centre, Tomintoul (open all year) Tel: 01807 580 226



The Crown Estate is a UK wide property organisation, including urban properties in London, Edinburgh and other towns and cities throughout the UK, agricultural and forestry land, the seabed and about half of the foreshore around the coast. All of the net revenue generated annually is paid to government for the benefit of the public. The Rural Estate is one of the largest in the UK with almost 110,000 hectares (270,000 acres) of agricultural land, forests, residential and commercial property in England, Wales and Scotland.

Glenlivet Estate extends to around 23,000 ha (58,000 ac). It comprises over 30 let farms, 3,500 ha (8,500 ac) of commercial forests and sporting tenancy including grouse moors, fishing and deer stalking. Within Glenlivet The Crown Estate has encouraged sustainable economic development, backed up by significant investment. Facilities and services for visitors are continually being developed and it is the policy of The Crown Estate to encourage new enterprises and activities, which are in keeping with the area's traditional land uses. For more information, please visit The Crown Estate website on www.thecrownestate.co.uk

Glenlivet Estate Ranger Service and Information Centre

If you would like to know more about the walks, trails places of interest, wildlife, access and visitor facilities, please contact ranger staff at the Estate Office and Information Centre. Situated at the south end of Tomintoul (see map) the Centre houses displays about the countryside of Glenlivet and how it is managed and is open most weekdays (free) throughout the year from 9am-5pm. Visitors are always welcome. If the Centre is closed or staff are not available, a variety of external information panels and leaflets are on display outside the building. Leaflets and additional information can also be obtained from the nearby Tomintoul Tourist Information Centre (open Easter - October).

Disabled Access Information
There is wheelchair access to the Estate Office and Information Centre with disabled parking nearby. Suitable toilet facilities are available when the Centre is open. A 500m all abilities trail suitable for wheelchairs can also be followed from the Information Centre. Many of the estate trails are suitable for motorised buggies and for wheelchair use, depending on individual requirements and equipment. Assistance dogs are welcome both at the Estate Information Centre and with walkers on the estate trails.

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