

# Perth and Kinross Outdoor Access Forum

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### Responsible Access and Red Deer Stalking

The Perth & Kinross Outdoor Access Forum would like to remind hill walkers that red deer stalking is now in progress. While the red deer stalking season runs from 1 July to 14 February, the main stalking activity, especially on the open hill, takes place in September through to December. The red stag cull has now started and finishes in late October, with hind culling taking place thereafter. Stalking does not generally take place on Sundays.

Forum Convener, Nick Cole, said "Stalking is a very important activity in the highlands and on the open hill and is often crucial to employment in the fragile glens so the public are asked to work closely with estates and stalkers to minimise any possible adverse impacts to stalking. Please plan your walk in advance to make sure you will not interfere with stalking. Estates will be most grateful and are asked to provide daily information and advice to guide access takers in relation to stalking activity. Information is given via several websites and publications and also by signage on site."

Details on where and when stalking is taking place can often be obtained from the Estate concerned through the Hillphones system which gives daily updates on stalking activities in many areas. Check [www.hillphones.info](http://www.hillphones.info)

Or by making contact directly with the Estate concerned. Contact details can be checked in the publication 'Going to the Scottish Hills' or at [www.whoownsscotland.org.uk](http://www.whoownsscotland.org.uk)

Local Tourist Information Offices are often able to assist by giving current advice or putting you in touch with the relevant Estate. Visitscotland's walking wild website is another very useful source of information. View at <http://walking.visitscotland.com/usefulinfo/deer>

If you have not been able to make contact with the Estate in advance please follow any reasonable signage advice and at all times follow the guidance given in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. The Scottish Outdoor Access Code gives guidance on rights and responsibilities for both access takers and land managers and can be viewed on line at [www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com)

The Perth & Kinross Outdoor Access Forum was established in 2004 to offer advice to the Council and others in relation to the right of responsible access given to the public by the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

*Know the Code before you go*

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