

Perth & Kinross Outdoor Access Forum Training Events 2004 - 2008

Training events are all site based and are organised by Council Officers working with Forum members. The aim is to increase knowledge and understanding of access issues.

In addition to these events the Forum invites speakers to meetings for the same purpose. A list of speakers invited to date is detailed below the training events. Further details can be seen in the minutes of meetings.

Saturday 25 September 2004:

Dispute Resolution between water user groups

Meet at Burnmouth Ferry, River Tay From 10am -12.00pm

(lunch option 12.15 -1pm)

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| 10.00am | Meet at Taymount Home Farm (see map enclosed) to park cars
Walk approx 0.5 miles to Burnmouth Ferry to hopefully see
fishing, canoeing and rafting in action.
Will Lindsay will talk about the issues and give ideas towards
one possible solution
Mary Conacher will give a canoeist's perspective
Dave Stubbs (Access Officer) will give the Council's perspective
General discussion |
| 12.00pm | Return to cars |
| 12.15pm | Lunch at Tayside Hotel |

Attendance: 10 Forum members, 4 Council Officers, 1 Paths for All Officer

Friday 22 October 2004:

Core Paths Planning.

Meet in at Rosemount Golf Hotel, Blairgowrie From 9am – 1pm
(lunch option 1-2pm)

From 9am until about 10.30am we plan to be inside. From approx. 10.30am to 1pm we will walk some local paths looking at issues on the ground. Please bring appropriate footwear etc as we will go out regardless of weather.

Inside: Core Paths Planning in Blairgowrie
 Core Paths Planning more generally (see CPP leaflet)
 Practical Exercise: A chance to participate in a public
 consultation process
 Core Path Survey Sheets to complete on walk

Outside: The route we will walk follows a selection of proposed core paths where various issues arise. These will be explored and discussed along the way.

Issues to be encountered include:

- curtilage
- use of notices
- paths using field edges
- responsible use of paths
- multiuse paths/paths unsuitable for multiuse
- barriers/gates
- parking issues
- development potential of buildings on paths
- signage & maintenance

1- 2pm Lunch at the Rosemount Golf Hotel, (optional)

Attendance: 9 Forum members, 4 Council Officers, 1 Paths for All Officer

Friday 27 May 2005:

Access Issues on Farms

Meet at Balado Home Farm. Organised by Forum member George Lawrie

From 10.30 – 1pm Lunch from 1pm with further discussion until 2.30pm

10.30 – 1pm: Shown around Farm by George Lawrie looking at issues including

- Farm machines & dangers for those taking access
- Crops & margins – routes for access
- Wildlife considerations – can access go hand in hand with conservation
- Use of substances on farms & notices regarding access
- Discussion of animal considerations

1pm: Move to local hotel for soup & sandwiches & further discussion

2.30pm: Close

Attendance: 9 Forum members, 3 Council Officers, 1 Paths for All Officer

Friday 8 September 2006:

Upland Issues Organised by Forum member Alastair Riddell

Meet at Meggernie & Lochs Estate, Glen Lyon From 12.30 to 4.30pm

1230: Short Presentations (5 minutes max each) on :

Part 1

- *Deer Management Strategy in Scotland and Land Manager Concerns* – Robert Balfour (Association of Deer Management Groups/ Board Member Central Area SNH)
- *Deer Stalking and Red Deer Ecology*– Tim Frost (Head Stalker – Borland Estate, Killin)
- *Hill Phones experience* – Emma Bowser (Auchlyne Estate) and Polly Freeman (Atholl Estates)

Discussion

Part 2

- *Managing Uplands for Grouse and Conservation including ground nesting birds* - Andy Rogerson (Head Keeper – Invergeldie Estate, Comrie).

Discussion

- Path Planning; View path and environmental recreation project. Representatives, Meggernie and Lochs.
- Core Paths and Multi Use Expectations - Jane Pritchard (Perth and Kinross Access Officer)
- Tea provided by Meggernie
- Forum Discussion

1630 : Close

Attending: 14 Forum members, 3 Council Officers, 2 VisitScotland Officers

16 December 2006

Mediation training with Perth & Kinross Community Mediation Service

Moncrieff Business Centre, Perth

Joint training for forum and access staff to aid in dispute resolution through discussion.

Attended by 6 forum members and 5 council staff

Speakers Attending Forum Meetings:

24 February 2005 Pat Somerville Access Officer British Horse Society – Responsible Horse Riding

25 August 2005 John Irons Tayside Police – Antisocial/illegal behaviour and how to stop it in the outdoors (particularly with regard to camping)

23 February 2006 Sue Hilder Access Officer National Farmers Union Scotland – Access issues and opportunities on farmland (land management payments)

24 August 2006 Jan McDonald Forth & Tay Disabled Ramblers – Access issues for those with disabilities (particularly provision of information on suitable routes)

23 August 2007 discussion with Superintendent Matt Hamilton Tayside Police regarding antisocial/illegal behaviour associated with camping.

28 February 2008 Kenny Taylor SEPA talking about the Water Framework Directive and implications for access to water