

120th Annual Spring Excursion & ABM

Sun 6th May – RV Culloden House Hotel, IV2 7BZ

6pm drinks reception & 2-course welcome buffet.

Mon 7th May –

9.00 gather at hotel for opening of event by Fergus Ewing MSP- Scottish Government's Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy & Connectivity.

Morning: Forest Enterprise – Glen Affric / Cannich harvesting and restocking. Forest management within and surrounding a National Nature Reserve.

Lunch: Cnoc Hotel Struy

Afternoon: Struy Estate – Eagle Brae log cabin complex followed by visit to nearby Glen Strathfarrar / Aigas Community Forest if time.

Evening: Annual Dinner at 7pm Culloden House Hotel. Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Barron-Majerik.

Tues 8th May -

Morning: Norbord - see the £95 million expansion of their Oriented Strand Board mill.

Sandwich lunch at Inverness College

Afternoon: Scottish School of Forestry (UHI), meet lecturers/students and view facilities.

New village of Tornagrain (courtesy of Lord Moray) to view & discuss urban landscaping and surrounding woodland management opportunities.

Early evening: ABM at Culloden House Hotel

Wed 9th May –

Rothiemurchus Estate near Aviemore. See wide variety of forest management within Cairngorms National Park.

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The Native Forest Centre is open Apr-Oct 10.00-16.00

(except Mondays). Also available for hire.

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Members are reminded to email the Executive Director to allow him to enter their details on the user database and issue a password.

The website calendar is the most up to date medium for all Society events, so please make full use of this facility.

If the Director has your email address you will receive an e-newsletter with up to date details.



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Field Days 2018 www.rsfs.org.uk for more info

20 April (LB/RFS) 10.00:Shiellow (Northumberland)

OS: NU082373 / NE70 7PQ. Invitation of John and Maggie Monaghan. Conversion to mixed age woodland, thinning systems, continuous cover, unusual species and conifer diversity. Contact Hugh Bence (RFS), hughbence.rfs@gmail.com

24 April 13.00 (SW): Big trees nr Dalbeattie. Led by Colin Kennedy (Scottish Woodlands).RV Doach Wood FCS car park DG7 1QF /OS ref: NX 794 577 Impressive examples of champion trees (SS/DF/WRC/ NF/LC/GR) at Kirkennan and Munches Estates , Doach Wood & Potterland. Contact George Moore [07564 778840/egmoore22@gmail.com](mailto:07564_778840/egmoore22@gmail.com)

4 June 10.00 (NE) Abergeldie Castle, Ballater AB35 5SY. Courtesy of John Gardon. Replanting after the ravages of Storm Frank. Contact Rosie Wilson Leagas [07508 654444 /wantonwells@btinternet.com](mailto:07508_654444/wantonwells@btinternet.com)

5 June 09:00: Soils training day – Ae Forest, Dumfries, DG1 1QB. OS: NX 983 902. Hosted by Jens Haufe of Forest Research. Cost £125 per person. 1 day introduction to identifying forest soils commonly found in South Scotland as a start to aiding tree species selection & ground preparation. Indoor & outdoor sessions looking at soils in the field. Contact George Moore, 0131 6340043 /director@rsfs.org.uk

5 June 10.00(C):Kilmun and Pucks Glen, Dunoon RV: Kilmun PA23 8SE/OS ref: NS 175 812. Invitation of Forest Enterprise. Renowned West Coast species trials. Contact: Nander Robertson 07836722533/nander@thegarrique.com

14 June 10:00: (LB/SW) AM: Douglas & Angus Estate, ML11 0RH. OS: NS847313. Courtesy of The Earl of Home. Mixed policy & coniferous commercial woodlands. Reinstatement of former open cast coal site with Aspen woodland planting. New planting sites/planting design, riparian & succession planting. Contact Virginia Harden Scott 01501 824197/ virginia.harden@csgnt.org.uk

27 June 10:00(LB): Drycleuchlea, near Roberton TD9 7NF /OS: NT362158. New forest planting: approval & implementation (application process, design & cultivation). Hosted by Gareth Owen (Scottish Woodlands). Contact him 01835 823 353/ gareth.owen@scottishwoodlands.co.uk
PM: Craik TD9 7NF (Redfordgreen). OS:NT364157 Hosted by John Ogilvie, Forest Enterprise Scotland. Planning for resilience in existing forests. Contact John Ogilvie 0300 067 6756/john.ogilvie@forestry.gsi.gov.uk

3 July 10.00 (C/NE): Glensaugh, Laurencekirk courtesy of the James Hutton Institute.

Glensaugh Hill Farm AB30 1HN/OS: NO 670 780
RV 10:00 at Farm Teaching Unit. Restocking upland forests within an experimental livestock unit. Contact Nander Robertson [07836 722533 /nander@thegarrique.com](mailto:07836_722533/nander@thegarrique.com)

10 July 10.00 (N):Abernethy Estate. RV car park Loch Garten PH25 3EF/ OS: NH 978 185. By kind permission of RSPB. View conservation & sympathetic timber operations within Cairngorm National Park. BBC Countryfile's Nature Reserve of Year 2017. Contact: Rod Pimm 01463 731454 / rmpimm@btinternet.com

23 Aug 10.00 (SW/LB) Lockerbie / Eskdalemuir "Alternative Conifers" and ground prep in practice /on location. RV: Boreland village hall DG11 LH /OS:NY170910. Led by Andrew MacQueen (Tilhill) and George Birrell (Kronospan). Contact George Moore [07564 778840 /egmoore22@gmail.com](mailto:07564_778840/egmoore22@gmail.com)

4 Sep 10.00 (C) Falkland Estate (courtesy of the Estate Trustees) "Engaging the public in woodland management – present and future" RV at Stables, KY15 7AF / OS ref: NO 245 075. Contact Nander Robertson 07836722533/nander@thegarrique.com

11 Sep 10.00 (LB) Newbyth Woodlands, East Linton, EH40 3DU/OS:NT594798 invitation of Dr James Bryce, hosted by Colin MacBrayne. Oakwood management & LISS. See effect of heavy thinning on free growth and a whole range of crop parameters.

PM: Big Wood, West Saltoun, EH34 5EH. OS: NT464668. Invitation of Sir Francis Ogilvy. LISS well advanced after 10 years of intensive management. Natural regen widespread, range of different crop types being actively respaced to create optimal species mix / stand structure.Chris Allan [01620 825 058/ ca@albatrees.co.uk](mailto:01620_825_058/ca@albatrees.co.uk)

Sep 18 10.00(N). Lochluichart. Provisional RV OS Ref. NH 332 635. Courtesy of the Leslie-Melville family. Outstanding example of environmental/ silvicultural & amenity forest management within a range of Highland sites & habitats. Contact: Rod Pimm 01463 731454 / rmpimm@btinternet.com

26 Sep 10.00 (SW) Moss of Cree. RV Riverbank Cafe, Newton Stewart, DG8 3EH. Bog Restoration on privately-owned former forestry site / land use in biosphere /water quality issues – examples of good practice – led by Crichton Carbon Centre /Peatland Action/Galloway Fisheries Trust/ FCS. Contact George Moore [07564 778840 /egmoore22@gmail.com](mailto:07564_778840/egmoore22@gmail.com)

3 October 10.00(LB) The Haining, near Selkirk TD7 5AA /NT468280 courtesy of The Haining Charitable Trust. Designed landscape and character trees. **ABM at lunch. PM: Big Wood** NT469251 (layby) courtesy of Tilhill Commercial new planting & restocking. Contact Jeremy Thompson 01896 850615/forestdirect@btinternet.com

16 Oct 10.00 (C): Carron Valley, Denny courtesy of Forest Enterprise. RV 10:00 Carron Valley Forest Car-park. Map Reference: NS 722 837. Planning forest management at reservoir catchment scale. **14.00 Norbord, Cowie** courtesy of Norbord Europe FK7 7BQ. OS ref: NS 835 889.RV at Works Entrance. Significant GB SRW consumer, producing MDF, OSB and chipboard. Contact Nander Robertson [07836 722533 /nander@thegarrique.com](mailto:07836_722533/nander@thegarrique.com)

All RSFS Field Days are suitable for CPD points

Come and meet us at the following Shows-

29th June -1st July: GWCT Show, Scone
3rd & 4th Aug: Highland Game Fair, Moy, Inverness-shire
18th-19th Aug: Galloway Country Fair, Drumlanrig
20th -21st Oct Peebles Wood Market

Don't miss the RSFS Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition
23rd Sep 10.30 – Forrest Estate, St John's Town of Dalry, Castle Douglas, DG7 3XS. Team of 4 for £200. Contact George Moore, 0131 6340043 / director@rsfs.org.uk