

Clear felling to continue in rotation across the flatter parts of Ord Hill Woods. The current crop is poor and will be felled over the next ten years and then replanted with other conifers.

Within the main visitor area understorey regeneration will be monitored and periodically removed to maintain its open woodland feel.

Ord Hill vitrified fort:
- Is a Scheduled Monument;
- Is destination of a way marked trail;
- Is covered by open Scots pine woodland;
- Will continue to be protected.

Replanting is growing well. We aim to thin out the trees as they mature so we may not have to clear fell in the future.

The main car park is accessed from a minor road from Drumsmittal, north of North Kessock A9 junction.

Ord Hill is visible from across Inverness and the surrounding area. We want to make sure it remains an attractive backdrop to the city. Our long term aim is to manage without clearfelling. Unfortunately most areas are currently not stable enough to do this, so clear felling in carefully designed areas will be necessary.

Recreation in Ord Hill Woods is taken all the way across and around the hill on a mixture of formal and informal paths. Easiest access is along the forest road.

All of Ord Hill is used as a venue for orienteering

Openings in the trees make good viewpoints over the Beaully and Moray Firths, Kessock Bridge and Inverness. We aim to retain and improve a selection of these as the trees grow.

Ord Hill joins up with adjacent woodland of different ownership to create an extensive wooded area around North Kessock and Kilmuir.

FES woodland encircles neighbouring properties. All management and recreation needs to be mindful of the impact on these close neighbours.

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Kessock Bridge

Outline plan
Ord Hill



0 50 100 200 300 400 500 Metres

