



Royal Scottish Forestry Society

121st Annual Study Tour 2019

Cowal, Bute and Cashel, Loch Lomond

Sunday 12th May to Thursday 16th May, 2019

Main Themes: Management of State, Community and Private forest assets; Shared operational management of public and private timber haul routes and shipping; Future forest plans and restocking practice; Disease control and species performance, informed by scientific monitoring, leading to alternative choices for improved resilience.

Sun 12th May: RV Esplanade Hotel, West Bay, Dunoon PA23 7HU (Group rates agreed).

Early Evening: Drinks Reception and Buffet; Scene setting talks on forest development in Argyll and Bute.

Mon 13th May:

Morning: Auchamore Forest, Dunoon - Tilhill Forestry Ltd. Planning and management of shared timber haul routes; Restocking; Mountain biking, formal and informal access issues and controls.

Afternoon: Corlarach Forest, Dunoon - Forestry and Land Scotland. Harvesting and restocking contracts; Community Asset Transfer Scheme; Recreation management (cycle and walking trails); "Alternative conifers" demonstration site.

Evening: Annual Dinner, Argyll Hotel, Dunoon PA23 7NE. Guest Speaker: Jo O'Hara, Scottish Forestry.

Tues 14th May:

Morning: Mount Stuart, Rothesay - Bute Estate Trust and Egger (UK) Ltd. Historic conifer collection; Optional Tours: A) Sawmill modernisation, or B) Mount Stuart House (entry fee will be charged); Biomass boiler and wood fuel supply; Groups re-join at lunch; Proposed Timber Pier, round-wood handling and dispatch.

Afternoon: Rhubodach Community Forest, Bute Community Land Co. Organisation and development proposals. In addition, Stronafian Community Forest near Glendaruel, in passing, on return route.

Wed 15th May:

Morning: Kilmun Forest Garden, Dunoon – Forestry and Land Scotland. Tree species plots with performance monitoring by Forest Research. Two walking groups: A) Accessible plots (moderate walking) following 'Eucalyptus' and 'Conifer' Trails, and B) In-accessible plots (steep ground walking, off paths, on upper slopes).

Afternoon: Glenbranter Forest, Strachur - Forestry and Land Scotland. Allt Robuic Gorge "waterfall trail" (easy/moderate walk); Ancient oak woods / specimen conifers (mature SS) with wider forest landscape views.

Thurs 16th May:


Morning: Cashel Forest Native Woodland Centre, Balmaha (By Drymen), East Loch Lomond.

10:30 (Coffee on arrival) for 11.00 - RSFS Annual Business Meeting;

12.00 Opening new 'Millennial Paths' followed by Buffet lunch (Free to members);

Afternoon: Explore new Oakwood Path and All-Abilities path by Cashel Burn at own pace.

Booking Form: Please return the Booking form overleaf to: Mr George Moore, Royal Scottish Forestry Society, West Wing, Carzield House, Kirkmahoe, Dumfries, DG1 1SY

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Principal Study Tour Sponsor: Egger Forestry
Student places Sponsored by: John Clegg and Gresham House

Booking Form

Name			Membership Number	
Other Members/ Guests Attending				
Address				
		Post Code		
Email				
Preferred name(s) for name badge(s)				
Event	Details	Number attending	Total Cost	
Sunday 12th May				
Welcome Gathering	1800 hrs. at Esplanade Hotel, West Bay, Dunoon Drinks Reception and Buffet; Talks on forest development in Argyll and Bute. Cost: £26			
Monday 13th May				
Day 1 Study Tour	Morning: Auchamore Forest (Tilhill). Planning and management of shared timber haul routes; restocking; mountain biking – access issues and controls; Afternoon: Corlarach Forest (Forestry and Land Scotland). Harvesting and restocking contracts; Community Asset Transfer Scheme; Recreation management. Cost: £25			
Annual Dinner	1900 for 1930 hrs. at Argyll Hotel, Dunoon Guest Speaker: Jo O’Hara, Scottish Forestry. Cost: £35			
Tuesday 14th May				
Day 2 Study Tour	Morning: Mount Stuart, Rothesay (Bute Estate Trust and Egger) Conifer collections; Sawmill modernisation; Biomass boiler and wood fuel supply; Timber Pier application; Afternoon: Rhudodach Community Forest (Bute Community Land Co.) Organisation and development. Cost £33 (Ferries Included. Optional House Tour - additional entry fee (c. £9). Stronafian Community Woodland, Glendaruel: Directors will discuss management options.			
Supper	Own arrangements			
Wednesday 15^h May				
Day 3 Study Tour	Morning: Kilmun Forest Garden – Tree species with performance monitoring by Forest Research; Afternoon: Glenbranter Forest (Forestry and Land Scotland) Gorge walk; Oak woodland; Specimen conifers. Cost: £25			
Thursday 16th May				
Day 4 Study Tour	Morning: RSFS Forest Trust Cashel, Native Woodland Centre, Balmaha, East Loch Lomond. 10:30 (coffee on arrival) for 11.00: RSFS Annual Business Meeting; 12.00 Opening new Millennial Paths followed by Buffet lunch (Free to Members); Afternoon: Explore new paths.			
Please indicate below how you would like to pay				Total:
Cheque	Online	By Credit or Debit Card over the phone		

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NOTE:

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