

SCOTTISH LOWLANDS FOREST DISTRICT
PROJECT PLAN TEMPLATE

Project Title Recreation Development at Carron Valley Forest

Objectives

- Provide a wide range of recreation opportunities for all users
- Encourage healthy living
- Provide a facility that can be used by outdoor education providers and sports clubs

Location

See plan

Specifications

The project has been broken down into modules that can be selected on the basis of funding opportunities and priority of the partnership.

Action- Confirmation of planning requirements needs to be agreed with the relevant planning authorities

Specifications of the trails will follow best practise guidelines as set out by FCS.

1. Main entrance, car park and environs – bellmouth to be tarmac, type 1 to be laid and rolled on car park and approach road, soft landscaping to improve visuals. Signage and interpretation.

*Action – Site meeting with Norrie held 7/3/07 costs for engineering work advised.
Site meeting with Alan Chalmers and Sandra Hanlon 22/3/07 to take forward landscaping and signage & interpretation*

2. Multi purpose routes –

i) South Shore - starting from car park and running along the south shore of the reservoir.

*Action – agreed line of route, noting high water level of reservoir at far end.
Agreed access over Scottish Water ground
site visit with Norrie to check out proposed bridge crossings, Willie Fergie is producing detailed bridge reports.*

ii) Reservoir circuit – this route continues from the South Shore route and follows the forest road along the south shore to the Tod Holes exit and returns along the council road along the North Shore. This route will appeal to family cyclists, runners, keep fit and sports training. Low input due to use of existing roads infrastructure

*Action- Site meeting with Road engineer held on 7/3/07 to inspect route. Cat 1 a section to be repaired, as part of routine maintenance, remaining section requires minor drainage works costing advised.
Environs works to be discussed at site meeting with Sandra and Alan on 22/3/07*

3. Cycle routes

Action- various site meetings held with FCS staff, CVDG and existing routes walked and design and costing analysed. JT has confirmed build cost of 2006 trail came out at £21 per metre.

CVDG costing for proposed trails analysed and detail checked out – this is ongoing and requires further detail, build cost of £31 per metre appears high. JT to obtain breakdown and confirm with our in house trail building experts.

Site meeting with Karl Bartlett Cycle officer Scotland arranged for March to discuss cycle routes.

Red Route - A single track mountain bike route utilising sections of the existing trail to achieve a total length of 14.6 kilometres requiring construction of 10.1 kilometres. This trail will give the critical mass to the trail network giving cyclists a viable length to warrant the journey to Carron valley and put the destination on the map. The cost is correspondingly high. Most of the new trail is through young plantation and open ground, which will reduce the need for felling corridors and corresponding issues of windblow.

Green route- an important addition to the cycle offering to encourage new users into the sport. The route will be of particular benefit to school and youth groups. The outward trail will run on the South Shore multi purpose route and return to the car park on a dedicated trail

Action- Confirmed with road engineer that the trail could pass through the old quarry. Return route needs discussion at far end to ensure it is practical and cost effective, road crossings need to be thought through.

Blue route- this route is designed for intermediate riders. The completed trail length will be 7.9 kilometres only 3.25 kilometres of construction is required as the remaining trail is in place.

Action - Much of the cost is associated with the final descent, using existing ungraded Fun Park could make savings here.

4. Walking routes

South Shore walk- a short walk using the multi purpose route

Meikle Bin walk- starting from the Tod Holes entrance a long walk climbing the Bin and returning along the reservoir.

The Reservoir walk – utilising the multi purpose reservoir circuit, the walker has as option to decide on the length of walk they wish to undertake. Return points will be marked at strategic points along the route.

The costs and specification of the South shore and Reservoir circuit are contained within the multi purpose trails. The Meikle Bin walk requires a survey to establish the minor path improvements needed.

5. Interpretation and Design

Leaflets design and print – dedicated Carron Valley leaflet

Threshold signs – incorporating new logo

Interpretation boards – develop key themes water, wildlife and wood, ^{we keep}

Waymarkers – roll out

Trail heads –

Picnic benches

View points

Information panels – for key access points

Brown signage – from main access points off A roads

6. Project management

Undertaken by CSFT

Project Leader

Central Scotland Forest

Permission for Works

Works carried out by Partners in the Forest will be the subject of an FCS Permission.

Time scale

- Commencement: April 2008 (this is dependent on the success of funding)
- Completion of works: March 2010

Cost

1. Main entrance, car park and environs – bellmouth to be tarmac, type 1 to be laid and rolled on car park and approach road, soft landscaping to improve visuals. Signage and interpretation

Bellmouth - tarmac £6k

Car park and approach road £2k

Environs – TBA

Signage and interpretation - TBA

Total value

Funding

(Cash / in kind & financial year)

- £ Forestry Commission Scotland
- £ [Partner]
- £ [Partner]
- £ [Partner]
- £ Total

Funding meeting on the 20th March with CSFT to establish the funding opportunities and adjust the project accordingly.

Accounting Provision

(organisation to pay invoices for VAT purposes, special funder conditions, if any etc) this is still in discussion with FCS and CSFT.

Management and Maintenance

(post completion)

Owner:FCS

Organisation responsible for Management & Maintenance:

Year 1 Contractor -Maintenance of built trails to be maintained as part of contract for the first 12 months of use

Year 2 and future- following a formal hand over become the responsibility of the district

Minimum Maintenance Period: 10 years

Other:

Approval

Approved by the Partnership for the Annual Programme of Works (date)

Approved by Partners providing cash / in kind

Agreed by the Commission: Signed (date)

Agreed by [Partner]: Signed (date)

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Agreed by [Partner]: Signed (date)

Certified as completed:

Project Leader Signed (date)

Commission: Signed (date)