

General Information

Opening Hours: The Forest is open every day of the year from 10.00am until sunset.

Admission: Charges are displayed at the Forest Drive entrance.

Services: Tarmac drive
Picnic areas
Way-marked Trails
Toilets
Fishing by permit (available from Derrygonnelly Autos)
Guided Tours (bookable by organised groups)
Special events (arranged by permit)

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5 Old Man's Head

The natural vegetation has now changed to a more upland variety, with speedwell, Aquilegia, heather and Scabious. The roadside verges are cut late in the season to allow the flowering plants to bloom. These attract butterflies such as Red Admiral, Speckled Wood and Peacock. The poor soils limits the planted tree species to Sitka spruce and Lodgepole pine. Note the rock outcrop in the shape of an old mans head.

6 Lough Ahork

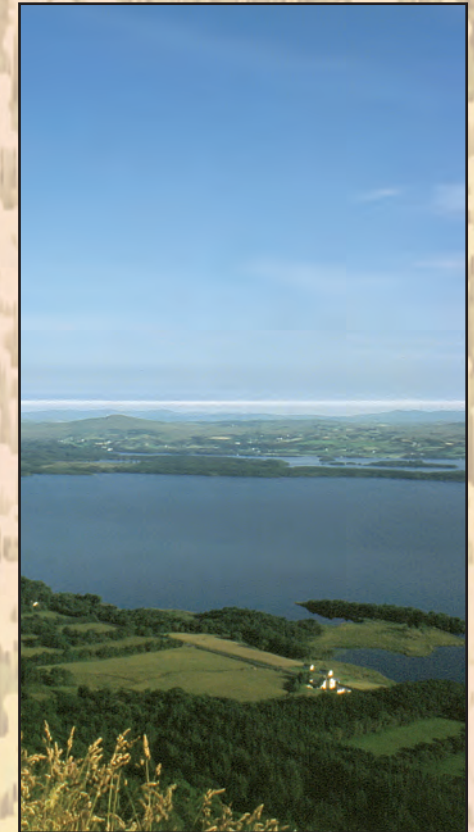
The drive now reaches the car park at Lough Ahork. A trail has been provided which circles this pleasant lough and also provides views of distant rugged crags. Lough Ahork is the source of the Sillees River which runs through Correl Glen to eventually join Lough Erne near Enniskillen .

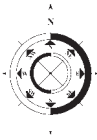
7 Sweat House

Near the exit of the drive a 'sweat house' is signposted. In olden times these were built to alleviate sufferers of rheumatism . A fire was lit in the small chamber to heat stones, rushes placed on top produced the same effect as a modern sauna.



Lough Navar FOREST DRIVE





Lough Navar Forest Drive

Lough Navar Forest rises to the top of the Magho cliffs at a height of 1,000ft. Here, there are spectacular views over Lower Lough Erne, Donegal Bay, the Blue Stack and Sperrin Mountains. A seven mile long drive has been created to allow the public to enjoy this scenery. Car parking facilities, picnic areas, viewpoints and short walks to interesting features have been provided. The Ulster Way, rising to a height of 800ft, passes through the forest.



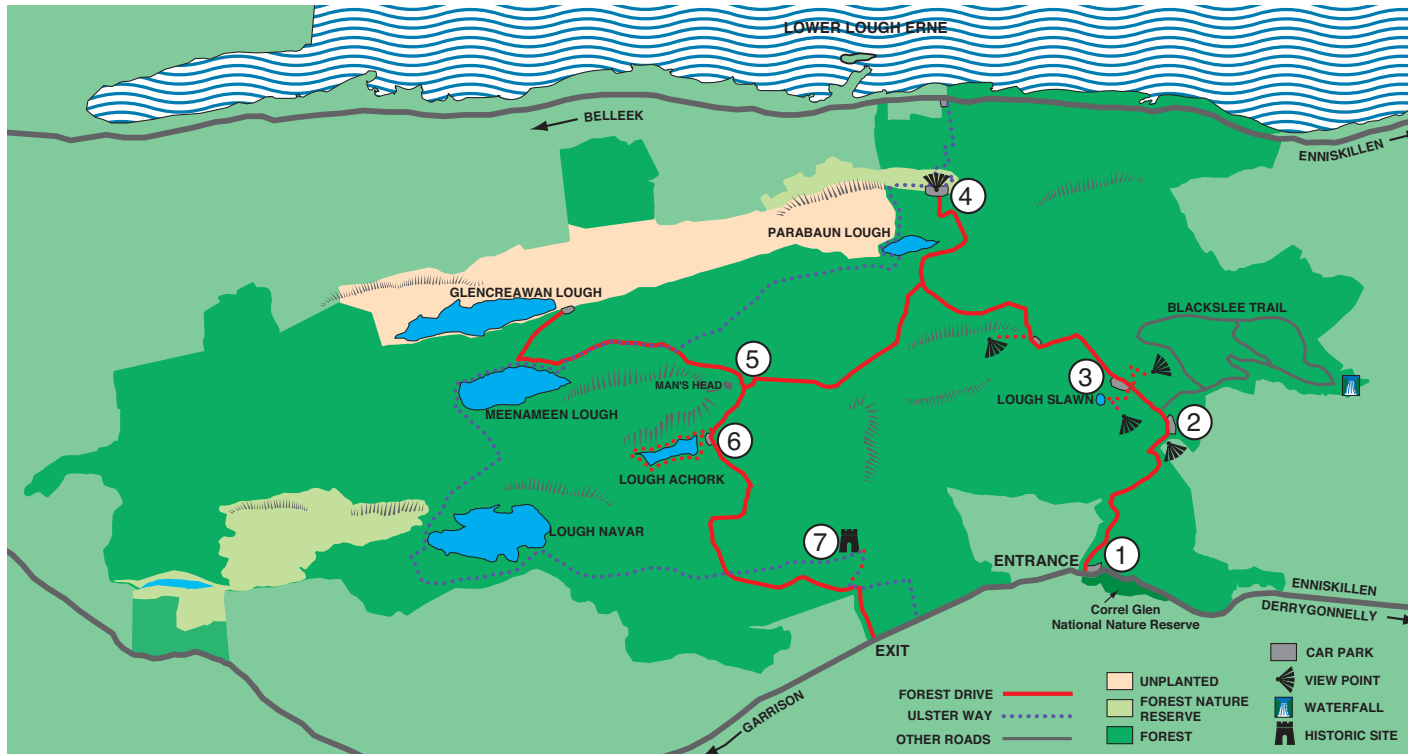
1 Forest Entrance

The entrance to the drive, with a small car park and information board, is off the Glennasheever Road between Derrygonnelly and Garrison. On the other side of the road is the start of the Correl Glen Nature Trail which runs through part of the extensive Largalunny National Nature Reserve. This Reserve contains some rare plants and almost all the Irish native species of butterfly. A short walk off the main path allows a view down to Carrick Lough with the remains of its ancient crannog still visible.



2 Aghameelan Viewpoint

Recent clearfellings have allowed a more sympathetic redesigning of the forest. More broadleaves such as oak, birch and beech are now planted. Some areas are left unplanted for the benefit of wildlife and the landscape. At the viewpoint, there is a panoramic view of Fermanagh and Cavan. The car park is also the starting point for the waymarked Blackslee Trail, a 6km walk along forest roads through the oldest part of the forest and leading to a waterfall at its furthest point.



3 Whiterocks and Lough Slawn

Further up the Drive comes the starting point for the Whiterocks and Lough Slawn Trails. Both trails are approximately 0.5km long each and afford superb views of Lower Lough Erne and the hills of west Fermanagh and Leitrim.

4 Magho Viewpoint

Continuing uphill the forest takes on a more rugged appearance. Discrete clearfelling has revealed craggy rock outcrops and small loughs. Soon the Drive reaches its highest point at the spectacular Magho Viewpoint. Now you can enjoy a birds eye view of Lower Lough Erne and its islands. To the east are the rounded Sperrin Mountains, to the north lie the Blue Stacks, while to the west there is Slieve League, Donegal Bay and the Atlantic Ocean.