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Introducing the new Woodland Rise path at Kinghorn Loch

We are happy to announce that our latest path project is now ready for walking, running and cycling. New direction signs are on their way, but in the meantime start at the information shed in the car park. Note the new interpretation boards. Walk on westwards past another interpretation board with the history of Craigencaht Mill and after a few minutes walk, the new path branches to the right up a gentle incline to the farm track. For your enjoyment, we have sited a picnic bench on the way up in the shelter of the trees.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who worked very hard and to Alcan for their help. Funding for our latest project came from Fife Environmental Trust and Awards for All.



Woodland Rise Path



Barley straw rafts



New car park



Planted Wildlife Area

Other new developments include our volunteers making four new rafts to replace the ones we made 15 years ago. A new car park for Craigencaht visitors has been made, with an adjacent wildlife area planted with species that will provide shelter and food for birds and insects. We have added a viewing area and bench, which will be a sheltered place to sit.

Look out for the new interpretation boards giving the history of Kinghorn Loch, its formation, later pollution and then its recovery and Craigencaht, Farm including Craigencaht Mill. A new book 'The History of Craigencaht' by Marilyn Edwards will be published soon.



For the safety of people who use the loch area, CRCT has secured a defibrillator, which will be available 24/7. It will be located in the disabled toilet at Craigencaht Farm.

Funded by CRCT and donations, our appreciation goes to the British Heart Foundation for their significant contribution towards this valuable piece of equipment.

Training will be available for groups at the loch.



Bird Notes for Craigencalt: Winter-Spring 2016

Due, I suspect, to the generally mild weather, there were not so many coot and tufted duck recorded on the loch over the winter. A kingfisher was seen around the shore of the loch but it was not fishing close to the hide. Any appearances at the hide were brief. Once again there were some cormorants taking the opportunity to fish the loch (6 present late February). The juveniles are quite impressive with their white patches. In March, there were 4 pairs of great crested grebes on the loch. By the end of March a chiffchaff was singing (close to the bird hide) - a sure sign that spring had arrived. As April has progressed, more chiffchaff have arrived and willow warblers are singing. For our woodland birds, these are, together with blackcap, the earliest arriving migrants. By early May, whitethroat should have arrived, closely followed by sedge warbler and garden warbler. Swallows, sand martins and house martins will also be present in larger numbers.



Sedge Warbler

Ian McKenzie

date	event	location	time
Saturday 7th May	Come & Try Day	Kinghorn Loch	1-4 pm
Monday 18th May	Visit to Glassmount House Gardens	10 am at loch or 10.45 at venue	10 - 1 pm
Friday 20th May	CRCT Friends Annual Meeting	The Barn at the loch	7 - 9 pm
Sunday 19th June	Visit to Puddledub Nature Reserve	Meet at Lochside Car park	2 pm

Walking Programme Spring to Autumn 2016

Wednesday 4th May
 Wednesday 18th May
 Wednesday 1st June
 Wednesday 15th June
 Wednesday 6th July
 Wednesday 20th July
 Wednesday 3rd August
 Wednesday 17th August
3rd - 11th September

Walking Festival

Walks last one to two hours maximum based around the beautiful countryside of Kinghorn Loch. Lots of interesting birds, animals and plants to see on the way. Good walking boots/shoes recommended as well as waterproof clothing.

For further details phone Kathleen on 01592 643318 or 07757 282455 or Pat on 01592 890449 or 07971 521943

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For mid month walks please contact Marilyn on 01592 891330 or 07740 999514

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CRCT Photo Trophy Get your cameras at the ready. The judging of the Annual Photo Competition will take place at the Annual Meeting for Friends in May this year.

Subjects include anything that is connected to the CRCT paths area; views, wildlife, flowers, trees, loch, birds, natural features. Max size 6" x 8". Max 3 entries per person.

If you wish to support the aims of Craigencalt Rural Community Trust (CRCT) and become involved, either as a volunteer helper or as a supporter, become a Friend of the Trust by asking for an application form or emailing info@CraigencaltTrust.org.uk

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