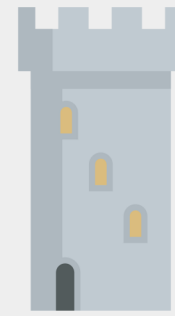


# KINNOULL HILL



## INTRODUCTION

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The steep slopes of Kinnoull Hill and its cliff-top tower are unmistakable landmarks to the east of Perth and are the most prominent aspects of Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park. Though only 222m high, from the summit of the hill there are magnificent views – east along the Tay estuary towards Dundee, and north to the Cairngorms and Grampians. Closer to home to the west are outstanding views over the Tay to the city of Perth. This woodland right on Perth’s doorstep is an ideal location for a wide range of outdoor learning.

The Park includes not only Kinnoull Hill, but also the slightly higher Deuchny Hill. Kinnoull Hill has forest paths and open areas of mature woodland where group activities can take place. On the south side of the hill lie steep cliffs dropping down to the Tay. On top of these cliffs is the Kinnoull Tower, a romantic folly. There is an arboretum, where a collection of unusual conifers grow. Deuchny Hill is also the site of a Bronze Age fort.

Our approach to this topic is rather different from that for other topics. There are many excellent existing resources to help teachers plan teaching and learning activities in a woodland setting. Rather than reproduce these, we provide a list of relevant resources to allow teachers to make their own choices and select the most appropriate resources for their class when visiting Kinnoull Hill.



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## PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND FACILITIES

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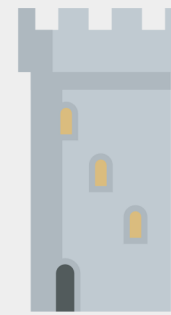
- You can download a useful and up to date leaflet with a map of Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park here: <http://www.kinnoull.org.uk/index.htm>
- General information about the Park can be found here: <http://scotland.forestry.gov.uk/visit/kinnoull-hill> and <http://www.kinnoull.org.uk/index.htm>
- There are numerous images of the view from the summit of Kinnoull Hill, including a photosphere, available on Google maps.

The map shows the main access points and the path network as well as an overview of the history and wildlife of the Park. Between the Kinnoull and Deuchny hills is the main car park, known as the Jubilee car park.

Next to the Jubilee car park is a large shed which is an ideal base for group events in the forest. It has toilets, electricity and a large outdoor sheltered area but no heating or cooking facilities. To book this shed contact [tay@forestry.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:tay@forestry.gsi.gov.uk) or call Sue Brown at the Forestry Commission base at Inver on [0300 067 6380](tel:03000676380)

Rangers may be able to assist with particular projects. Contact [communitygreenspace@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:communitygreenspace@pkc.gov.uk)

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## OWLS OUTDOOR AND WOODLAND LEARNING, SCOTLAND

As a starter for resources we recommend looking at the website of OWLS: Outdoor and Woodland Learning Scotland <http://owlscotland.org>

OWL Scotland is supported by Forestry Commission Scotland and is dedicated to increasing the use of Scotland's outdoor environments for learning. Their website brings together expertise and resources for outdoor and woodland across Scotland. It has an extensive online resources library.

Tayside has its own OWL group [http://owlscotland.org/local-groups/tayside\\_fei\\_cluster\\_group](http://owlscotland.org/local-groups/tayside_fei_cluster_group)

Contact the group to find out about events, local CLPL courses, share ideas, borrow resources etc

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## TEACHING RESOURCES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT OUTDOOR

RESOURCE	AVAILABLE	DESCRIPTION	MAIN CURRICULAR AREAS
Tree Stories	<a href="http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/\$FILE/fcms128.pdf">http://www.forestry.gov.uk/pdf/\$FILE/fcms128.pdf</a>	A tree story for each month with supporting information of folklore and facts for each tree.	Literacy
	<a href="http://owlsotland.org/images/uploads/resources/files/TreeStories.Gaelic2.pdf">http://owlsotland.org/images/uploads/resources/files/TreeStories.Gaelic2.pdf</a>	Also available in Gaelic.	

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RESOURCE

AVAILABLE

DESCRIPTION

MAIN CURRICULAR  
AREAS

Songs and Stories  
of the Tay

Elsewhere on this website you can find material relating to the Dragon Hole of Kinnoull Hill – legends associated with a cave on Kinnoull Hill.

Literacy

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## TEACHING RESOURCES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT OUTDOOR

### RESOURCE

Wolf Brother's  
wildwoods:  
imagining Mesolithic  
life in Scotland's  
forests and  
woodlands

### AVAILABLE

<http://owlsotland.org/images/uploads/resources/files/fcms123.pdf>

### DESCRIPTION

This resource has been produced to support teachers who are reading the novel Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver with their classes. Set in Mesolithic times, the novel is not only an exciting read but also reveals much about the lives of hunter-gatherers who lived in Scotland 10,000 years ago.

The resource aims to:

- Bring the Mesolithic period to life through a series of woodland and classroom learning activities
  - Encourage pupils and teachers to enjoy spending time in their local woodland
  - Support teachers in delivering Curriculum for Excellence outcomes through outdoor learning

### MAIN CURRICULAR AREAS

Cross-curricular

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## TEACHING RESOURCES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT OUTDOOR

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### RESOURCE

Woodland workout:  
an enterprising  
and active  
woodland trail

### AVAILABLE

[http://owlsotland.org/  
images/uploads/  
resources/files/  
FCMS112.pdf](http://owlsotland.org/images/uploads/resources/files/FCMS112.pdf)

### DESCRIPTION

This resource enables teachers to offer a wide range of outdoor activities and exercises to their pupils.

### MAIN CURRICULAR AREAS

Health and wellbeing

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## TEACHING RESOURCES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION TO SUPPORT OUTDOOR

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### RESOURCE

Outdoor learning pack for primary school teachers

### AVAILABLE

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/mediafile/100146207/Getting-outside-the-classroom-learning-pack.pdf>

### DESCRIPTION

Suggestions and approaches for integrating outdoor and woodland learning into your regular teaching.

### MAIN CURRICULAR AREAS

Cross-curricular



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## OTHER RESOURCES SPECIFIC TO KINNOULL HILL

RESOURCE	AVAILABLE	DESCRIPTION	MAIN CURRICULAR AREAS
Corsiehill Quarry, Kinnoull Hill	<a href="http://www.taysidegeo.org.uk/CorsieHill.pdf">http://www.taysidegeo.org.uk/CorsieHill.pdf</a>	A downloadable leaflet with information about the geology of the area, produced by Tayside Geodiversity.	
Explore Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park	<a href="http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=11022&amp;p=0">http://www.pkc.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=11022&amp;p=0</a>	A downloadable leaflet with maps, wildlife and cultural information about Kinnoull Hill	
Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park	<a href="http://www.kinnoull.org.uk">http://www.kinnoull.org.uk</a>	A general website about Kinnoull Hill put together by the community-based Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park Group.	

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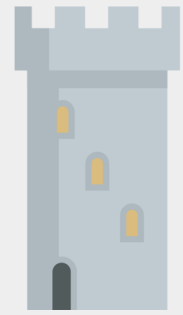


## GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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- On Kinnoull Hill you can find a range of different habitats: coniferous woodland, broadleaf woodland, rocky cliffs and open moor. This variety provides environments for a diverse range of wildlife: roe deer, red squirrels, jays, greater spotted woodpecker, peregrines, ravens.
- In the 1920s a collection of exotic conifers was planted on Kinnoull Hill. This collection, known as an arboretum, was restored recently thanks to money left by Perth naturalist Jim Aitken.
- On the south side of Kinnoull Hill there are steep cliffs. In the early 1800s the cliffs reminded local landowners of crags topped by castles on the German river Rhine. They decided that Kinnoull Hill needed its own romantic folly, and built the Kinnoull Towers as well as towers on Binn Hill to the east. They also built a stone table for picnics.
- Also on the cliffs is a small, inaccessible cave known as the Dragon Hole. St Serf is said to have killed a dragon here in the 6th century. Later on it was the location for religious processions, and is said to have contained an enchanted stone which made its owner invisible. Find out more in our topic Songs and Stories of the Tay.
- There is a path over Deuchny hill known as the Coronation Road. This is the route said to have been taken by kings and queens travelling from Falkland to Scone, the traditional coronation place for Scottish monarchs.
- At Corsiehill Quarry by the car park you can see interesting geological features which include lava flows, mineral crystals and polygonal cooling columns.
- Patrick Geddes, the inspirational town planner and thinker grew up on Mount Tabor Road on the slopes of Kinnoull Hill. His famous phrase 'Think global, act local' is commemorated on a carved wooden bench on the hill.

# KINNOULL HILL



Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park has **CLIFFS**, a **FAKE RUIN**, an **ARBORETUM** with unusual trees, lots of **LEGENDS**, an **IRON AGE FORT** – and great views.

Here be dragons! Did you know that in the 6th century **ST SERF** killed a **DRAGON** on Kinnoull Hill? The cave where it lived is still here, high up on Kinnoull Crags. It's called the **DRAGON HOLE**.

Volcano alert!  
At **CORSIEHILL QUARRY** you can see where **LAVA STREAMS** from a volcano cooled, as well as **MINERAL CRYSTALS** and **GEOMETRIC COLUMNS**.

In the **1800'S** local landowners went on holiday to the **RIVER RHINE** in Germany and saw lots of ruined castles there. They decided that Kinnoull Hill needed its **OWN RUIN** overlooking the River Tay – and built a **BRAND NEW RUIN**, Kinnoull Tower.

Walk in the footsteps of royalty! In the old days kings and queens travelled over Kinnoull Hill to **SCONE** to be **CROWNED**. The route is called the **CORONATION PATH** to this day.



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KINNOUL-ROCK

& ELCHO CASTLE

*To the Right Hon.<sup>ble</sup> Earl of Kinnoul*  
*This View is most respectfully dedicated by his Lordship's most obed.<sup>t</sup> & every hum.<sup>ble</sup> Serv.<sup>t</sup>*



1<sup>st</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1807.

James Morison.