

CAPERCAILLIE FACTS

1. In 1837, Lord Breadalbaner reintroduced capercaillie at Taymouth Castle. It is understood that further reintroductions used descendants of the original Taymouth birds, plus birds from Scandinavia. The reintroduction was successful, with an estimated 20,000 capercaillie in Scotland's forests by 1970.
2. Capercaillie numbers have since declined due to intensified forest management, increases in predator numbers and changes in weather patterns.
3. Scotland's capercaillie trail is considered critically low. Today, only 532 capercaillie remain in Scotland's fragmented pine forests, mainly in the Cairngorm National Park.
4. In the 1980s, it is believed that the headteacher and local parents decided to commission a sculpted capercaillie to sit upon the roof of Kenmore Primary School, where it remains today.
5. The rooftop capercaillie was sculpted by famous Scottish artist Scott Sutherland and is made of bronze.
6. The Kenmore Primary School's emblem is the capercaillie.
7. The capercaillie is an iconic Scottish species, it is a huge woodland grouse – the large black males are unmistakable, about the size of a turkey.
8. Males are covered in glossy black feathers with red eye markings and a green tinge on their chests, while females are brown and mottled, with an orange-brown throat.
9. Capercaillies spend a lot of time feeding on the ground, but may also be found in trees, eating shoots and buds.
10. The Gaelic name for the bird is capall-coille, meaning 'horse of the forest'.

We hope you have enjoyed this trail!
Let us know how you got on.
Scan the QR code for further trail
information and to leave feedback.



In the future we hope to grow this trail, and in doing so, help to raise funds to save the Capercaillie.

Thank you to SSE Renewables for funding this project, to the Kenmore School Parent Council and to Taymouth Castle.



by Sophie, Kenmore Primary School

We would like to remind everyone to place litter in the bins provided, to leave the beach and village as you found it. Take only photos and leave only footprints.

Kenmore & District Community Council



Welcome to The Capercaillie Trail, Kenmore by Kenmore Primary School pupils

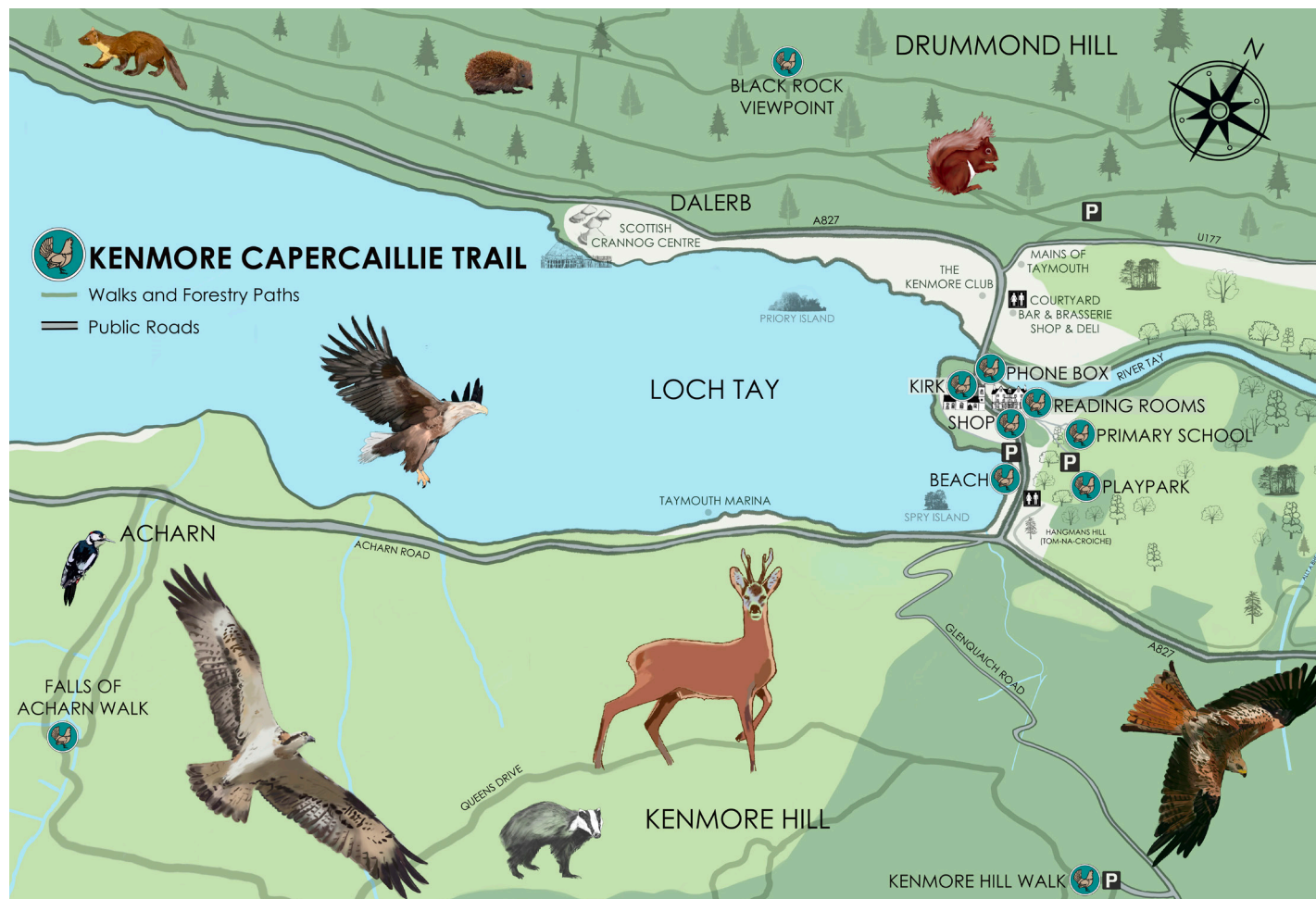
We have created and designed
a fun activity for families!
Can you find the 10 Capercaillies
hidden in and around Kenmore?

All the Capercaillies are different
– read on to find out more about the locations.
See map overleaf for locations.
and our fun facts on the back page!



Visit here for more information, and to provide feedback:
<https://www.kenmore-and-district-cc.org.uk/capercaillie>





✓ PHONE BOX - STARTING POINT

The phone box is our local information hub. Here you will find all sorts of leaflets and posters on upcoming events and things to do.

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✓ KENMORE KIRK

The first church on this site was built in 1579, as a replacement parish church for the medieval church at Inchadney. It was entirely rebuilt in 1760 by the 3rd Earl of Breadalbane and heavily renovated in 1870. The kirk features a lychgate, erected in 1902 in commemoration of Queen Victoria and some remarkable 18th century carved stones.

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✓ VILLAGE SHOP

The Village Shop, originally a post office dating back to 1879, was fully renovated in 2024 and run by Ballintaggart. Currently open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat & 10am-2pm Sun.

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✓ READING ROOMS

The Breadalbane Reading Rooms were opened by Lady Alma Campbell in 1885 and currently serve as a Community Hub – available to hire for functions and groups, with music nights on Wednesdays a popular event. Pop over and have a seat in the gardens!

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✓ KENMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

P7s from the school had the idea for this trail. They hope you like it! Can you spot the extra Capercaillie on the school roof?

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✓ PLAYPARK

Kenmore Playpark is located in the Sports Field by the pavilion -the site of the Kenmore Highland Games which takes place on the 1st Wed of July each year. The sports pavilion and porst field can be hired for functions or parties.

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✓ BEACH

Kenmore Beach is a popular place for everyone to have fun. A sandy Loch Tay spot, for paddling, canoeing or swimming. See Loch Tay Association info board located in the beach car park.

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✓ KENMORE HILL WALK

A waymarked circuit on and around Kenmore Hill, with 3 route option to walk – including the gorge and the larch walk. The hill has been planted with Scots pines and other native trees and offers superb views of Loch Tay and the mountains beyond. Look out for the Capercaillie by the bench!

 Carpark: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/EbfKFzUho76o5A927>



✓ FALLS OF ACHARN WALK

A very beautiful walk which starts in Acharn, short but steep, which takes you through a Victorian 'Hermit's Cave'. Here you can view the dramatic Falls of Acharn and spot the Capercaillie before continuing to make a loop around the gorge.

 Start walk here: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/9TMisYs5Wcn2s5Pz9>



✓ BLACK ROCK VIEWPOINT

Drummond Hill was probably Scotland's first managed forest. Sir Duncan Campbell, known as Black Duncan of Breadalbane because of his ruthless character, planted it with oak, birch and Scots pine back in the 17th C. Follow the blue trail from the car park.

 Car park: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/4XjHbmZHHzm65Cg36>

