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Commonwealth Woods

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-Commonwealth Arboretum

-Commonwealth Community Forests

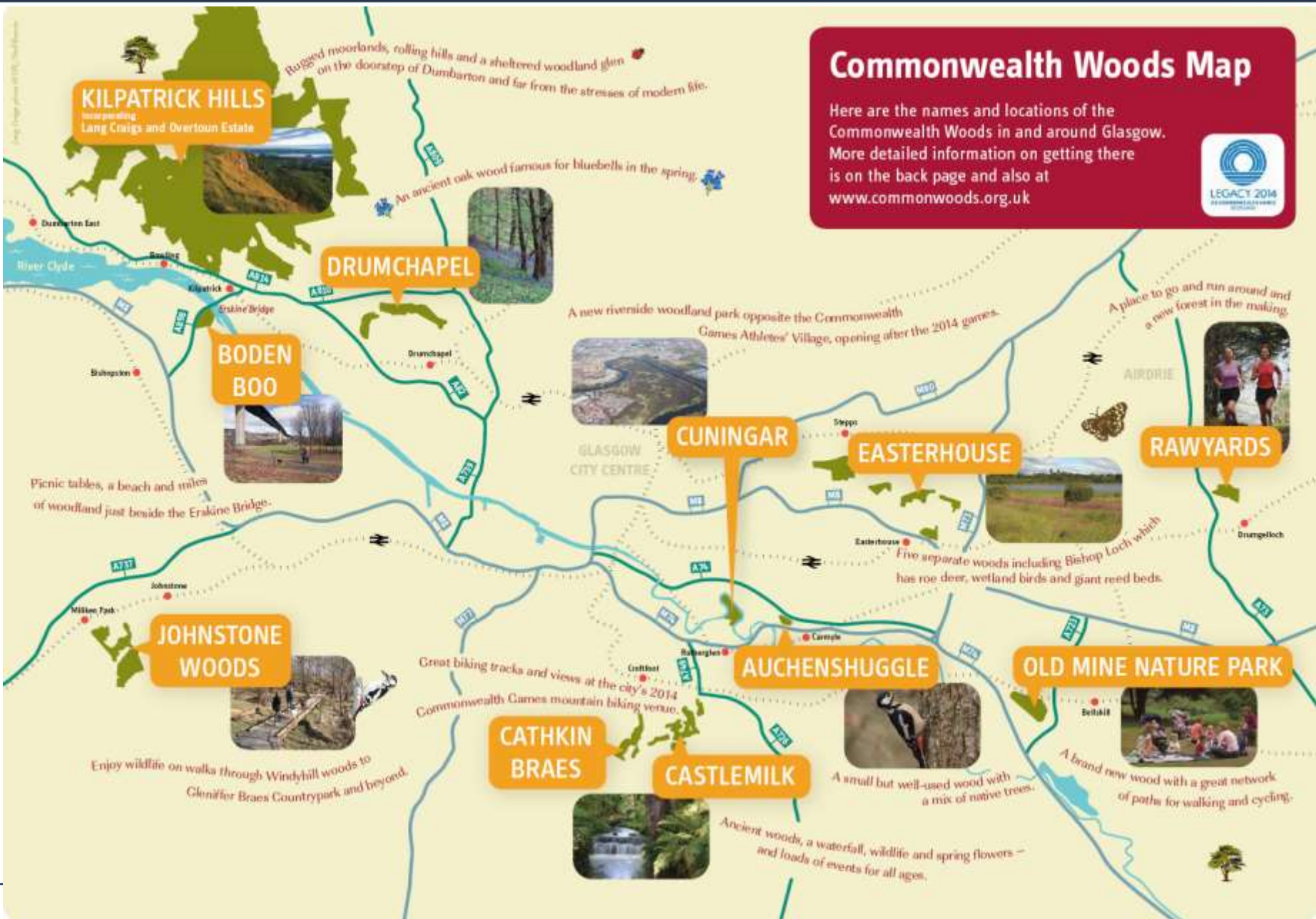
Overall Aim

To develop a network of Commonwealth Woodlands to provide a range of community involvement activities in and around Glasgow focussed on areas of social and economic deprivation.



Commonwealth Woods Map

Here are the names and locations of the Commonwealth Woods in and around Glasgow. More detailed information on getting there is on the back page and also at www.commonwoods.org.uk





Forestry Commission Scotland
Marketing and Communications Strategy: Commonwealth Woodlands

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Raise awareness of the network of Commonwealth Woodlands as a lasting legacy of the 2014 games and promote the range of activities they offer to people to get involved, get active and be inspired.

To change people's perception of urban woodlands to achieve a behaviour shift that brings greater engagement with woodlands and increased visits to them for leisure and recreation.



Campaign Approach

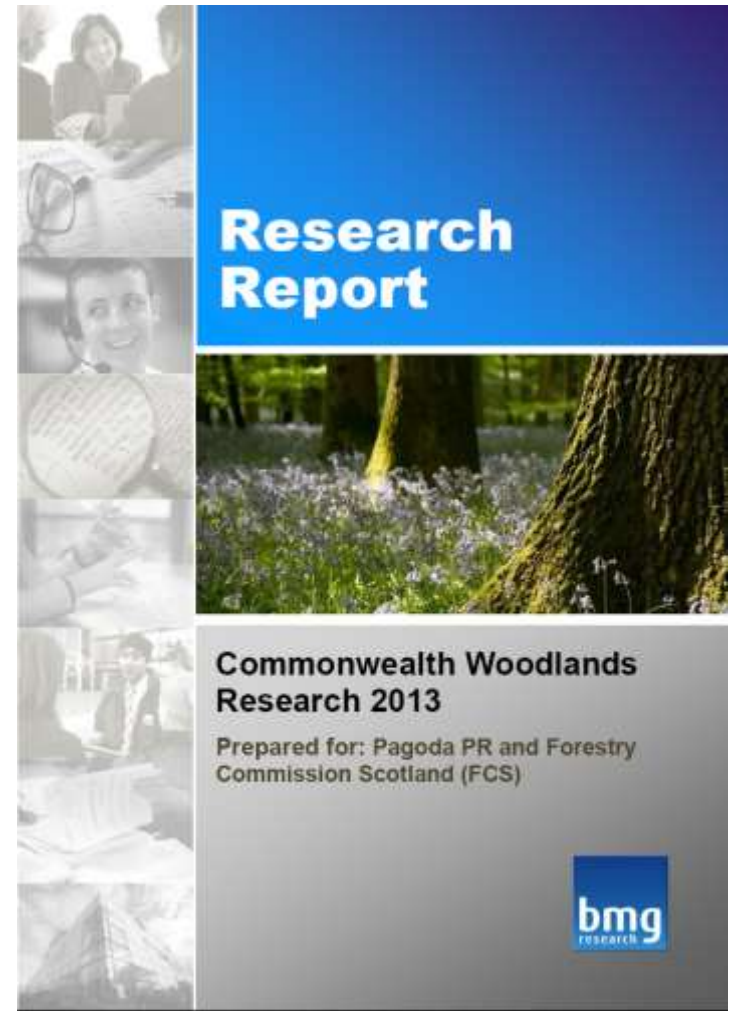


Market research

- Focussed on three areas – Lang Craigs, Castlemilk and Easterhouse

Results Showed

- 7 in 10 (68%) of residents are aware of a woodlands in their area
- A third (27%) of them use it regularly or often
- More fun activities would encourage people to visit their wood more often



- 11th June at Overtoun Estate
- Introduced the campaign themes linked with activities: guided walks, arts projects, sports
- Secured Susan Eaglestaff, former Olympic badminton player and Commonwealth medallist
- Included launch of the new leaflet and website



- 10,000 copies printed


- Distributed in public buildings around the woodlands

- Includes illustrated map, pictures, fact boxes, case studies of activities and events

Commonwealth Woods: A Rich Legacy


The 13 Commonwealth Woods in and around Glasgow will be a legacy of the 2014 Commonwealth Games for generations of people to enjoy.

Escape the hustle and bustle of city life, enjoy the simple pleasure of a walk, play a game with your children outdoors, go mountain biking or come along to an event in your local wood.


Have a look at the map inside, to find the one nearest you. 

Commonwealth Woods around the World
Some of the world's forests are essential to human survival, providing food and shelter. Others have the richest diversity of wildlife on the planet.


To celebrate the Commonwealth Games 2014, we're making links with Commonwealth countries through woods and forests. Find out more at www.commonwealthwoods.org.uk




Women planting trees in Kenya



Play and discover



Sharing culture




Bring the woods alive with music

Get Involved
There are loads of free events and activities to enjoy, from tree planting, storytelling and guided walks to map making, teddy bears' picnics – and countless others. Visit www.commonwealthwoods.org.uk for details.

Get Active
Who says you can't enjoy nature? Visit www.commonwealthwoods.org.uk for details.


Be Inspired
Climbing, photography, activities, day of...




Commonwealth Woods

LEGACY 2014

Get involved | Get active | Be inspired



Being fit and active



Learning new skills

What is there to see at the Commonwealth Woods?
All the woods are special places to visit, whatever the season. Here are some ideas:

Stunning Views
Enjoy wonderful scenery and views over to Dumbarton Rock and the Clyde at Lung Craigs.

Ancient Woods
Walk through the hickhells and see trees that are hundreds of years old at Castlemilk or Drunchapel Woods.

Wildlife
Spot deer, butterflies, wild flower meadows and water-loving birds at Bishop Cuthbert.

Recreation
Get on your bike at Cathkin Burn and take in the panoramic views across the City of Glasgow.

Don't live near a Commonwealth Wood? There are still plenty of other woods you can visit. Find out more at www.visitwoods.org.uk



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Welcome

Welcome to the official website for the Commonwealth Woods, a legacy of the 2014 Commonwealth Games for Glasgow. There are 13 Commonwealth Woods in and around Glasgow. Have a look at the [map](#) to find the one nearest you.

Get Involved: there are loads of free events and activities to enjoy, from tree planting, storytelling, and guided walks.

Get Active: get fit, have fun and enjoy the fresh air.

Be Inspired: Climbing trees, building dens, taking photographs, making art - there are a host of activities that will inspire you to get out there and enjoy the fresh air.

Find out more on the [FAQs](#) page or on our [Facebook](#) page.

The Woodlands Map

Have a look at our map to find out more.

About Us

Read about Commonwealth Woods and the exciting legacy project.

Events

The 13 Commonwealth Woods offer a range of exciting events.

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Castlemilk

These woods run through the heart of the community. Owned by Glasgow City Council, the ancient woodland has a network of well-maintained paths that are popular with locals, especially dog walkers. It's also home to a stunning waterfall, wildlife and spring flowers.



There is plenty to do at this picturesque woodland with loads of events for all ages including toddler walks, guided walks, photography groups and woodland foraging events where you can take your taste buds and discover some of the edible nuts, berries and fungi.

- A number of activities for all ages
- Stunning waterfall
- Attractive path network
- Wildlife
- Spring flowers

Directions

Castlemilk Woodlands, Glasgow, G45 0AZ
The woods can be accessed from Castlemilk Stables on Madras Road. You can also walk into the woods from the Brass Shopping centre by crossing Castlemilk Drive and following the path next to the swimming pool.

Facebook

Follow Castlemilk on Facebook

Events Calendar

Days: September 2013

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The Woods

- Auchenstaggie
- Boden Boe
- Castlemilk
- Carrington
- Cuningor
- Drumchapel
- Easthouse
- Johnstone Woods
- Kilpatrick Hills

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Commonwealth Woods - A Glasgow 2014 Games Legacy Project 21 August '13

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Commonwealth Woods - A Glasgow 2014 Games Legacy Project shared a link. 16 August '13

Commonwealth Wood, Boden Boe, is celebrating the Muslim festival, Eid, with a range of activities for the whole family to take part in this Saturday (17 Aug).

<http://bit.ly/18d52fn>

Eid in the Woods Boden Boe

Commonwealth Wood, Boden Boe, will be hosting Eid in the Woods on Saturday 17th August. Need...

Woodland Games

A fun, team oriented games event designed to celebrate the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games and the Commonwealth Woods Legacy project.

This page contains all the information you need to run your own woodland games - a series of fun sporting related competitions and activities children can do in their local woods.

You can pick activities from the list that follows or even add in a few of your own.

If you don't live near one of the 13 Commonwealth Woods in and around Glasgow there are many more local woodlands that you can use too. Go to www.commonwealthwoods.org.uk to find your nearest one.



Win a chance for your photos to feature in the Commonwealth Woods 2015 official calendar



Photography Competition – 2015 Calendar

- Partnership with Evening Times
- Seasonal campaign
- Print, web and social media
- Tie in with Commonwealth Forestry Association competition

NOBODY KNOWS GLASGOW BETTER Monday September 2 2014 5:18PM TITANS



Calendar honour for your woodland vision

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Awards
 • Best in woodlands forestry
 • Regional forest
 • Knowledge for the future
 • Youth Forestry Excellence Award
 • UK Forestry Excellence Award
 • UK Best Practice

Commonwealth Games 2014
PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION
LEGACY 2014 33rd COMMONWEALTH GAMES SCOTLAND

The CFA is partnering with the Commonwealth Woods, a legacy project for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow to share the diversity of forests throughout the Commonwealth. The competition is open to members and the 20 best photographs will be exhibited in Glasgow during the Games, and will feature on the official Commonwealth Woods website. In addition, the photographer who takes the best photo will be invited to compete for a prize of £1000.

Photographs can depict any aspect of a tree, woodland or forests but we are particularly keen to see images of how people use forests - for production of wood, recreation or for other uses.

Please send your photos to enquiries@forestry.gov.uk. The competition will close on 31st December 2013.

...in the 'Wan to flow' - living birds while Drumschopel

The Forestry Commission has launched a new range of products to celebrate the 33rd Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. The products include a range of Commonwealth Woods merchandise, including a range of Commonwealth Woods merchandise, including a range of Commonwealth Woods merchandise.

Arts Project

First time visits

Music festival

Religious events

Tree planting

Explore the woods

Nik's creative station and Forestry Commission Scotland invites diverse community groups and individuals to a day Explorer Session.

Come and join us for fun filled activities in one of Scotland's beautiful woodlands with Miki Community Art and Community woodland Ranger.

Enjoy woodland walks, crafts, Campfire, food tiding and cooking, Clay fire, woodland games, heron painting, Woodland stories telling session, Animal handling session, Circus skills and loads more.

This is a free event.

Booking essential

For more information please contact: Mike on 01758352898 or email at mike@scotlandscotlandscotland.com

Workshop Plan
Bring your own lunch

September 15, 2013
Where: Castle milk woodlands
Time: 11 am to 3 pm

- Camp Craft skills
- Owl Handling session
- woodland walk
- Woodland craft
- Heron: tattoos
- Treasure Hunt

For more information please contact: Mike on 01758352898 or email at mike@scotlandscotlandscotland.com




Birds of feather flock to... a top work of art

LOCAL AND COUNTRY

A GROUP of more than 90 residents from the Cranhill Development Trust have returned to nature and created a special piece of art that celebrates the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Headed by Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS), the project takes the form of a tree and features national birds, and birds particular to the 14 Commonwealth countries, perched on the branches.

In line with the Cranhill Trust's focus on promoting health and recreation using local woodlands, the trees were created in eight interactive art and craft sessions held with residents at the Cranhill Development Trust, aged six to 60.

The aim will travel round all the Commonwealth Woodlands for museum and display at Commonwealth Community Woodland events.

As well as Scotland's native birds, the Cranhill Development Trust is inspired to make the link between the Games in 2014, but also to highlight that people have created their woodlands on their doorstep and they don't have to travel far to experience them.

"Working with such creative minds such as Lynne, Ismael and Terry, the residents of the Cranhill Development Trust have made these themselves proud and have created a fantastic piece of artwork that will be part of Forestry Commission Scotland's enduring Commonwealth legacy."

Mike Ward, chief executive of the Cranhill Development Trust, said: "It was great getting people involved in the Commonwealth Year project from a range of different backgrounds and ages into the Cranhill Community."

"The project introduced local children into the local woodlands of the Cranhill area. Many of the children were not aware of these woodlands on their doorstep. The Cranhill Development Trust looks forward to continuing making the use of these woodlands through future events organised locally."

The Commonwealth Community Woodland project also visits Forests of Communities in Glasgow as set out in the Commonwealth Games 2014 City Plan.

Legacy plans state that Commonwealth Community Woodlands will provide a range of free local Commonwealth woodland walking trails, tree and art workshops, and art boxes as well as art

Drumming-up support for park interests



STORY TIME: The woodland storytelling tour with Alasdair Taylor



WHAT'S THE STORY: Alasdair Taylor spun some yarns for the enthralled youngsters at the international day event.



FUN TIMES: This young lad was one of the visitors



DRUMMING UP INTEREST: African drumming with Ayawara.



BEST FEET FORWARD: Columbian folk dance performers from Clan Macdonald

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- Dedicated Walking Development officer
- Walking map development
- Led walk programme – including various themes
- Volunteer development
- Medal routes





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Sharing a passion for the outdoors

Published on: Monday 5th August 2013

Newly recruited Rosalyn Mills, Walking Development Officer for the Commonwealth Woods, tells us about her role and why it's important to make the most of your local wood.

My job with the Commonwealth Woods is about much more than walking. I'm raising awareness of a network of 13 woods by promoting a wide range of physical activities that people can enjoy outdoors, from walking to cycling or just enjoying a picnic.

Following the excitement of the London Olympics and the build up to the 2014 Commonwealth Games, it's such a great time to be part of a project like this.

At the Commonwealth Woods, we're organising a range of community events and activities such as family fun days, guided walks and arts projects. It's a great way to become familiar with your local wood in a safe environment for free.

I'm working with local residents, schools and community groups to raise awareness of these events and to create new activities. It's also about encouraging people to embrace their local woods everyday, whether it's a place to walk your dog, take a short-cut to the shops or go for a run.

I've always had a real passion and interest in the outdoors which I want to share with others. Woods are great natural play areas and have so much potential for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy them. And just getting outdoors is good for your health and general wellbeing.

I'd encourage everyone to explore not just the Commonwealth Woods, but the local woods and green spaces on their doorstep and find out what the outdoors can offer!

For more information on Rosalyn's role, please click <http://www.nathforall.org.uk/dfs/staff-profile/rosalyn-mills.html>

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- Woodland Games developed
- Hosted by the Games mascot Clyde
- 4 schools and over 100 children competed
- Activity sheet and kit available for schools to run their own
- Cycling and storytelling tour of the woodlands



- Further develop the role of the network: communication, events, increase online input
- Seek out media opportunities: events , features, opinion
- Grow online & social media presence: website, facebook, twitter networks, flickR, guest blogs
- Photography competition: walking workshops, autumn shortlist and promotion, winter editorial and local media push , exhibition
- Ongoing communications & marketing support: twinning, new events, new woods, partnership opportunities
- Re-visit market research: March 2014/15

