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A trail of treasure and discovery



Ealain Coille Airceig
Arkaig Forest Art



RESTORATION

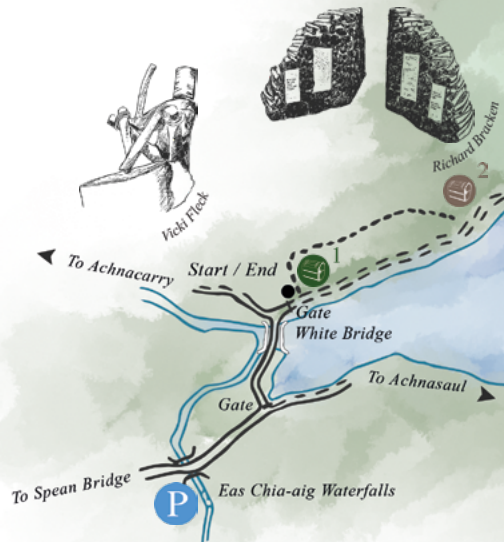
A poem by Leonie Charlton

Path makers – deer hooves and Dougie’s mattock –
your invitations to feel the ground give.

Osprey wings cross hemispheres, talons ignite water
Scots pines – rooted in rock – shape hidden skylines.



Chiselled by birdsong, deadwood rots, yields
see how dark-eyed deer run, how seed decides



Sense the forest – (in)visible, ancient – purr underfoot
Oak, how she has your back, imagine having hers.



Back there, Simon, and Tarzan - his feathered horse –
made art of extraction. Here, an Úruisg makes magic.



Dig like a boar, rootle, make mess – disturb! Turn over
until you are giddy. Look through moss-tinted eyes.

Trees, taking their time, draw us into the long tide
whole futures inhale, spore, take to dappled skies.

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Arkaig Forest Art Trail

Find the lost treasure caskets amidst art works along the trail. Discover myths of the past, pressures of the present, and ambitions for future restoration. Return and complete the trail in parts or bring a picnic and do it all.

The route is strenuous due to the total length; however, paths are mostly a gentle gradient with short moderate inclines.

The main path is a flat, level, firm gravel path with short narrow sections off the path to the caskets and art works that are earthy, uneven and often muddy.



7.5 miles / 12 km
Allow 4 hours walking or 1.5 hours by bike (including stops)

Together the sculptures, treasure trail, and audio trail create a series of community collaborative art works highlighting the past, present and future of

Find out more



Before your visit scan the QR code to download the Loch Arkaig Pine Forest app for the audio trail and much more including information on wildlife, folklore, and restoration.

Share your finds with #Arkaigtreasure #Ulaidh

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ULAIDH | TREASURE

Explore the forest with this map to find the Jacobite treasure amidst art works on the trail.

According to legend, seven caskets of gold coins are hidden along Loch Arkaig side. Sent on Spanish galleons to aid the Jacobite cause of 1745, only one casket was ever found.

There is an unveiling of forest stories as the treasure caskets are discovered - myths, natural history, clanship, and culture are brought to life when the map is placed within the embossing press.

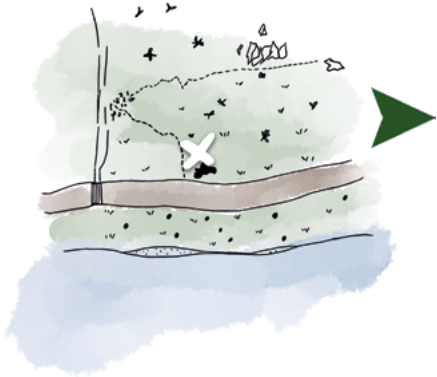
Use the circles as a guide and press firmly to reveal the treasure.

The forest is also full of natural treasures, what else can be found and placed within the caskets?

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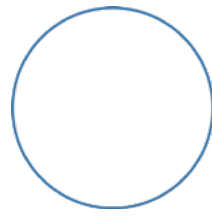
Follow the green arrows to the casket



Darach Daingean Laidir |
Strong Steadfast Oak

Chequered skipper butterfly, unique to this area, acorns and oak leaves, the crest of the clan Cameron.

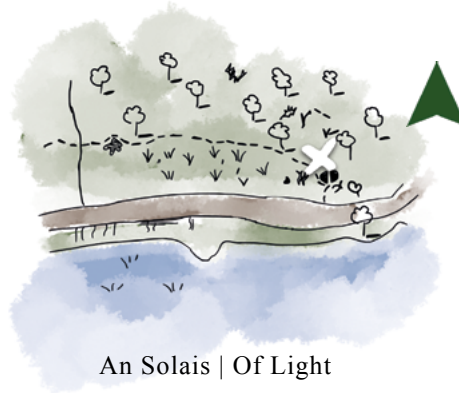
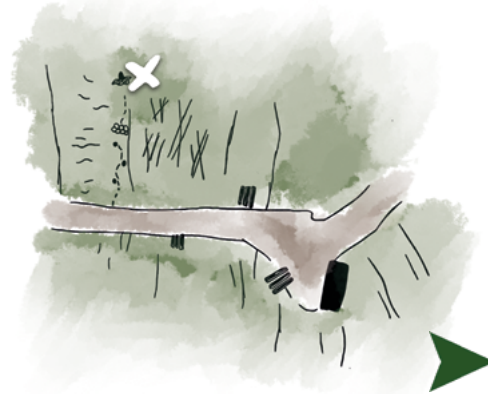
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ExFaghaid nam Fiadh | Chasing the Deer

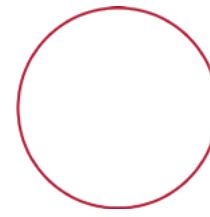
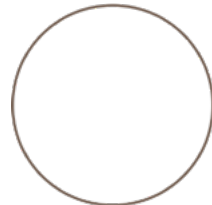
Two symbols of strength, antlers from red deer and ash leaves.



An Solais | Of Light

Vetermising (aging) of large beech trees allows native tree species to flourish. Scots pine cone with beech leaves.

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Pasgan | Bundle

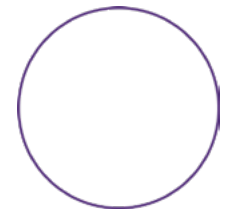
A bundle of sticks represents strength in numbers, clanship. Lichen and birch leaves illustrate the biodiversity of the forest.



Ùruisg an Easa-Bhuidhe
Brownie of the Golden Waterfall

A creature with goat horns, a witch transforms into a hare with one blue eye, rowan leaves and berries represent superstitions.

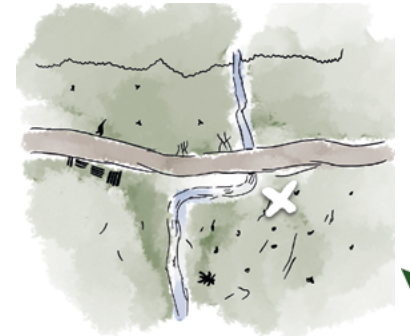
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Giuthas | Scots Pine
Iolair Iasgaich | Osprey

A bundle of sticks represents strength in numbers, clanship. Lichen and birch leaves illustrate the biodiversity of the forest.



Mo Làmh Gheal Cheann |
My Hand Beneath Your Head

Loyalty, love, and care for the land, a Scots pine reborn from the charred remains of another.

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