

## **Addendum; a summary of why Rothiemurchus is special:**

- Total extent: 7,435 hectares
- ‘High ground’ area covers 5,007 hectares that reaches the summit of Braeriach at 1296m.
- ‘Low ground’ area covers 2,428 hectares from 210m above mean sea level on the River Spey to 450m on Pityoulish hill and 500m on Kennapole hill.
- EU Habitats and Species Directive Natura 2000 sites cover 6,121 hectares (Cairngorms SAC & SPA &
- River Spey SAC, also Cairngorms Massif SPA).
- Four Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) cover 6,135 hectares (82% of the total estate area) (Cairngorms, Northern Corries, North Rothiemurchus Pinewoods and River Spey).
- 100% within the Cairngorms National Park.
- 100% within the Cairngorms National Scenic Area.
- Loch Einich & Loch Coire an Lochan within the Cairngorm Lochs Ramsar site (A Ramsar Site is a wetland site designated of international importance under the 1971 UNESCO Convention on Wetlands, known as the Ramsar Convention.)
- Recorded archaeological sites total 158; 4 of which are Scheduled Ancient Monuments.
- Doune Designed Landscape covers 522 hectares.
- Naturally regenerating native woodland (native pine/birch/juniper) covers 1,063 hectares, including 3.9 hectares of montane woodland / montane scrub, 58 hectares of bog woodland (muskeg) with an additional 577 hectares of open ground for gradual, long-term regeneration to forest.
- Conifer plantation covers 209 hectares, most of which is native species.
- Designated core paths extend to 20.5 kilometres with an additional 2.3km of waymarked path and 1.2km of promoted hill path.
- In 1976 the Ranger Service was Scotland’s first to be established on a private estate, and is still going strong today.
- Recorded bird species total 173.
- Recorded mammal species total 28.
- Approximately 150 wild red deer and perhaps 100 roe deer; a population level that enables woodland regeneration targets to be met.
- An estimated 300,000 to 380,000 day visits per year by members of the public.
- Visitor activities (as set out on our website [www.rothie.co.uk](http://www.rothie.co.uk)), retail outlets and visitor accommodation contribute financially to the care of the environment.
- Employed staff (full-time equivalent) number 30 to 40 supported by 10 to 20 seasonal staff and other staff employed by partner visitor activity businesses