

Ullapool Hill is a part of Rhidorroch Estate, where the business involves agriculture, fishing, deer stalking and tourism. The wildlife and its habitats are important to the estate's management, through, for example, a programme of re-stocking the river with salmon fry and managing the deer population.

Rhidorroch Glen is home to one of the most North Westerly native pinewoods which once covered a much larger area. The pine trees planted on Ullapool Hill and others in the glen were grown from seed collected from the Rhidorroch remnant of Caledonian Forest. Seedlings from other native trees such as Birch, Alder and Rowan have been collected in the glen and planted on the hill. In this way some of the native woodlands lost over the centuries are being restored.

In 1773 the ship Hector sailed from Lochbroom carrying people from the area to a new life in Pictou, Nova Scotia. Examples of some of the trees they would have seen on their arrival in Canada have been planted by children of Ullapool High School. This was part of a research project they carried out making contact with Pictou on the Internet. In the past Ullapool Hill was used for grazing

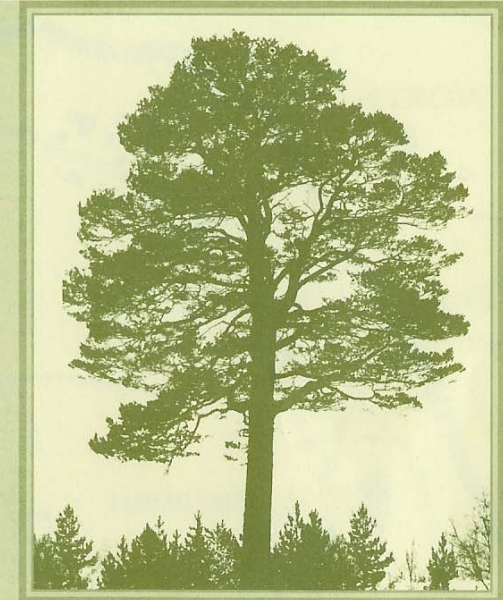
the village cattle. More recently sheep have grazed there but they have since been removed to allow for woodland restoration. The remains of two lime kilns, dating back to the 1840s, can be seen near the path.

Tree planting and the network of paths has involved the local community through a management group. This has stimulated ideas such as the mountain indicator board and provided guidance on work to be undertaken. This work which is being funded through the Forestry Commission Woodland Grant Scheme includes path works, benches, leaflets and signs, as well as the tree planting.

It is advised that strong footwear is worn along with suitable outdoor clothing and that dogs are kept under control. Please stay on the paths to avoid erosion and disturbance to wildlife. We hope you enjoy your walk and experience the magnificent views, weather permitting.

Tha sinn an dochus sibh fhaicinn a rithist
(We hope to see you again)

ULLAPOOL HILL



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