

CAPERCAILLIE CONSERVATION

The capercaillie, the UK's largest grouse species, faces a serious risk of disappearing from Scotland. In response, conservation organisations have launched the Capercaillie Emergency Plan 2025–2030, led by the Cairngorms National Park Authority and NatureScot.

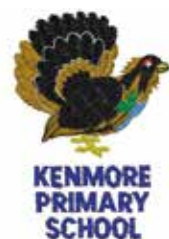


The strategy focuses on habitat restoration, reducing disturbance during breeding seasons, predator management, and community engagement across the Cairngorms - the species' last remaining stronghold.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Public support and awareness are considered vital to securing the future of this iconic Highland bird.

Further information on conservation efforts can be found through the RSPB Capercaillie Conservation Programme. Scan the QR code to donate to the RSPB.



Kenmore Primary School would like to thank the parent council, SSE Renewables and Taymouth Castle for supporting this project.

CAPERCAILLIE FACTS

1. In 1837, Lord Breadalbane 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 on the front page
for further trail information and to
leave feedback.



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 16 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!



www.explorekenmore.co.uk/capercaillie-trail





PHONE BOX - EXPLORE KENMORE

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.

1 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/P5VNU8h9SU5EY73x6>

KENMORE KIRK

The first church on this site was built in the 16th century, it was entirely rebuilt in 1760 by the 3rd Earl of Breadalbane. The Kirk is set to become a community and event space, having been sold to a newly formed local trust in 2026. The Kirk features a lychgate erected in 1902 in commemoration of Queen Victoria and some remarkable 18th century carved stones. For news on the project scan the link.

2 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/yxT6ynFgrSBQf1uL8>

★ These Capercaillie locations involve strenuous walking with moderate inclines

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!

3 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/vS7CoeZwCaYqGwXy8>

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?

4 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/AJG7yvSLfmcPSgW8>

PLAYPARK, PAVILLION

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

5 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/MQ3viRSTbRkVzVao9>

KENMORE BEACH PUBLIC TOILETS

Kenmore Beach public toilets are maintained by Taymouth Castle Estate; and are open from 10am to 4pm daily. Look out for nearby maps, showing walking routes in and around the estate.

6 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/riYSUBfwBwQiZfAS9>

KENMORE BEACH CAR PARK

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 website for further information and safety advice.

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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!

8 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.

9 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 17thC. Follow the blue trail from the car park.

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

VILLAGE SHOP

The Kenmore Village Shop is a historic, rejuvenated, licensed community outlet located in the square and operated by Ballintaggart, selling coffees, pastries, necessities & fresh produce.

11 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/ZY1HBw3LXK7e1TJ86#>

TAYMOUTH COURTYARD SHOP & DELI

Open 7 days a week, offering a variety of gifts and local produce - including ice creams, baked goods, meats and cheeses, jams and chutneys; also superb Loch Tay soft fudge - which is produced onsite.

12 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gV8Ga81N9xAbdNXu5>

KENMORE BAKERY & ROB ROY PIT STOP

Voted Best Bakery in Scotland 2024, the Mitchell family’s high-quality produce includes traditional black bun, scrumptious strawberry tarts, tasty whisky tablet, melt in the mouth miller’s crunch & shortbread.

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MAINS OF TAYMOUTH COUNTRY ESTATE & GOLF COURSE

Luxury self-catering experience with stunning views for that perfect rural getaway. Fantastic onsite facilities including Perthshire’s finest 9-hole golf course. Family & pet friendly luxury properties many with hot tubs, saunas and enclosed gardens.

14 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/8pAJxYaCaaHcfXpeA>

KARELIA HOUSE FABRIC & YARN

A destination for those who appreciate the very best in yarns and fabrics. Just two miles east of Kenmore, our crafter’s paradise offers a carefully curated selection of quality materials alongside home baking and light lunches, all set within beautiful picturesque surroundings. Would you like to make more of your stay - then there is the luxury of Karelia Lodge.

15 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/bDdxB6Yidi2i6FTA7>

THE SCOTTISH CRANNOG CENTRE

Explore the museum which holds nationally significant ancient artefacts, and Iron Age village, constructed from locally sourced materials, showcasing traditional craftsmanship with fascinating hands-on activities. Open daily 10am to 5pm, for guided tours, various workshops, delicious local treats and Glen Lyon coffee at our café.

16 <https://maps.app.goo.gl/gECYD3ZHA5xADkpL7>