

## About your forest

### Carrifran Wildwood

Carrifran Wildwood is a bold initiative in ecological restoration, spearheaded by the Wildwood Group. The idea is to re-create an extensive tract of wild and largely forested land, evoking the pristine countryside of six thousand years ago. Once again there will be a home for Scottish trees, flowers, birds, mammals and insects that for centuries have been almost excluded from these denuded hills. Access will be open to all, and it is hoped that the Wildwood will be used throughout the next millennium as an inspiration and an educational resource.

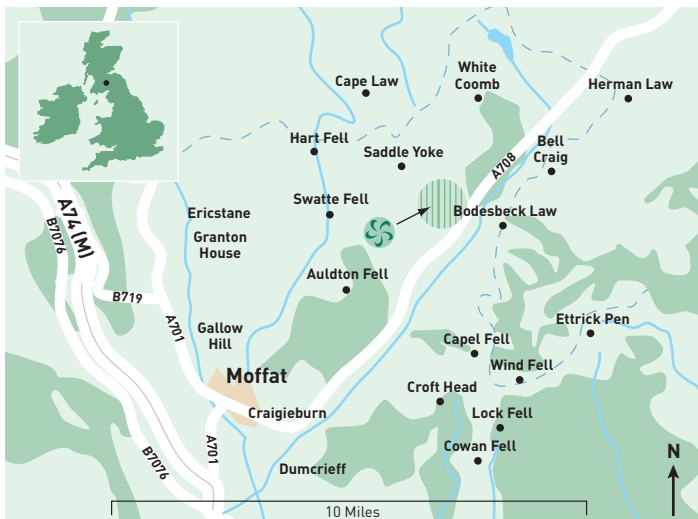
Carrifran is a 1600 acre valley in the hills between Moffat and Peebles. The site has been in the process of restoration since 2000 and Future Forests is proud to have been a contributor to the site since the first year of planting.

Birch, alder and willow are the main species at Wildwood. Seeds for all the trees are collected by members of the group and most of the young trees are grown by commercial nurseries and purchased by Borders Forest Trust (BFT) when needed. Small numbers of trees, mainly of the scarcer species, are propagated by volunteers.

Future Forests is a co-investor in Wildwood with a number of other parties. In particular the tree stock has been funded by the David Stevenson Trust, without whose support it would have been impossible to proceed so rapidly with the restoration of Carrifran valley.



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### Directions to the Woodland

Leave the M74 at the Moffat exit, taking the A701 eastwards into the town. At the nearest (south) end of Moffat High Street turn right on the A708, to Selkirk for 6 miles passing Capplehill Farm. Cross a bridge and keep on through open country for nearly two more miles, finally crossing a bridge over the Carrifran Burn on a sharp right hand bend. Carrifran valley is on your left. A gated car park is 50 metres uphill on your left.

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