



Majestic old Beech field boundary, West Forth Woodland



Heathland Loch, Heathland Forest



The Old Stores, Wilsontown Ironworks



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We hope you enjoy using this map and leaflet to explore the countryside around Forth.

With the varied choice of short walks and longer rambles it is easy to explore this interesting area and enjoy all it has to offer. Take a walk through quiet woodlands, by rivers and babbling burns, through grasslands buzzing with insect life or to a secluded loch or pond. There are many spots to stop and take in the views or just enjoy the wildlife round about you, whether it is a buzzard soaring above or a butterfly fluttering by.

Forth and the nearby villages have strong links to past mining activities which means that there is a lot of hidden heritage to be discovered in this rolling landscape.

The village of Forth is set in spectacular scenery on an area of high ground about 7 miles north of Lanark. On clear days there are breathtaking views to the Pentland Hills, Scottish Borders and the edge of the Southern Uplands, with the unmistakable Tinto Hill towering above the surrounding landscape.

# FORTH

## WELCOME

The Forth Access Group is made up of various organisations and interested individuals from the Forth area. Formed in 1999, the Group was set up to develop paths through newly planted woodlands to the south and west of Forth. The Group's remit has since broadened to improving access to the whole countryside around Forth.

2002 saw the first improvements completed on the ground with a new bridge for the Wilsontown Ironworks. In 2003 various paths were constructed in Forestry Commission Scotland woodlands and there are plans for future access improvements throughout the area.

This map will help you explore the many tracks and trails around Forth.



Members of the local community and the Forth Access Group open a new bridge, Wilsontown Ironworks, December 2002.



## TO FIND OUT MORE

Please contact Heather Macleod, Chair of the Forth Access Group, Chatelherault Country Park, Ferniegair, Hamilton, ML3 7UE. Tel: 01698 426213



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A guide to the walks in and around

# FORTH



- The Glen  0.8 Km  
1/2 mile
- Quality Row  1.2 Km  
3/4 mile
- Rab's Path  1.5 Km  
1 mile
- Hie Dyke Path  1.6 Km  
1 mile
- Peat Pond Path  2.0 Km  
1 1/4 miles
- Tom's Trail  2.9 Km  
1 1/2 miles

○ Non-waymarked route  
 Routes may have uneven surfaces that can get muddy at times, and there are gradients in certain places. Ground conditions are too wet for horses on non-recommended routes. For further information on the condition of the routes please contact the Chair of the Forth Access Group.

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| EASY<br>sensible footwear         | EASY<br>muscle loosener      |
| MODERATE<br>waterproof footwear   | MODERATE<br>muscle stretcher |
| STRENUOUS<br>hillwalking footwear | STRENUOUS<br>muscle builder  |

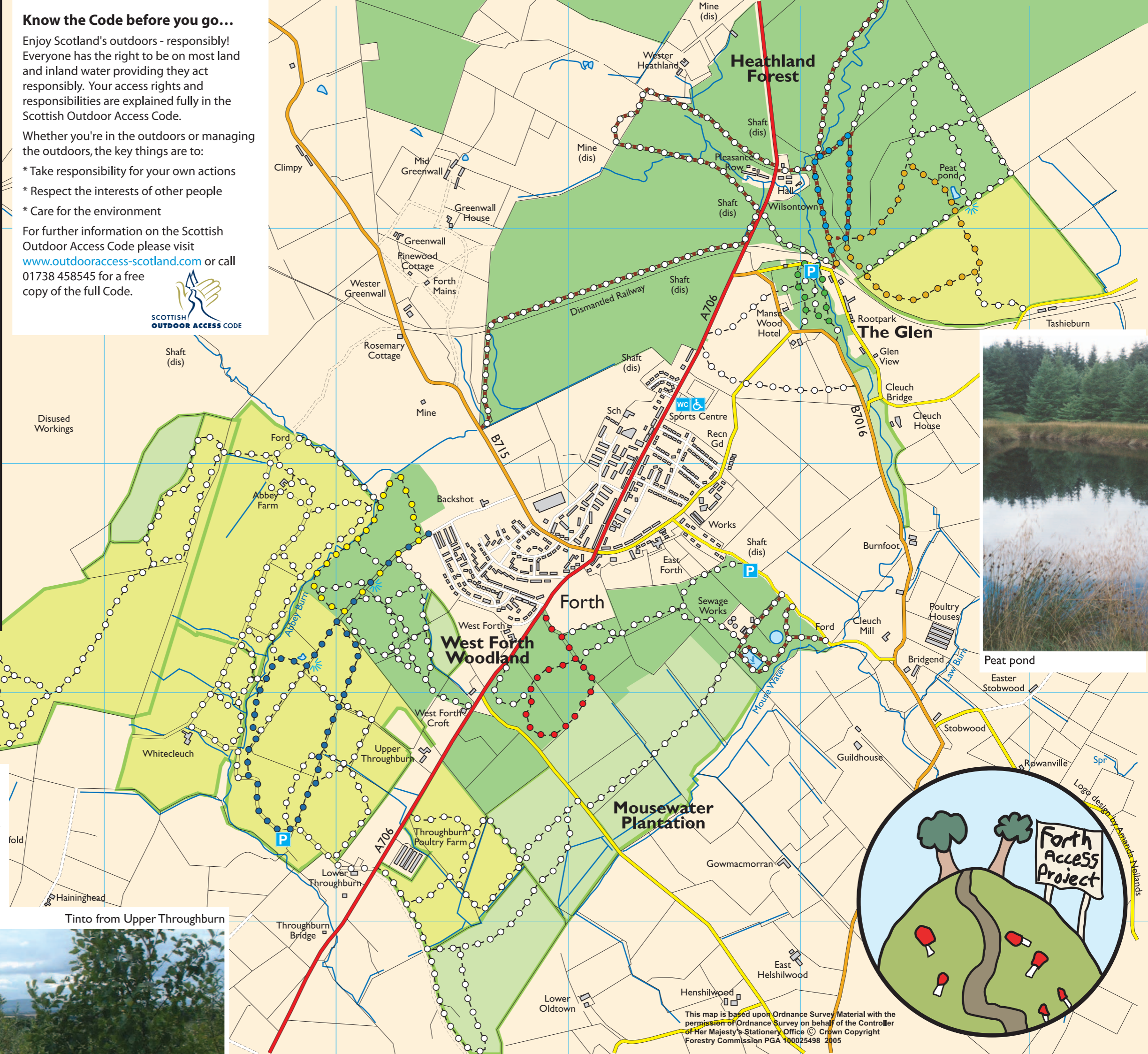
- railway lines, farm tracks and made up paths
- responsible cycle and horse access welcomed where ground conditions permit
- Central Scotland Challenge Fund woodland
- Other mixed woodland
- Forestry Commission Scotland woodland

**Know the Code before you go...**

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors - responsibly! Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

- Whether you're in the outdoors or managing the outdoors, the key things are to:
- \* Take responsibility for your own actions
  - \* Respect the interests of other people
  - \* Care for the environment

For further information on the Scottish Outdoor Access Code please visit [www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com) or call 01738 458545 for a free copy of the full Code.



Peat pond

- GUARD** against all risk of fire.
- PROTECT** trees, plants and wildlife.
- LEAVE** things as you find them, take nothing away.
- KEEP** dogs under proper control.
- AVOID** damaging buildings, fences, hedges, walls and signs. **LEAVE** no litter.

Tinto from Upper Throughburn



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