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Much of the appeal for people visiting Cogra Moss is the setting created by the dam and the reservoir now no longer used to supply drinking water.



Walking around the reservoir is a popular pastime. Although some sections of the path are very boggy.



The reservoir is a favourite place for local anglers and many who visit and stay at the nearby caravan sites



The reservoir is frequented by a number of species of bird including grebe and geese.



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Much of the land owned by the Forestry Commission is open fell and heath land including Blakefell and its screes.



The heath land on Blakefell includes species such as Cowberry.



The views from the top of Blakefell attract many people including a couple of fell running events.



In the valley bottom around the reservoir a number of wet habitats can be found. Recent harvesting has provided the opportunity to remove the conifer from some of these areas..



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Much of the forest grows productive timber such as spruce some of which has been thinned and would benefit from further thinning into the future.



Larch is also a feature of the forest and brings Autumn colours, more open views and species diversity.



Harvesting of the steep slopes is challenging requiring the construction of tracks which once restocking has established will become less visible.



The harvesting of windblown Lodgepole pine on steep slopes needs prioritising before the timber becomes worthless and impractical to harvest.



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Native broadleaf planting in 2005 is establishing well, occasional conifer regeneration will be removed where it dominates.



Cogra Moss is home to a range of wildlife including badgers, here a sett is inspected for signs of recent use.



Cogra Moss provides a home to Red Squirrels which are enjoyed by visitors and need considering when planning harvesting and restocking.



The forest is home to a number of raptor species. In 2008 two Buzzard chicks were ringed to enable monitoring of their use of the forest.

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