

**LOCHABER  
VISITOR SURVEY  
2000**



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## **INTRODUCTION**

The survey is being carried out in Lochaber District is part of a wider survey being carried out on Forest Enterprise ground in the year 2000.

Lochaber District have chosen two sites to be surveyed. The sites chosen are Leanachan and Inch Righ. The reasons for the survey are varied but are underpinned by the firm belief that Lochaber have excellent recreation facilities with room for enhancement and development. With the increase in both leisure time and disposable income more visitors are coming to see the rugged landscape of the west coast. Here in Lochaber we have the added benefit of having Ben Nevis as a focal point. It is our hope that we will provide for all types of leisure seeker from the very active mountain biker to the casual walker. It is for this reason that we wish to survey visitors in our district, to ensure what we are providing is what the visitors want. We would also like to get an insight into the type of visitor that is coming to the area. This would enable us to target the visitor correctly. In addition the survey will show if we are getting the standards right and to ensure our maintenance schedule is working.

### **Leanachan Forest**

This area is currently being developed for cycling. There are routes that suit all ranges of competence from the novice/family routes to the more energetic. The forest has three main start points, all of which can be accessed from the A82. The focal point will be the Anoch Mor car park where most visitors will enter from. The survey will allow for a good intermediate feed back on the investment that has been made in the forest. It will also allow us to see if by actively promoting cycling we are losing the walkers. The Trail Quest project is FE lead, where as the Down-hill segment is lead by Nevis range and cycle club. The entire forest block of some 3000ha has been utilised to give a huge variety of routes and give the visitor a sense of solitude.

The survey will help us in the following way in Leanachan.

- Has the visitor enjoyed their walk?
- Has the visit been safe (integration of bikes and walkers)?
- Is the signage adequate?
- Will the visitor return for another walk?
- How successful is the integration of cyclist and walkers been?
- Should we promote Leanachan for walking as well?

Leanachan had a cycle survey carried out recently and this will give us information on whether the balance has been made between cycling and walking.

### **Inch Righ**

This quiet location is our southern threshold walking facility and is very understated by many. Due to erosion the first of two walks, the Waterfall walk, was closed for a short period before upgrading took place. Over a very short period we have noticed a marked increase in usage since the upgrade and we would like to see why this is and what else we can do to continue the success. The car park also allows access to the Wades walk, which is a longer walk with some superb views. This walk will require some upgrading in the near future and the survey will help to target the work required as well as give us feed back on work on going.

This site is very important being a threshold and as such we must get it right as it sets the standard throughout the district.

The survey is targeted for this facility as we can use the information to address other facilities. We hope to gain the following from the survey on this site.

- Typical site – will give us information to put towards all sites.
- Do the visitors use other facilities?
- What quality of path is acceptable to visitors?
- Where should we target further funds?
- Do we need interpretation boards and if so what should we put on them?
- How useful is the ‘Discover the forests of Lochaber’ leaflet?
- What rating is given by visitors on the upkeep of sites?

The survey from this site will give us a much better understanding of the visitors to this area and what we have to do to improve/ enhance our visitor provision.

### **Lochaber Forest District**

## SUMMARY

This report provides results from a visitor survey that took place in Lochaber Forest District. A total of 180 questionnaires were completed, 92 at Inch Righ and 88 at Leanachan.

Just over a third of the groups consisted of 2 people, and there was an average of 2.5 people per group. 99 % of groups included adults aged between 25-59 years, 18 % included senior citizens, 17 % included young adults aged 16-24 years, and 22 % of groups included children. 30 % of all groups had dogs with them. 23 % of groups at Leanachan and 3 % of groups at Inch Righ had bicycles with them.

64 % of the respondents were holidaymakers. Camping and caravanning was the most popular form of overnight accommodation. Other visitors stayed in guest-houses or self catering accommodation.

88 % of respondents had travelled less than 15 miles to the sites that day. Most groups had travelled by car or van, and others had travelled by bicycle, public transport, or on foot.

Around half of respondents had visited the sites before. Of those who had visited the woodland before, many at Leanachan visit more than once a week, but many at Inch Righ visit less often than three times a year.

Visitors to the sites had either always known about the site, or found out from a local guide book, map, or from the road signs.

Most visitors came to the sites for walking (with or without a dog). However at Leanachan visitors also came to cycle (23 %) or to use the Gondola.

Visitors at Inch Righ stayed an average of 1.5 hours, and those at Leanachan stayed a longer time (2.7 hours).

Around half the visitors to Inch Righ had used the Falls walk, and half had used the Wades walk. The path quality and waymarking was rated as good or very good. A third of the visitors to Leanachan had used the River walk, the waymarking being rated good or OK, and the path quality good or very good.

Information boards and carparks were rated good or very good, and road signs good or OK at Inch Righ. At Leanachan most facilities were rated good or OK, although the car park was rated more highly.

Only very few visitors at Leanachan were worried about the integration of cyclists and walkers. Around half of the cyclists were aware of the forest cycle code, 42 % had used an FC cycle map, 5 % an FC cycle leaflet, and 5 % had used both. The trail condition was rated good or very good, and the waymarking good or OK.

Woodland management was rated as good a large number of visitors at each site.

## LOCHABER VISITOR SURVEY 2000

The Inverness Visitor Survey ran in July and August 2000. A total of 180 interviews were carried out, 92 at Inch Righ and 88 at Leanachan (Table 1).

**Table 1: Number of interviews completed at each site**

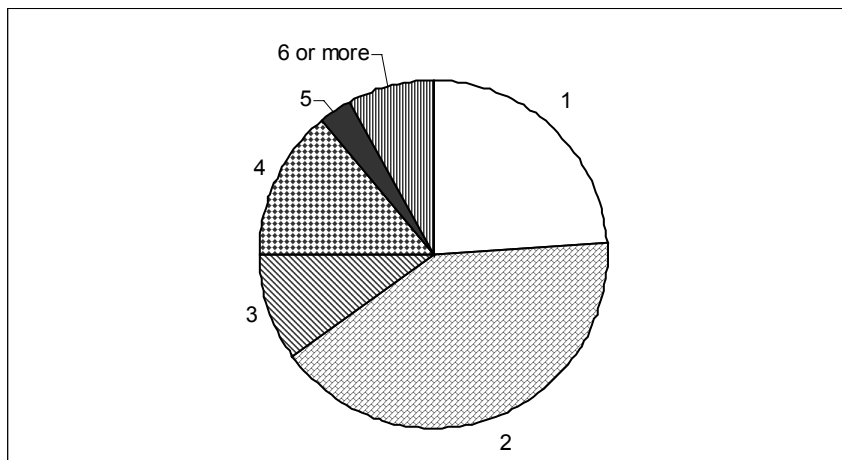
	Number of interviews
Inch Righ	92
Leanachan	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>

### Group Composition

There were a total of 481 visitors in the 180 groups interviewed. There was an equal split of male and female visitors (53 % of all visitors were male).

More than a third of groups (41 %) included 2 people, and one quarter contained 1 person (Figure 1). There were more lone visitors at Leanachan (33 %), and more groups of 2 people at Inch Righ (55 %). Excluding groups of 10 or more, there were on average 2.5 people per group.

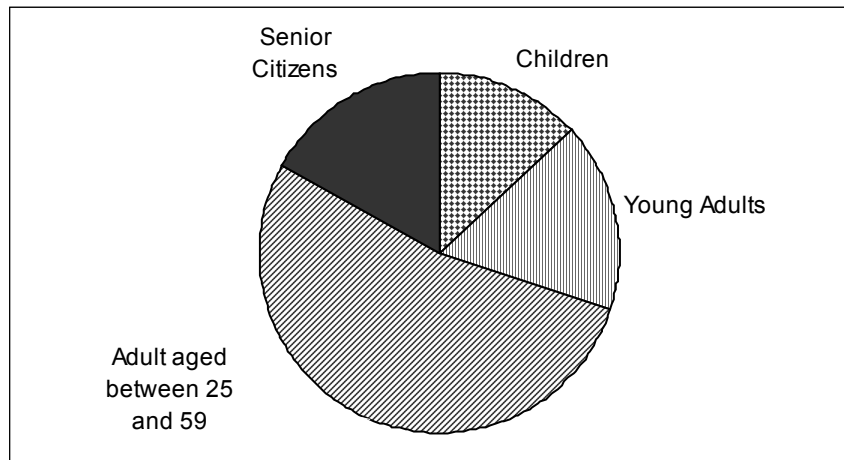
**Figure 1: Size of groups visiting the 2 Lochaber District sites**



The majority of groups visiting the site contained adults aged between 25-59 years, and 22 % of groups had children with them. 19 % of groups included young adults and 18 % included senior citizens.

In terms of total visitors, adults aged between 25-59 years accounted for over half (53 %) of all visitors. 17 % of all visitors were children, 17 % young adults and 13 % were senior citizens (Figure 2).

**Figure 2: Age of visitors at the 2 Lochaber District sites**

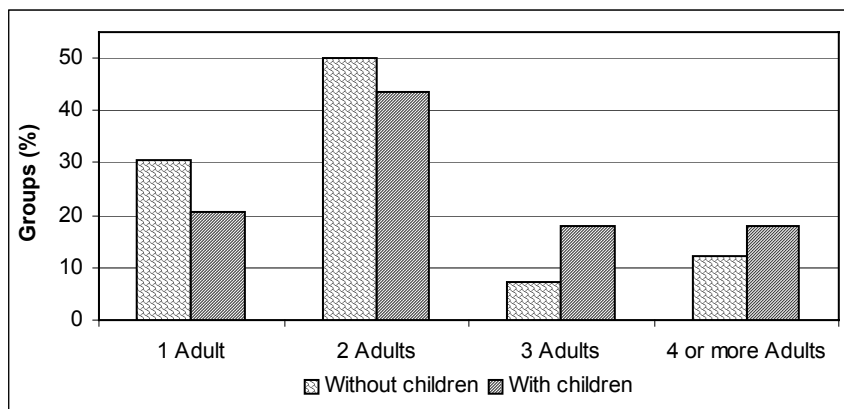


**Groups with children**

A large number of groups (78 %) didn't have any children with them. Half of the groups without children consisted of two adults.

The remaining 22 % of groups were with children. Most of these groups were accompanied by two adults (44 %) or one adult (20 %). See Figure 3.

**Figure 3: The number of adults in each group with and without children**



## Groups with dogs and bicycles

At the two sites in the Forest District, 30 % of all groups had dogs with them, with a larger percentage of dog-walkers at Inch Righ (36 %). At Leanachan, 23 % of the groups were on, or had a bike with them, whereas at Inch Righ only 3 % had a bike.

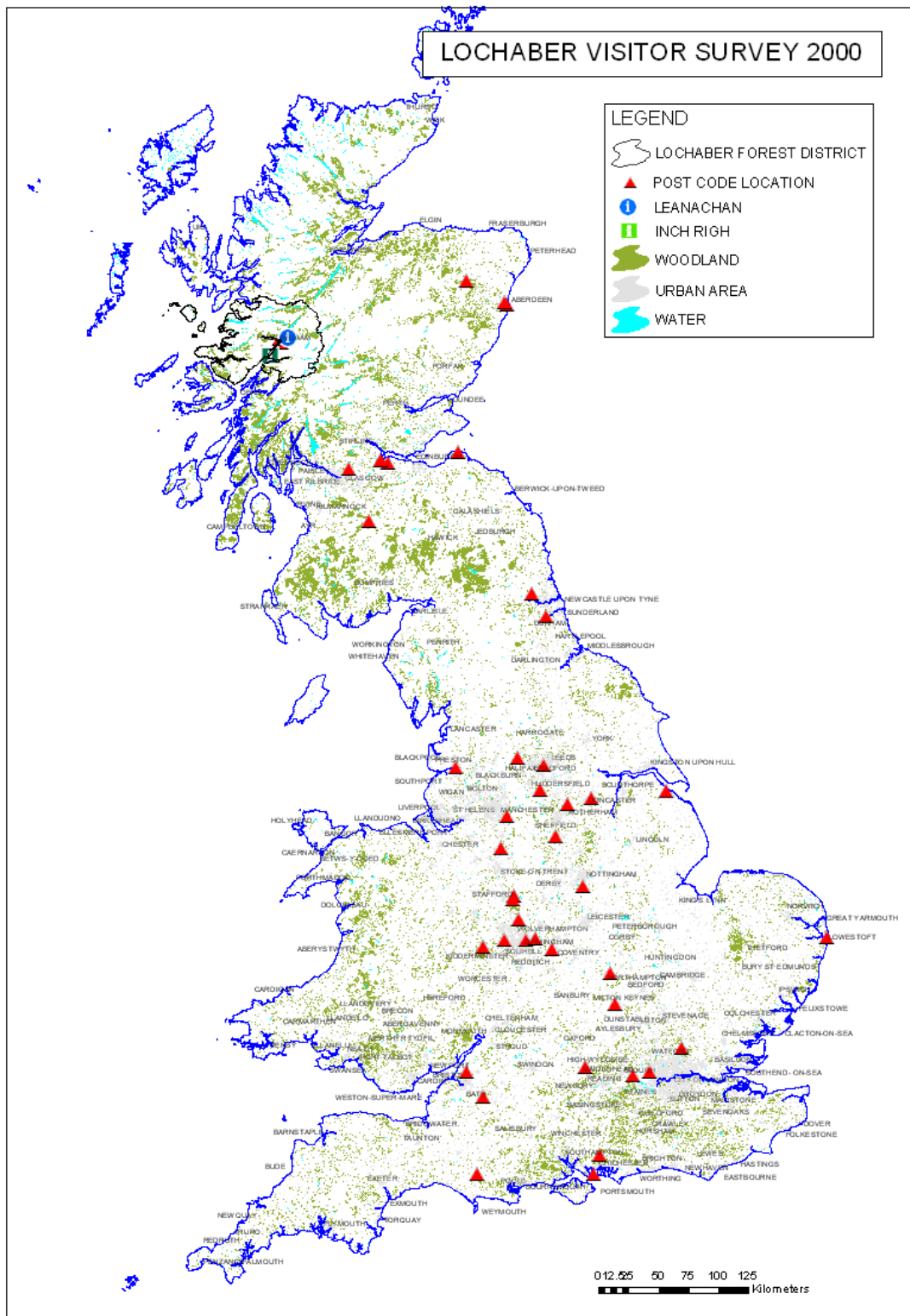
## Visitor Origin

Table 2 shows the origin of visitors, based on the home postcodes and town/ country names supplied. Just over a third of the visitors were from Scotland, one third were from other parts of Britain, and just under a third were from overseas.

**Table 2: Origin of visitors to the Lochaber Forest District**

Region	Percentage of respondents
Scotland	47
Other GB	41
Overseas	12
<b>All respondents</b>	<b>100% (=164)</b>

Figure 4 on the next page shows the origin of the GB visitors who gave a valid postcode. Visitors' homes were widely spread throughout the whole of England and Scotland.



**Figure 4: Map indicating the origin of visitors to the Lochaber sites from GB, who gave a valid postcode**

## Visitor Profile

All of those interviewed were asked to provide their full home postcode.

Each of these postcodes was assigned an “ACORN” code. The Acorn classification was created using cluster analysis of the 1991 Population Census to divide almost all postcodes in 54 “types”. These types can be aggregated into 17 “groups” and the groups into 6 broad “categories” (A to F). Addresses in postcodes within any “type” will therefore tend to have a lot in common and can be given a label which describes the typical member of that “type”, e.g. “Wealthy suburbs, large detached houses”. Postcodes are reassigned ACORN codes each year to ensure that demographic changes since 1991 are accurately represented.

The table below shows the proportion of valid postcodes from the survey that fall into each group. This is then compared to the overall GB population using an index, to look for similarities and differences between the two. An index greater than 100 implies that more than the average number of people from that category are visiting the Forest District.

Table 3 shows that there are much more than the average number of groups visiting the District who are classified as ‘White Collar Workers, Better-off Multi-Ethnic Areas’ (E12) and ‘Affluent Greys, Rural Communities’ (A2), compared to the composition of GB as a whole.

**Table 3: Acorn coded postcodes of visitors to the Inverness Forest District**

Acorn group	GB Population Base	Survey	Index
<b>A1</b> Wealthy Achievers, Suburbia	15.0%	18.0%	120
<b>A2</b> Affluent Greys, Rural Communities	2.1%	4.0%	190
<b>A3</b> Prosperous Pensioners, Retirement Areas	2.5%	0.0%	0
<b>B4</b> Affluent Executives, Family Areas	4.4%	6.0%	136
<b>B5</b> Well-off Workers, Family Areas	7.3%	10.0%	137
<b>C6</b> Affluent Urbanites, Town & City Areas	2.6%	2.0%	77
<b>C7</b> Prosperous Professionals, Metropolitan Areas	2.0%	2.0%	100
<b>C8</b> Better-off Executives, Inner City Areas	4.0%	0.0%	0
<b>D9</b> Comfortable Middle Agers, Mature Home Owning Areas	13.0%	18.0%	138
<b>D10</b> Skilled Workers, Home Owning Areas	12.7%	16.0%	126
<b>E11</b> New Home Owners, Mature Communities	8.1%	6.0%	74
<b>E12</b> White Collar Workers, Better-off Multi-Ethnic Areas	4.0%	8.0%	200
<b>F13</b> Older People, Less Prosperous Areas	3.2%	4.0%	125
<b>F14</b> Council Estate residents, Better-off Homes	11.2%	4.0%	36
<b>F15</b> Council Estate residents, High Unemployment	3.0%	2.0%	67
<b>F16</b> Council Estate residents, Greatest Hardship	2.5%	0.0%	0
<b>F17</b> People in Multi-Ethnic, Low Income Areas	2.1%	0.0%	0
<b>U</b> Unclassified	0.2%	0.0%	0

## Type of Visitor

A large majority of visitors to the two Lochaber Forest District sites (64 %) were holidaymakers. A further 32 % lived locally (within 15 miles of the site), and very few visitors were on a day trip from home (4 %).

There was a higher proportion of holidaymakers at Inch Righ (73 %), and slightly more locals visiting Leanachan (40 %). See Figure 5.

**Figure 5: The type of visitor at each site in the Lochaber District**

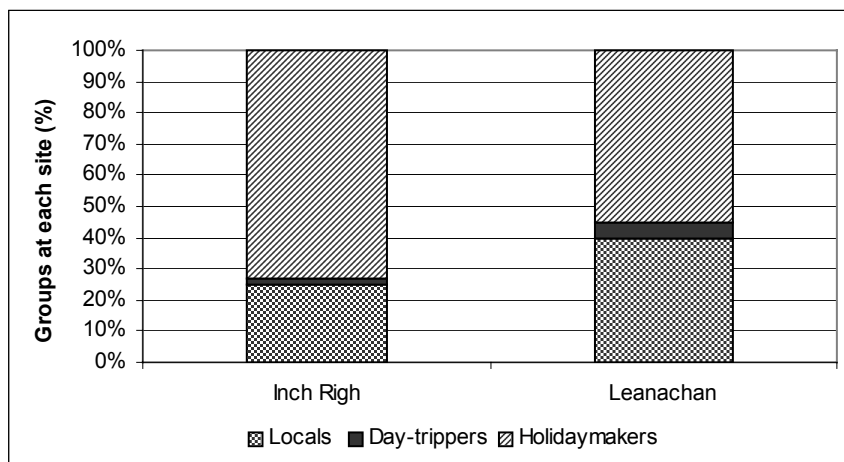
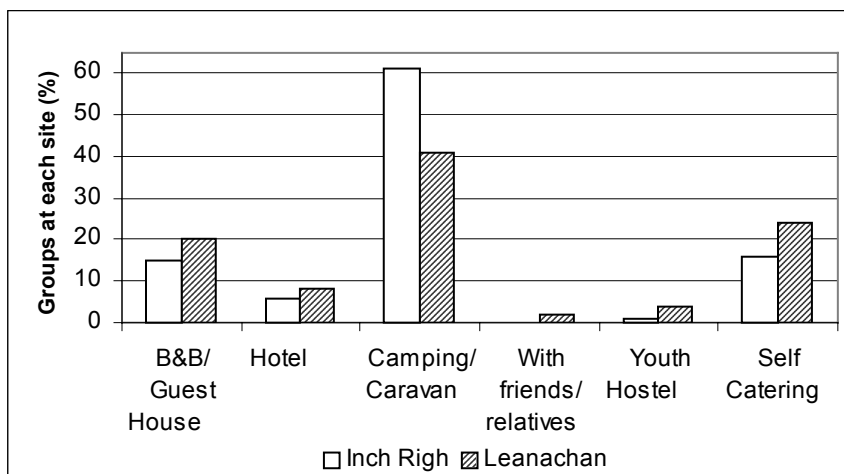


Figure 5 showed that 64 % of the visitors to the Lochaber Forest District were holidaymakers and had not travelled from home that day. The holidaymakers are considered in more detail here.

## Overnight accommodation of holidaymakers

At Inch Righ most holidaymakers were camping or caravanning (61 %), and others had stayed in self-catering accommodation (16 %) or guest-houses (15 %). At Leanachan there were fewer campers (41 %), and more visitors had stayed in self-catering accommodation (24 %) or guest-houses (20 %). See Figure 6.

**Figure 6: Overnight accommodation of holiday makers at each site in the Lochaber district**



## Travel to the Forest Site

The majority of groups to the sites had travelled less than 15 miles that day (88 %). At Inch Righ, there were slightly more people who had travelled less than 5 miles (49 %), and at Leanachan most had travelled between 6 and 5 miles (59 %).

At the two sites, the majority of groups came by car or van (78 %). At Leanachan, 10 % had come by bicycle, 7 % on public transport, and 7 % on foot. At Inch Righ, 13 % had arrived on foot.

## Previous Visits

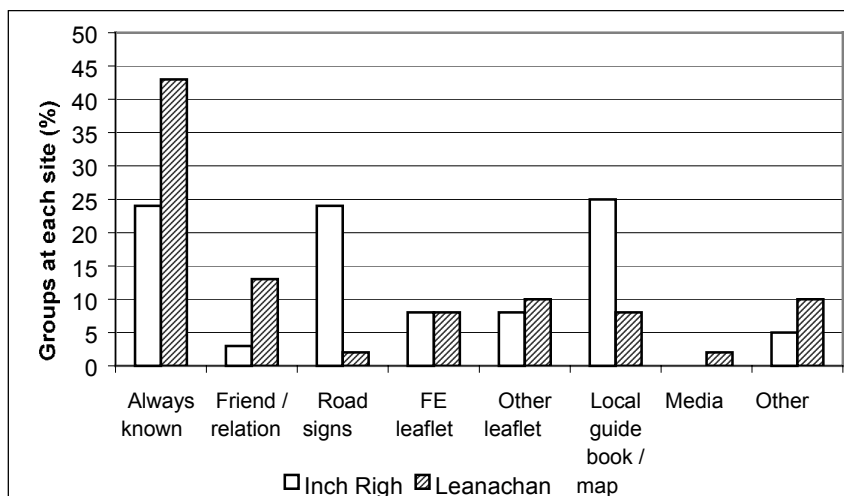
In general, just over half of the visitors were new visitors to the sites. There were slightly more first-time visitors at Inch Righ (58 %), and fewer at Leanachan (48 %).

Leanachan visitors who have been on a previous occasion tend to come more often than once a week (69 %). However only a few repeat visitors to Inch Righ visit this frequently (21 %), with a large number of visitors coming less often than three times a year (58 %).

## Finding out about the site

In general visitors to the Lochaber sites had either always known about their existence (33 %), or found out from a local guide book or map (17 %), or from road signs (13 %). At Leanachan, most visitors had either always known about the site (43 %), or found out about it from friends or relations (13 %). However at Inch Righ, around a quarter of the visitors had either always known, a quarter had found out from road signs, and a quarter from a local guide book or map (Figure 7). 8 % of groups at each site had found out about it from a Forest Enterprise leaflet.

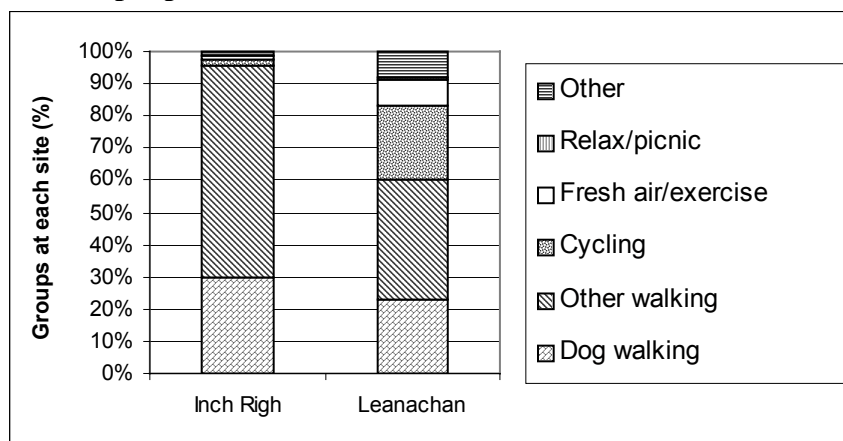
**Figure 7: Method of finding out about the sites in the Lochaber District**



## Main purpose of visit

In the Forest District in general, the main purpose of visiting the sites was either for walking (51 %) or dog-walking (26 %). Figure 8 shows that 66 % of visitors to Inch Righ came to walk, whereas 23 % of visitors to Leanachan came to cycle, and 8 % came for a reason other than those on the questionnaire. This was mainly to use the Gondola.

**Figure 8: Main purpose for visit at each woodland site in the Lochaber District**



## Length of Stay

The average length of stay of visitors to Inch Righ was around 1.5 hours. Visitors tended to spend longer at Leanachan (2.7 hours). A quarter of the groups at Leanachan stayed longer, around 4 hours.

## Waymarked Walks

All the groups except one had used a waymarked walk at Inch Righ, and of those who specified which walk, 56 % had used the Falls walk, and 44 % the Wades walk. Most of these groups rated the waymarking (78 %) and the path quality (90 %) as good or very good.

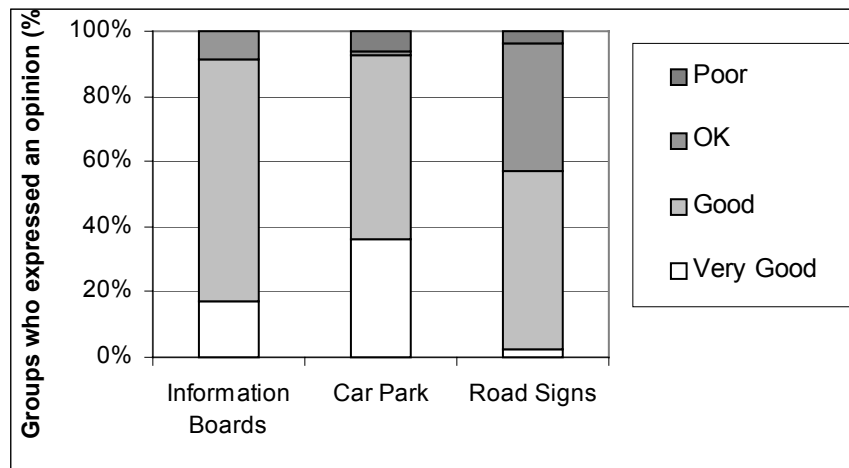
Leanachan only has one waymarked walk, the River walk. Only 34 % had used this path. The waymarking was rated as good or OK (86 %) and the path quality good or very good (90 %) by the groups who had used this walk.

## Ratings of facilities at each site

The results below present the ratings for each facility in terms of the proportion of visitors who expressed an opinion (i.e. the proportion who had used each facility and provided a rating for it). The two sites are considered separately.

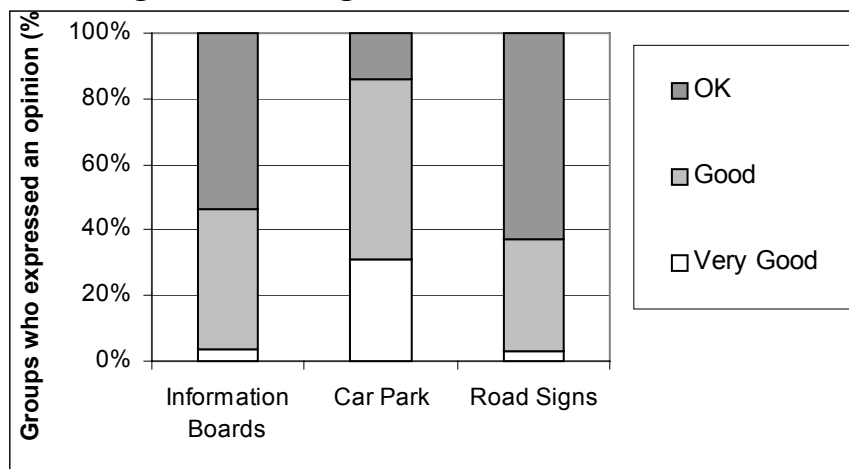
Inch Righ has information boards and a car park and is signposted from the road (Figure 9). The car park is rated as good or very good by 92 % of visitors expressing an opinion, the information boards are generally rated as good, and the road signs good or OK.

**Figure 9: Ratings of the facilities at Inch Righ**



Leanachan also has information boards, a car park and road signs (Figure 10). Visitors were less impressed with the facilities, with the information boards and road signs being rated good or OK by those who expressed an opinion. However the car park was also rated as good or very good by most visitors to this site (85 %).

**Figure 10: Ratings of the facilities at Leanachan**



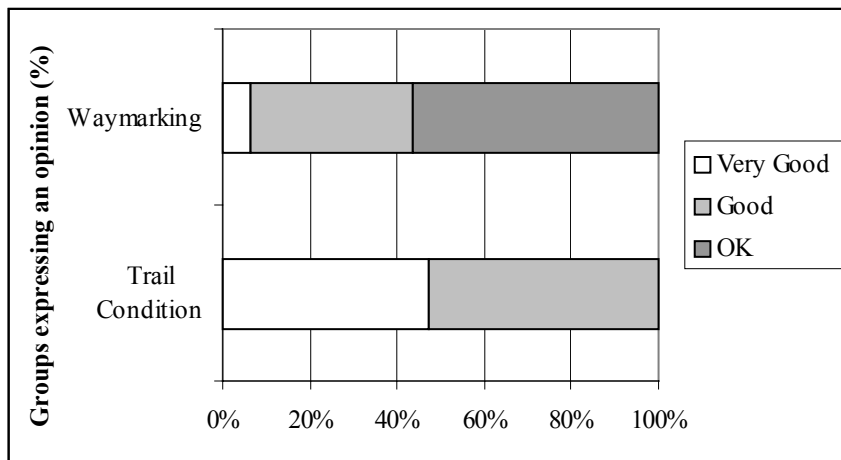
### Cycling at Leanachan

Visitors at Leanachan were asked extra questions regarding their safety, to assess whether visitors were happy with the integration of cycling and walking in the area. Only 9 % of visitors felt that they had encountered something on their visit which had threatened their safety. One group said that it was a walker that was threatening, three groups a cyclist, and four groups said that they had felt threatened for another reason. This was either due to encountering dogs off the lead, motorbikes, or a landrover.

22 % of the groups had cycled at Leanachan that day. Of these cyclists, 47 % said they were aware of the forest cycling code. Just under half of the groups said that they had used a FC cycle route map (42 %), and only 5 % had used the FC leaflet. A further 5 % said that they had used both of these FC productions.

These groups were asked to rate the standard of the waymarking and the condition of the cycle trail (Figure 11). The groups who had cycled rated the condition of the trail as good or very good, but only rated the waymarking on the trail as good or OK.

**Figure 11: Rating of the waymarking and condition of the cycle trail at Leanachan**



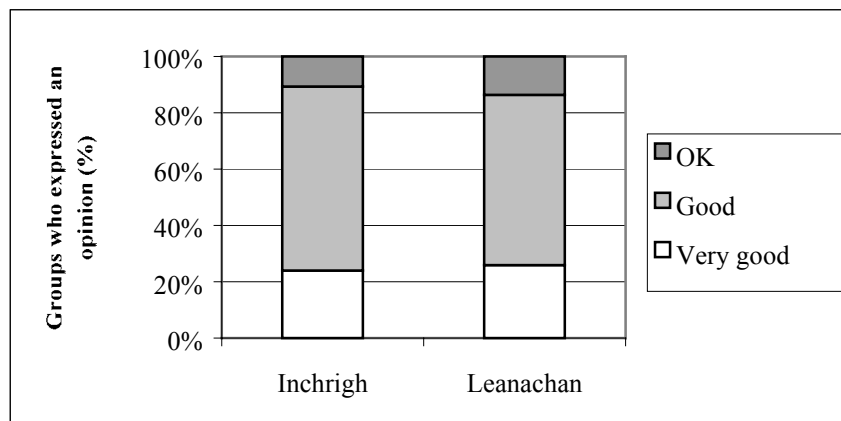
### Special needs

In the three sites in the Lochaber District, only 2 % of visitors said they had special needs. These four groups said that they had special mobility needs.

### Management of the Woodland

The woodland management was rated as good by 65 % of those who expressed an opinion at Inch Righ, and 60 % of those at Leanachan (Figure 12).

**Figure 12: Rating of the woodland management at each site in the Lochaber District**



## **Comparison to 1997 Cycle Survey**

A cycling survey was conducted at Leanachan in 1997, where a total of 63 questionnaires were completed.

The composition, type and origin of groups was similar in the 1997 cycle survey and the 2000 general survey.

Around two-thirds of the cyclists interviewed in 1997 had been to the forest before, but in 2000 only half of the visitors were on a repeat visit.

The condition of the cycle trails was rated highly by the cyclists in 1997 and 2000.

In 1997, only two-fifths of the cyclists were aware of the forest cycle code. This figure had increased to one half in 2000.

LOCHABER FOREST DISTRICT

Batch

VISITOR SURVEY QUESTIONNAIRE - 2000

Form

Hello; I am carrying out a survey for the Forestry Commission. Can you please spare a few minutes to answer some questions?

1. Have you travelled from home today?

*Circle One*

Yes      **1**      *Skip to Q2*  
 No              **2**      *Ask Q1a*

1a. What type of accommodation did you stay in last night?

*Circle one*

Bed & Breakfast/ Guest House      **1**  
 Hotel    **2**  
 Camping/ Caravan                              **3**  
 With friends/ relatives                        **4**  
 Youth Hostel                                      **5**  
 Self Catering                                      **6**  
 Other    **7**

2. How far have you travelled to get here today?

*Circle one*

Up to 5 miles                                      **1**  
 6 - 15 miles                                        **2**  
 16 - 25 miles                                      **3**  
 26 - 50 miles                                      **4**  
 Over 50 miles                                      **5**

3. What was the main type of transport you used to get here today? *(The one used for the longest distance)*

*Circle one*

Car/ van    **1**  
 Minibus/ coach                                   **2**  
 Public transport                                **3**  
 Bicycle     **4**  
 On foot     **5**  
 Other     **6**

4. Have you been here before?

*Circle One*

Yes      **1**      *Ask Q4a*  
 No              **2**      *Skip to Q5*

4a. How often do you come here?

*Circle one*

Most days     **1**  
 1 - 3 times a week                              **2**  
 1 - 3 times a month                            **3**  
 1 - 3 times a year                               **4**  
 Less often                                         **5**

5. How did you first find out about this woodland?

*(if answer 4 - 8 ask Q5a, all others skip to Q6)*

*Circle One*

Always known                                    **1**  
 Friend/ relation                                **2**  
 Road signs                                        **3**  
 Forest Enterprise leaflet                      **4**  
 Other leaflet                                     **5**  
 Local guide book or map                       **6**  
 Exhibitions/ displays                         **7**  
 Newspaper/ TV/ Radio                         **8**  
 Other    **9**

*Please specify* \_\_\_\_\_

5a. Can you say where you saw it? *(i.e. where picked up leaflet, which guide book/ map or exhibition, which TV/ Radio programme or newspaper)*

6. What is the main purpose of your visit today?

*Circle one*

Dog walking                                      **1**  
 Other walking                                    **2**  
 Cycling     **3**  
 Fresh air/ exercise                            **4**  
 Watch wildlife/ birds                         **5**  
 Relax/ picnic                                     **6**  
 Other    **7**

*Specify*

7. How long in total are you staying at this site today?

hours	mins





**APPENDIX 2: Lochaber Forest District Results 2000**

Number of interviews

	Inchree	Leanachan	ALL
	No.	No.	No.
ALL	92	88	180

Group size

Number in Group	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	14	15	29	33	43	24
2	51	55	23	26	74	41
3	8	9	10	11	18	10
4	9	10	16	18	25	14
5	3	3	2	2	5	3
6 or more	7	8	8	9	15	8
ALL	92	100	88	100	180	100

Number of Males	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	12	13	11	13	23	13
1	60	65	45	51	105	58
2	13	14	18	20	31	17
3	3	3	6	7	9	5
4	1	1	4	5	5	3
5	1	1	2	2	3	2
6 or more	2	2	2	2	4	2
ALL	92	100	88	100	180	100

Number of Females	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	13	14	30	34	43	24
1	53	58	30	34	83	46
2	13	14	19	22	32	18
3	5	5	9	10	14	8
4	5	5	.	.	5	3
5	2	2	.	.	2	1
6 or more	1	1	.	.	1	1
ALL	92	100	88	100	180	100

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Number of Adults	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1	19	21	32	36	51	28
2	56	61	31	35	87	48
3	9	10	8	9	17	9
4	4	4	12	14	16	9
5	1	1	2	2	3	2
6 or more	3	3	3	3	6	3
ALL	92	100	88	100	180	100

Number of Senior Citizens	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	73	79	74	84	147	82
1	7	8	6	7	13	7
2	11	12	8	9	19	11
6 or more	1	1	.	.	1	1
ALL	92	100	88	100	180	100

Number of Other Adults (16-24)	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	18	20	25	28	43	24
1	19	21	28	32	47	26
2	46	50	28	32	74	41
3	4	4	4	5	8	4
4	4	4	2	2	6	3
6 or more	1	1	1	1	2	1
ALL	92	100	88	100	180	100

Number of Young Adults (16-24)	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	82	89	64	73	146	81
1	4	4	8	9	12	7
2	3	3	4	5	7	4
3	3	3	5	6	8	4
4	.	.	4	5	4	2
5	.	.	3	3	3	2
ALL	92	100	88	100	180	100

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Number of Children	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	72	78	69	78	141	78
1	8	9	6	7	14	8
2	6	7	9	10	15	8
3	4	4	2	2	6	3
4	.	.	1	1	1	1
5	2	2	1	1	3	2
ALL	92	100	88	100	180	100

Number of Male Senior Citizens (Over 60)	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	78	85	77	88	155	86
1	13	14	11	13	24	13
6 or more	1	1	.	.	1	1

Number of Female Senior Citizens (Over 60)	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	77	84	78	89	155	86
1	12	13	9	10	21	12
2	2	2	1	1	3	2
6 or more	1	1	.	.	1	1

Number of Male Other Adults (25-59)	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	29	32	36	41	65	36
1	54	59	43	49	97	54
2	7	8	8	9	15	8
3	1	1	.	.	1	1
5	.	.	1	1	1	1
6 or more	1	1	.	.	1	1

Number of Female Other Adults (25-59)	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	30	33	47	53	77	43
1	56	61	35	40	91	51
2	6	7	6	7	12	7

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Number of Male Young Adults (16-24)	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	87	95	66	75	153	85
1	4	4	11	13	15	8
2	1	1	5	6	6	3
3	.	.	3	3	3	2
4	.	.	2	2	2	1
5	.	.	1	1	1	1

Number of Female Young Adults (16-24)	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	83	90	76	86	159	88
1	5	5	6	7	11	6
2	4	4	5	6	9	5
3	.	.	1	1	1	1

Number of Male Children (Under 16)	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	81	88	75	85	156	87
1	8	9	9	10	17	9
2	2	2	2	2	4	2
3	1	1	.	.	1	1
4	.	.	2	2	2	1

Number of Female Children (Under 16)	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	76	83	76	86	152	84
1	8	9	7	8	15	8
2	5	5	4	5	9	5
3	3	3	1	1	4	2

Number of Bikes	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	89	97	68	77	157	87
1	.	.	7	8	7	4
2	3	3	2	2	5	3
3	.	.	5	6	5	3
4	.	.	3	3	3	2
5	.	.	1	1	1	1
6 or more	.	.	2	2	2	1

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Number of Dogs	Inchree		Leanachan		ALL	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
0	59	64	67	76	126	70
1	23	25	15	17	38	21
2	9	10	5	6	14	8
4	1	1	.	.	1	1
5	.	.	1	1	1	1

1. Travelled from home	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	25	27	39	44	64	36
No	67	73	49	56	116	64
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

(Those who have not travelled from home)

1a. Type of accomodation	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
B&B/Guest House	10	15	10	20	20	17
Hotel	4	6	4	8	8	7
Camping/Caravan	41	61	20	41	61	53
With friends/relatives	.	.	1	2	1	1
Youth Hostel	1	1	2	4	3	3
Self Catering	11	16	12	24	23	20
Total	67	100	49	100	116	100

2. How far travelled to forest	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Up to 5 miles	45	49	24	27	69	38
6-15 miles	38	41	52	59	90	50
16-25 miles	8	9	4	5	12	7
26-50 miles	.	.	2	2	2	1
Over 50 miles	1	1	6	7	7	4
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

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3. Main type of transport	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Car/Van	75	82	66	75	141	78
Minibus/coach	2	2	1	1	3	2
Public transport	.	.	6	7	6	3
Bicycle	2	2	9	10	11	6
On foot	12	13	6	7	18	10
Missing	1	1	.	.	1	1
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

4. Have you been here before	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	38	41	45	51	83	46
No	53	58	42	48	95	53
Missing	1	1	1	1	2	1
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

(Those who have been before)

4a. How often do you come here?	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Most days	8	21	12	27	20	24
1-3 times a week	.	.	19	42	19	23
1-3 times a month	6	16	5	11	11	13
1-3 times a year	8	21	5	11	13	16
Less often	14	37	4	9	18	22
Missing	2	5	.	.	2	2
Total	38	100	45	100	83	100

5. How found out about the woodland	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Always known	22	24	38	43	60	33
Friend / relation	3	3	11	13	14	8
Road signs	22	24	2	2	24	13
Forest Enterprise leaflet	7	8	7	8	14	8
Other leaflet	7	8	9	10	16	9
Local guide book / map	23	25	7	8	30	17
Newspaper/TV/Radio	.	.	2	2	2	1
Other	5	5	9	10	14	8
Missing	3	3	3	3	6	3
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

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6. Main purpose of visit	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Dog walking	27	29	20	23	47	26
Other walking	59	64	33	38	92	51
Cycling	2	2	20	23	22	12
Fresh air/exercise	1	1	7	8	8	4
Relax/picnic	.	.	1	1	1	1
Other	1	1	7	8	8	4
None	2	2	.	.	2	1
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

7. Length of stay	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Around 1/2 hr	4	4	1	1	5	3
Around an hour	39	42	17	19	56	31
Around 2 hrs	35	38	30	34	65	36
Around 3 hrs	14	15	18	20	32	18
Around 4 hrs +	.	.	22	25	22	12
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

8. Have you used a waymarked walk today?	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	91	99	30	34	121	67
No	1	1	49	56	50	28
Missing	.	.	9	10	9	5
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

(Only those who had used a waymarked walk)

9. Which walk was it	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Falls walk	46	51	.	.	46	38
Wades walk	36	40	.	.	36	30
The River Walk (Leanachan)	.	.	24	80	24	20
Missing	9	10	6	20	15	12
Total	91	100	30	100	121	100

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(Only those who had used a waymarked walk)

10. Route marking?	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very Good	22	24	1	3	23	19
Good	49	54	16	53	65	54
OK	17	19	10	33	27	22
Very Poor	1	1	1	3	2	2
No Opinion	1	1	1	3	2	2
Missing	1	1	1	3	2	2
Total	91	100	30	100	121	100

(Only those who had used a waymarked walk)

11. Quality of path?	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very Good	32	35	8	27	40	33
Good	50	55	19	63	69	57
OK	4	4	1	3	5	4
Poor	2	2	.	.	2	2
No Opinion	1	1	.	.	1	1
Missing	2	2	2	7	4	3
Total	91	100	30	100	121	100

12. Ratings: Picnic Area	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Good	2	2	1	1	3	2
OK	8	9	.	.	8	4
Not used	43	47	53	60	96	53
Missing	39	42	34	39	73	41
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

12. Ratings: Toilets	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very good	.	.	1	1	1	1
Good	.	.	1	1	1	1
Not used	52	57	52	59	104	58
Missing	40	43	34	39	74	41
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

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12. Ratings: Playground	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Good	1	1	.	.	1	1
OK	.	.	1	1	1	1
Not used	52	57	53	60	105	58
Missing	39	42	34	39	73	41
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

12. Ratings: Information boards	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very good	14	15	3	3	17	9
Good	61	66	32	36	93	52
OK	7	8	41	47	48	27
Poor	.	.	1	1	1	1
Not used	1	1	4	5	5	3
Missing	9	10	7	8	16	9
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

12. Ratings: Car park	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very good	30	33	24	27	54	30
Good	47	51	42	48	89	49
OK	1	1	11	13	12	7
Not used	5	5	3	3	8	4
Missing	9	10	8	9	17	9
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

12. Ratings: Road Signs	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very good	2	2	2	2	4	2
Good	42	46	24	27	66	37
OK	30	33	44	50	74	41
Poor	3	3	.	.	3	2
Not used	4	4	9	10	13	7
Missing	11	12	9	10	20	11
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

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(Asked at Leanachan only)

13. Any encounters which threatened your safety	Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	8	9	8	9
No	78	89	78	89
Missing	2	2	2	2
Total	88	100	88	100

(Only those who had felt threatened at Leanachan)

13a. What type of user	Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%
Walker	1	13	1	13
Cyclist	3	38	3	38
Other	4	50	4	50
Total	8	100	8	100

(asked at Leanachan only)

14. Have you cycled in the forest today	Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	19	22	19	22
No	61	69	61	69
Missing	8	9	8	9
Total	88	100	88	100

(Only those who had cycled at Leanachan)

14a. Condition of cycle trail	Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%
Very good	8	42	8	42
Good	9	47	9	47
Missing	2	11	2	11
Total	19	100	19	100

(Only those who had cycled at Leanachan)

14a. Standard of waymarking on cycle trail	Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%
Very good	1	5	1	5
Good	6	32	6	32
OK	9	47	9	47
Missing	3	16	3	16
Total	19	100	19	100

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(Only those who had cycled at Leanachan)

14b. Aware of forest cycling code	Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	9	47	9	47
No	8	42	8	42
Missing	2	11	2	11
Total	19	100	19	100

(Only those who had cycled at Leanachan)

14c. Have you used FC cycle route map or leaflet	Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%
Map	8	42	8	42
Leaflet	1	5	1	5
Both	1	5	1	5
Neither	7	37	7	37
Missing	2	11	2	11
Total	19	100	19	100

12. Management of forest	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very good	18	20	21	24	39	22
Good	49	53	49	56	98	54
OK	8	9	11	13	19	11
No opinion	.	.	2	2	2	1
Missing	17	18	5	6	22	12
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

18. Anyone with disability or special needs?	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	2	2	2	2	4	2
No	69	75	79	90	148	82
Missing	21	23	7	8	28	16
Total	92	100	88	100	180	100

(Those with a special need)

What type of special need is it?	Inchree		Leanachan		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Mobility	1	50	2	100	3	75
Other	1	50	.	.	1	25
Total	2	100	2	100	4	100