

Farm Woodland Forum Conference Theme – Woodland Grazing 13 to 14 June 2013 Falkland Centre for Stewardship



Suggest folk arrive on Wed 12th and we could perhaps arrange to meet and socialise?

Thursday 13 June

- Start at 09.30 with presentations at Falkland Centre for Stewardship www.centreforstewardship.org.uk These will include Woodland Grazing, Scotland's perspective on agroforestry and possible RDP measures, James Hutton Institute current research into Agroforestry systems.
- As of May 7th we are still waiting for the other speakers to confirm. Lunch 12.30 followed at 13.30 with
- Short walk to discuss typical under-managed woodland (broadleaves planted at 3 m spacing with a Norway spruce 'nurse crop'. None of the trees are of good quality so what about removal of the conifer and heavy thinning of the broadleaves to allow for grazing?)
- Travel to St Fort estate where the owner is one of the biggest producers of Lincoln red cattle in Scotland. These cattle favour woodlands and there are opportunities to open up more of the woodlands for grazing.
- On farm use of produce. An interesting approach with cattle and the opportunity to taste the product.

Return to Falkland for about 17.30

> AGM and evening meal in the Covenanter Hotel in Falkland

Friday 14 June

- Depart from Falkland at 09.00 to travel to Glensaugh (about a one and a half hour journey). Glensaugh was one of the silvopastoral network sites established about 25 years ago. Very much an upland site fairly exposed, and predominantly conifer. There is a lot of information to be gleaned from this site, and James Hutton Institute staff will give presentations about some aspects of their work. Alyn Smith (MEP) and on the EU agriculture committee will hopefully join us and bring us up to date with what is happening in Europe, and for us to give him messages to take back.
- > Leave Glensaugh at about 14.30 and travel back to Falkland.

For those of you who need to catch trains, we can drop you in Dundee at the Station

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