

## Introduction

This workshop is organised by The Heather Trust with support from the Skills Development Scheme of the Scottish Rural Development Programme.

The workshop is one of three that will be held in the Cairngorms National Park as part of the *Upland Management: Rights & Wrongs* project. Other workshops will cover Heather Restoration (October 2010) and Muirburn (March 2011) - details will be available separately.

## Background

Bracken can be considered as the most successful plant of all time. It is virtually unchanged since the time of the dinosaurs and is present on all continents, except Antarctica.

Bracken is a deceptive plant; like an iceberg most of it is out of sight. 90% of the bracken plant is underground in the form of rhizomes, which can be highly invasive and this makes it difficult to control.

Bracken has some uses but generally it is viewed as an invasive pest, and the bracken litter provides an excellent home for sheep ticks. To control bracken, the most appropriate of a variety of control options needs to be used effectively. This event will seek to make it clear what techniques might be the most suitable in different situations.

## Aims for the event

- To increase the level of knowledge about the bracken plant and the options for its control;

- To demonstrate different control techniques in a practical setting; and
- To establish how bracken control interacts with other moorland management issues.

## Programme

### Morning

The event will start with an introduction to the bracken plant by **Professor Rob Marrs** (University of Liverpool) and he will be followed by **Dr Roderick Robinson** (Landward Consultancy) discussing the control options. **Simon Thorp** (The Heather Trust) will discuss the relationship between bracken control and other moorland management issues.

### Afternoon

The event will move to an area of bracken to the west of Spittal of Glenshee. There will be practical demonstrations of bracken management techniques and equipment, with opportunities to discuss issues raised during the morning session.

Throughout the event there will be an emphasis on discussion and contributions from those who attend will be encouraged.

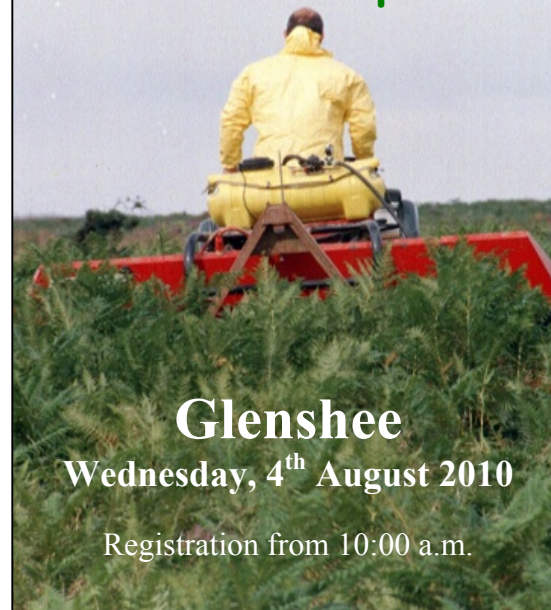
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## Upland Management: Rights & Wrongs

## Bracken Control Workshop



**Glenshee**  
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010

Registration from 10:00 a.m.

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## Booking form

Title.....Name.....

Organisation.....

Job title.....

Address.....

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Tel.....

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Email.....

I wish to attend the event.

I would like to have lunch provided.

Vegetarian option YES/ NO

I enclose a cheque for £30 (No VAT).

I am unable to attend but would like to receive details of future events

Please contact us by phone or fill in the above details and return to The Heather Trust by post or fax, or send details by e-mail.

Please return booking forms by:

**12 noon, Wednesday, 28<sup>h</sup> July 2010.**

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Glenshee

4<sup>th</sup> August 2010

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By kind permission of:  
**The Invercauld Estate**

## Outline Programme

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| 10:00         | Registration & Discussion in the Spittal of Glenshee Hotel (See location details opposite and the map on the reverse). |
| 10:30         | Welcome & Introduction   |
| 10:45 – 12:30 | Presentations (see the text)   |
| 12:30 – 12:45 | Questions, discussion & briefing for the afternoon   |
| 12:45 – 13:30 | Discussion over Lunch  |
| 13:45 – 16:00 | Visit to a bracken area. Discussion and demonstrations by specialists  |
| 16:00 –       | Summing up in Spittal of Glenshee Hotel + Tea  |

## Location

Registration will take place in the Spittal of Glenshee Hotel (PH10 7QF) (Tel: 01250 885215). Spittal of Glenshee is 19 miles north of Blairgowrie (30mins), 15 miles south of Braemar (20 mins) and 25 miles from Pitlochry (40 mins). The hotel is at the southern junction of the loop road off the A9.

## Who should attend

The workshop is aimed at a wide audience to include those with experience of bracken management as well as those with no knowledge of the subject.

## Cost

The charge for attendance will be £30 per delegate. VAT is not applicable. This includes lunch, refreshments and afternoon tea.

## Payment

Payment by cheque is preferred, but if you have an e-mail address, payment by credit card can be made through PayPal, subject to a surcharge of £1.26. Please contact us for details.

## Bad Weather

If the weather is unsuitable for the visit to the hill, the event will continue in the Hotel and focus on discussion.

## What to wear

The visit to the hill will involve walking across open ground. Wet weather clothing and warm layers may be necessary. Stout walking boots are advisable.