



## **Turas nan Craobh: A Journey with Trees**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

*We are looking for local people to join us on 10<sup>th</sup> and/or 11<sup>th</sup> September, travelling on old tracks from Glenmoriston to Invergarry. It'll be a leisurely pace, stopping off to plant trees where the Gaelic place names tell us these trees once thrived, and reflecting on how it was for people who journeyed on these routes in the past, such as Boswell and Johnson on their Highland tour of the area in 1773. The trees, which have been grown at the tree nursery at Dundreggan, will be carried by two ponies, and the walk of around 8 miles each day, will conclude with tree planting and a bilingual performance of 'Adventures with the Gaelic Alphabet and Trees' - which is suitable for adults and children.*

*I've outlined the itinerary below*

### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**Time:** 9am

**Place:** Dundreggan

**What's happening:** Photo opportunity. Ariel Killick (storyteller), travellers (local community plus artists, poet, Trees for Life staff) and Shela-Ann Ryan & Lorna Litchfield with their ponies.

**All welcome!**

**Time:** 10am

**Place:** Car Park on LHS just west of Tornagoyle Bridge – OS Map 34, Grid Ref 308133

**What's happening:** Ponies and travellers set off to Fort Augustus on old track which links with Wades Road, crossing the ford at Allt Phocaichaim (stream of the pockets/bags) and carrying onto Allt an Fearna (stream of the alders) where we'll plant some alders. ETA Fort Augustus 3pm.

**Time:** 3pm

**Place:** Kilchuimen Academy, Fort Augustus

**What's happening:** Ponies and travellers arrive. Ponies go into special area in school grounds where children can say hello to them safely. Visitors invited to help pupils and TfL staff with tree planting in the schools grounds.

**Time:** 4pm

**What's happening:** Performance of 'Adventures with the Gaelic Alphabet & Trees' in school hall.

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

**Time:** 10am

**Place:** Bridge of Oich. OS map 34 Grid reference 338044

**What's happening:** Travellers meet Shela-Ann & Lorna with ponies to set off on the old track to Invergarry, stopping off at Achadh nan Darach to plant an oak tree and have a cup of tea in the bothy.

**Travellers:** Shela-Ann Ryan & Lorna Litchfield with Vegus and Cinnamon; Karen Mitchell, Doug Gilbert, John Hodgson, Joyce Gilbert (TfL); George Cross, Lynne Davidson, Linda Bowman, Grace Grant, Tom Morton plus others? (local community – heritage group, walking group, camera group and GCW), Sarah Hughes (artist), Richard Bracken (artist), Kate Langhorne (Gaelic), Jean Langhorne (carbon conversations consultant), Claire Hewitt (storyteller/singer). Some of the group will just travel to the bothy. ETA Invergarry 3pm.

**Time:** 3pm

**Where:** Invergarry Community Hall

**What's happening:** travellers and ponies arrive at the community hall. Tree planting, looking at Gaelic place names on maps plus activities at Trees for Life stand and Glengarry Community Woodland info stand. Possible opening of Heritage Centre.

**Time:** 4.30pm

**What's happening:** Performance of 'Adventures with the Gaelic Alphabet & Trees' in hall

**Time :**5.30pm

**What's happening:** Tea/coffee/juice and cakes. Informal chat & music