



Woodland management January to March 2025

Over the next few months, Tehidy Country Park will undergo important woodland management efforts as part of a comprehensive strategy aimed at sustainable forest care. This initiative is guided by a detailed 10-year management plan and supported by a Forestry Commission Countryside Stewardship agreement.

This work aims to enhance biodiversity and strengthen the long-term resilience of our woodlands against the challenges posed by climate change, pests, and diseases. We're also committed to preserving our natural heritage and ensuring everyone can access these beautiful areas.

What can you expect to see during this transformation?

North Cliffs Plantation: We'll be giving nature a helping hand by thinning the tree canopy to allow more sunlight to reach the forest floor. This will encourage the growth of a diverse range of ground plants and promote the natural regeneration of tree seedlings. We'll also remove non-native invasive species like cherry laurel and rhododendron, making space for a richer, more diverse broadleaf woodland. Plus, we'll manage the trails with regular coppicing to create vibrant habitats for various species.

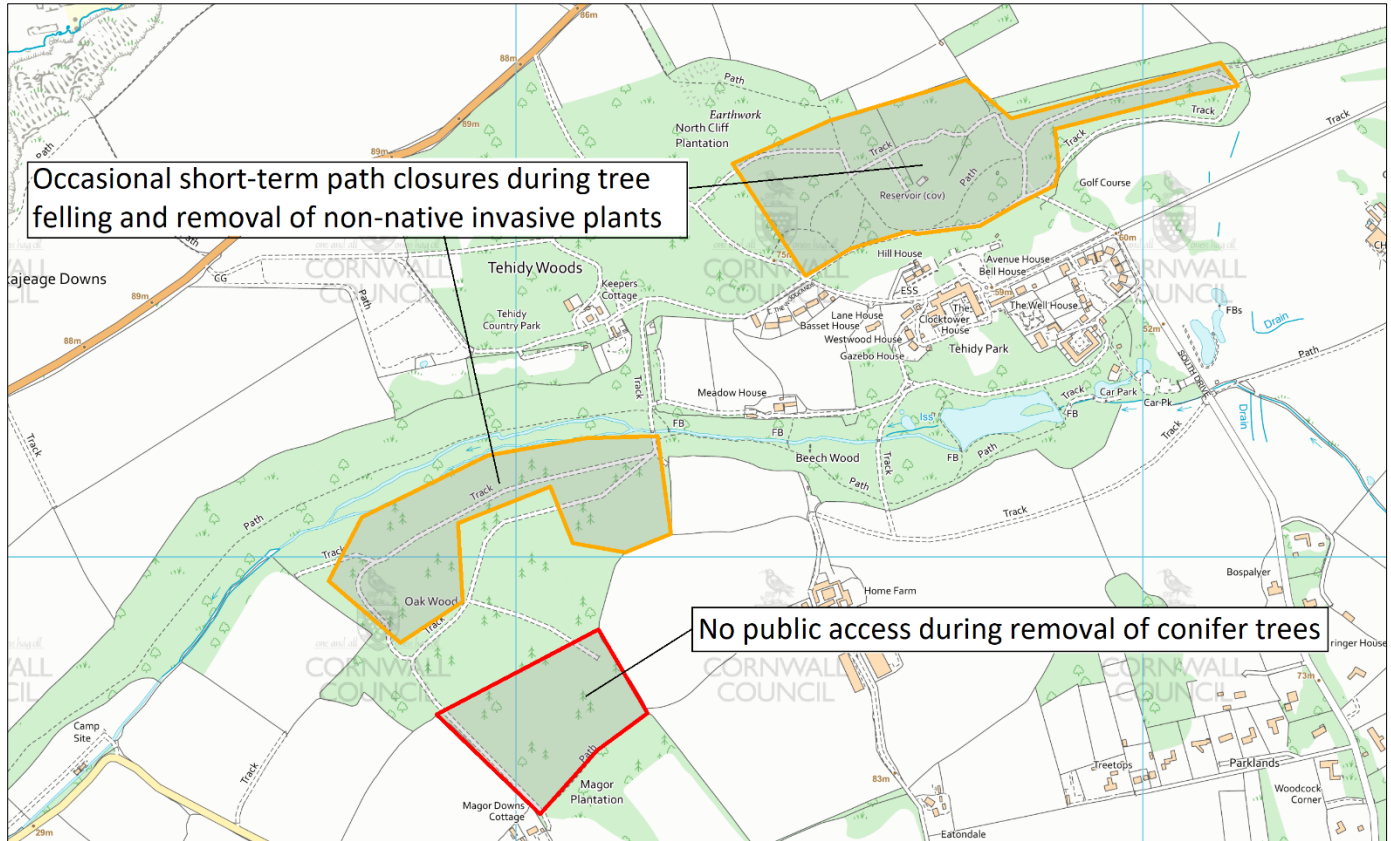
Oak Wood: In this area, we will perform selective thinning of the tree canopy. This will boost biodiversity and improve the overall stability of the woodland, helping it better withstand the impacts of climate change and invasive pests. We're also restoring an area that was once ancient woodland by removing conifer trees and fostering the growth of broadleaf trees through natural regeneration and planting efforts.

Lake Area: We will be coppicing trees along the banks to prevent them from encroaching into the water. This work will be carried out in stages over the coming years to ensure the stability of the banks and the health of the ecosystem.



Throughout the next few years, similar woodland management efforts will continue to take place as we strive to protect and enhance the park's natural environment. We also recognise the significant habitat value of veteran trees within the country park, and we are dedicated to retaining and protecting these important natural features.





Felling for this season will be completed by the end of February to avoid disturbing nesting birds, though some extraction of timber along the main tracks may continue into March.

Much of the timber will be extracted to offset the cost of carrying out the works.

Public access to some areas will be restricted temporarily to allow the work to take place safely. Path closures will be kept to a minimum and re-opened as soon as it is safe to do so.

We are excited about these improvements and their potential to enhance the beauty and ecological health of Tehidy Country Park.

For your safety please:

- Take notice of safety signs and barriers
- Stay away from machinery
- Keep off timber stacks

For information on tree management in Cornwall, covering landowner responsibilities, ash dieback disease, and more please visit the Cornwall Council website.

