ART & ARCHITECTURE TRAIL GUIDE

STARTING FROM LEAPLISH WATERSIDE PARK
The artist developed Mapping from old and new maps of Kielder creating fairways and obstacles from these maps with holes and start points that refer to past and present locations within the valley spread out over the course on a number of levels.

A key part of the artist’s concept was that visitors would be able to play the course in any way that they wished, constructing their own pathways using the start and finish options available to creating an infinite number of more or less challenging routes suitable for their skill level. Of course this non-linear approach was always going to require negotiation with other users about the overlapping use of the space, and this need for communication between players was another part of the project that interested the artist.

Mapping uses bright finishes and colours and is a fully accessible, highly visual and entertaining ‘must-play’ experience.

**DIRECTIONS:**
Mapping minigolf is located in the middle of Leaplish Waterside Park and is fully accessible.

**OS map ref: NY660879**
Play Garden is an unusual playscape featuring a walled garden for smaller children, with forest follies in the wilder area for the older participants. The architects have created a miniature landscape that mimics aspects of the Kielder environment. While the enclosed area provides safe play for younger children, more challenging tower structures in the form of a Cottage, Barn and Castle occupy a more open area and suggests past lives of this agricultural and military landscape.

A line marked out by a series of steel poles whose tops all lie at the same level, crosses through the play area and encourages visitors to make a connection between the miniature landscape of Play Garden and the lost landscape that now lies beneath the flat expanse of Kielder Water.

**DIRECTIONS:**

Play Garden is situated in the middle of Leaplish Waterside Park and is fully accessible.

**OS map ref:** NY661878
3 SHADOW Julia Barton 1995

DISTANCE: Shadow is a short distance from the middle of Leaplish Waterside Park, approximately 300m from the main buildings.

Shadow is one of the earliest sculptures to be made for Kielder Water & Forest Park. Inspired by and celebrating the ancient trees along the Beeches Walk, Shadow encourages visitors to experience its many textures that echo those found on the nearby beech trees. The work consists of eight parts and is made from local whinstone, sandstone and earth. The parts are seen to relate to each other and create a ‘shadow’ stretching down the hill where none would otherwise fall.

DIRECTIONS:
Follow directions from the middle of the visitor centre to the Beeches Walk. Shadow is situated approximately 300m along this route to the lakeside of the path and is accessible to all users with care.

OS map ref: NY663878
Freya’s Cabin is one of a pair of small buildings located on opposite sides of the Kielder Water along the Lakeside Way. The two buildings, Robin’s Hut and Freya’s Cabin, are linked by the story of Freya & Robin, which tells a tale of the two characters who live by the lake and their efforts to meet up.

Freya’s Cabin is a timber structure, clad in gold, balanced in long golden stems and carved on the inside like a forest. It has been constructed like a flower press with two solid end that squeeze 200 differently carved ‘pages’ that together make up the internal forest and integrated seats.

Architects Studio Weave imagined the story of Freya and Robin after visiting Kielder in March when the bright sun was low in the sky even in the middle of the day. From the location of Freya’s Cabin, the whole of the north shore where Robin’s Hut now sits was brightly illuminated and it was easy to make out the tiniest detail. From the site of Robin’s Hut, viewing the south shore meant looking into the sun and made it much more difficult to make out the details of the landscape.

Find out how the designers’ experiences on that day fired their imaginations by reading Freya and Robin’s story which can be found in either shelter.
FREYA’S CABIN  Studio Weave 2009

DISTANCE: Situated between Leaplish Waterside Park and Tower Knowe Visitor Centre, approximately 3/4 mile (20 minutes walk time) along the Lakeside Way from Leaplish in the direction of Tower Knowe.

DIRECTIONS:
The nearest parking is at Leaplish. Freya’s Cabin is located about 3/4 mile or around 20 minutes walking time along the Lakeside Way in the direction of Tower Knowe.

OS map ref: NY667871
5 KIELDER KEEPSAKE Nicola Moss 1998

**DISTANCE:** An entertaining interactive walk of approximately 2 miles (2 hours walk time) for all the family. Closest parking is at Leaplish Waterside Park.

Artist Nicola Moss created a series of bronze rubbing plaques located on a walking loop around the end of the Bull Crag peninsula. Each plaque depicts a different subject inspired by the experiences the artist had as she explored Kielder and developed the project.

Once kitted out with Keepsake packs (available to purchase from the visitor centres and containing a map of the plaques and all the equipment you need to complete the rubbing trail), the walk becomes an intriguing hunt for each plaque with the finished book of rubbings becoming the artwork to be taken home, hence ‘keepsake’.
DIRECTIONS:
The Keepsake Trail is located on the Bull Crag peninsula, between Leaplish and Tower Knowe Visitor Centres.

From Leaplish, follow the Lakeside Way towards Tower Knowe and the Dam.

The first plaque to be reached will be number 4 (approximately 1.5 miles from the visitor centre) as listed in the Keepsake packs. If visitors continue along the Lakeside Way, plaques 5 - 12 and finally number 1 will be reached in order. Plaques 2 and 3 are sited on the route that links back across the top of Bull Crag to the visitors start point.

From Tower Knowe, follow the Lakeside Way towards Leaplish. Visitors will first reach plaque number 1 (approximately 3.25 miles from the visitor centre) and then, following the Keepsake map, should deviate from the Lakeside Way to reach plaques 2 and 3, rejoining the Lakeside Way near plaque 4 and then following the Lakeside Way back towards Tower Knowe, collecting rubbings 4 - 12 along the way.

OS map ref: NY676866
Mirage deck is the physical legacy of a sculptural installation that occupied this space from 2006-11. The elements of the sculpture that hung in the trees were originally created to last for five years, after which the installation was removed but leaving the interlocking decks and walkways within the forest as a resting place for travelers along the Lakeside Way.

**DIRECTIONS:**
Mirage deck is sited along the Lakeside Way halfway between Lewisburn bridge and Bakethin Weir and is fully accessible. Visitors can access Mirage deck from Kielder Castle Visitor Centre, Leaplish, or from the Bakethin Weir approach road.

From Leaplish, follow the Lakeside Way south shore towards Kielder Castle for approximately 3.5 miles/5.5 km.

Mirage decking can be accessed directly off the C200 from Bakethin Weir. Turn off where Bakethin Weir is signed. After parking, follow the Lakeside Way heading east towards the Lewisburn bridge and Leaplish for 0.3 miles/0.5 km.

**OS map ref:** NY645905
Kielder Column is a stock of pink sandstone blocks arranged in courses around a core. The surfaces have been closely worked by hand to create the sense of an ascending spiral throughout the column. Kielder Column was commissioned in 1990 for the Gateshead Garden Festival and re-erected at Bakethin Weir in 1999.

**DIRECTIONS:**
There is public parking at Bakethin Weir which is sign-posted off the C200. Alternatively access the Lakeside Way (south shore) from Kielder village and follow the track for 2.5 miles to Bakethin Weir. The sculpture is a short 2-minute walk along the weir access road.

Kielder Column is fully accessible.

**OS map ref:** NY643912
What’s your perspective?

At Kielder Water and Forest Park we have some wonderful art and architecture so what’s your perspective of it? During your visit to Kielder Water why not have some fun and get creative by taking photos – whether it be interesting angles, abstract details, amazing reflections or just you enjoying the art and architecture.

Go on, take some photos today! Then visit our website to find out how to share them with us.

www.kielderartandarchitecture.com
USEFUL INFORMATION
THE LAKESIDE WAY

The Lakeside Way multi-user trail offers visitors to Kielder Water & Forest Park a truly unique experience and gives access to the most scenic parts of the lake shore, many art and architectural works, and opportunities to get closer to some of Kielder’s abundant wildlife.

The path encircles Kielder Water’s 27 mile shoreline and is almost 26 miles in total. It is suitable for walkers, cyclists, horse riders, mobility scooters and wheelchair users.

The Lakeside Way has a good surface which is suitable for comfortable walking boots, wellington boots or trainers. Some hills may be difficult for younger or less experienced cyclists and it is recommended that people in wheelchairs are accompanied. Horse riders should move at a controlled walking pace only. Visitors using a mobility scooter should ensure batteries are fully charged before setting off. No other motorised vehicles are permitted.

For operational and safety reasons, sections of the Lakeside Way may be closed from time to time. Please check the current status of the path before setting out. You can do this by contacting or visiting one of the following:

Leaplish T 01434 251 000
Tower Knowe T 01434 240 436
Kielder Castle T 01434 250 209
Bellingham Tourist Information Centre T 01434 220 616

Visitors wishing to use the ferry as part of their day out should pre-book by contacting Leaplish or Tower Knowe visitor centres.

Note that, with the exception of Leaplish visitor centre, these telephone numbers are seasonally operated.
LAKESIDE WAY SOUTH SHORE
The Lakeside Way South Shore stretches from Kielder Dam to Kielder Castle visitor centre and includes Tower Knowe and Leaplish visitor centres. Total distance is approximately 14 miles.

LAKESIDE WAY NORTH SHORE
The Lakeside Way North Shore runs from Hawkhope car park at the north end of the dam to Kielder Castle Visitor Centre, a distance of approximately 12 miles.

Unlike the south shore, there are no visitor centres along the north shoreline so please be adequately prepared before setting out.

Please note that there is no public vehicular access along the north shore. Parking is available at either end of the route at Hawkhope and Kielder Castle visitor centre.
FOR YOUR SAFETY

Please be aware that some sections of the Lakeside Way are located in remote areas, away from visitor centres and dwellings, so plan ahead, consider the capabilities of your party and take responsibility for your own actions and safety.

- Please respect other path users and observe signs and notices at all times.
- Pass oncoming path users on the left.
- Cyclists and horse riders give way to walkers.
- Cyclists give way to horse riders.
- Protect plants and animals. Take your litter away with you, do not light fires and keep away from livestock.
- Please keep dogs under close control and put on a lead in livestock and agricultural areas.
- Please remove dog and horse droppings from the path into the adjacent vegetation, or bag it and take it with you.
- Do not cross fences, hedges or walls unless there are stiles or gates.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
Exploring Kielder’s art and architecture is just one of the many things you can do in the Park including star gazing, mountain-biking, water sports and wildlife spotting.

The great variety of habitats across the park creates homes for a whole host of wildlife. Explorers may encounter badgers, roe deer, otters, shrews, seven species of bat, many woodland birds and (especially in spring) birds of prey. Information on all activities is available at visitor centres or at www.visitkielder.com.

CAR PARKING

The parking ticket that you buy as part of exploring Kielder’s art and architectural works is also valid at all other sites across Kielder Water & Forest Park and the income generated is reinvested into the upkeep of visitor services and infrastructure, and conservation of wildlife habitats.

Please use formal car parks/areas within Kielder Water & Forest Park at all times. Access roads and gateways may be required for operational or emergency access at any time so please do not block any road entrances, gateways or private driveways.
For more information or to plan your visit call: 01434 220616

Find out more at www.visitkielder.com or at our visitor centres at Tower Knowe, Leaplish or Kielder Castle.

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