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FORESTRY COMMISSION

Buchan Forest District
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Our reference: S18.1/Bailies
Your reference:

10 January 1986

James MacKay Esq
The Dell
Blairdaff

Dear James

Could I first wish you a very happy and successful year ahead in 1986.

Thanks very much for your letter of 27 November with suggested amendments to the guide. My comments are as below. I cannot but agree that the price will have to go up but it has been held quite well now over several years of inflation, and it does not seem unreasonable.

The winter has been pretty dreadful so far and although we don't get as deep snow as you do at Blairdaff we do get tremendous winds here at Buckie, and in consequence it drifts fairly badly. It always helps to bring down the odd piece of firewood from the garden and we are kept busy cutting up trees and burning them in the grate - a splendid way to spend the winter.

I trust you and your family are all well and wintering happily in your splendid home at the foot of the Mither Tap.

I look forward to seeing you early in '86.

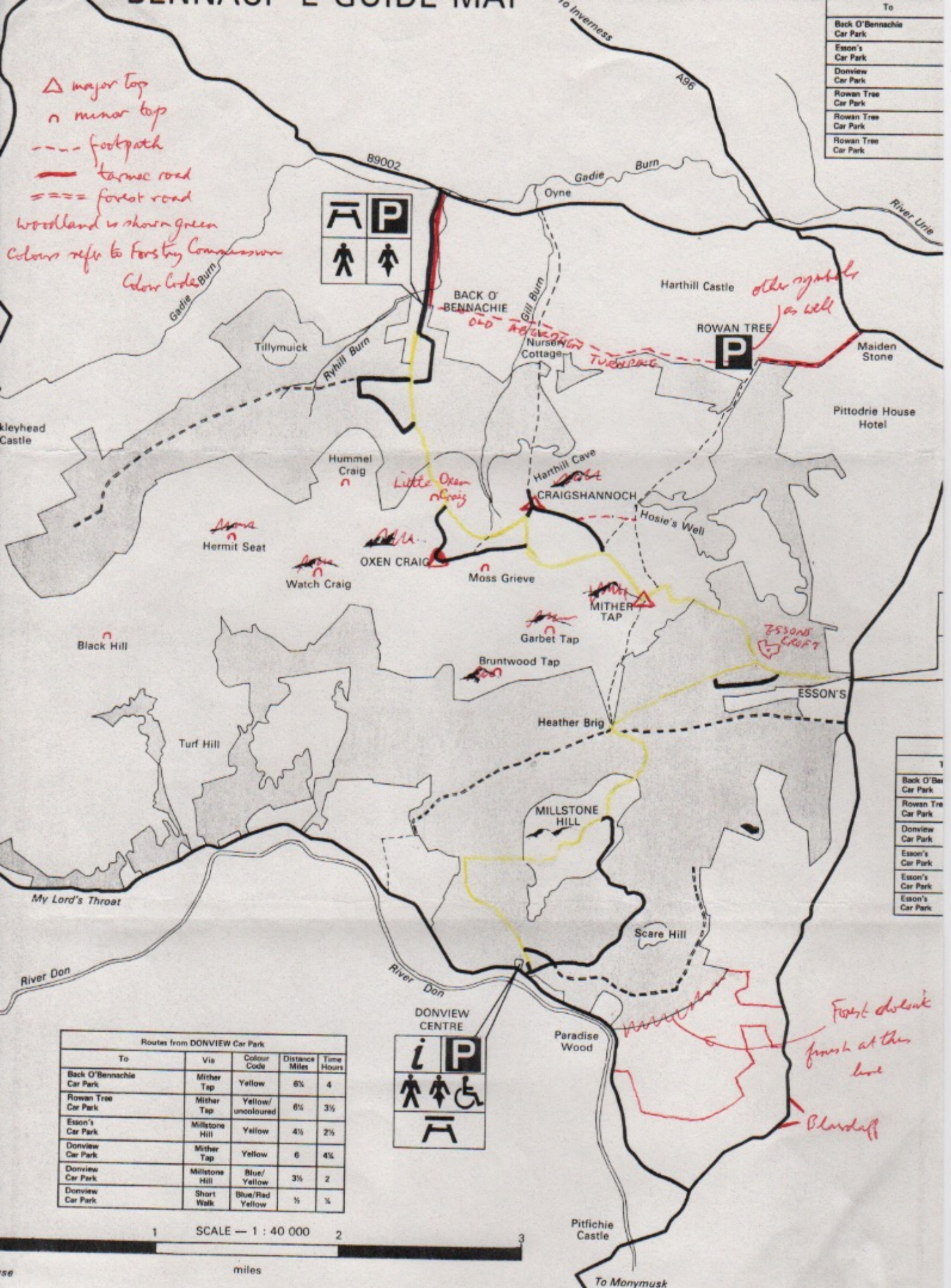
Sincerely

Ron Marnie

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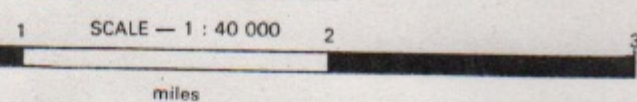
Δ major top
 n minor top
 --- footpath
 — tarred road
 === forest road
 Woodland is shown green
 Colours refer to Forestry Commission
 Colour Code Burn

To
Back O'Bennachie Car Park
Esso's Car Park
Donview Car Park
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Routes from DONVIEW Car Park				
To	Via	Colour Code	Distance Miles	Time Hours
Back O'Bennachie Car Park	Mither Tap	Yellow	6½	4
Rowan Tree Car Park	Mither Tap	Yellow/uncoloured	6½	3½
Esso's Car Park	Millstone Hill	Yellow	4½	2½
Donview Car Park	Mither Tap	Yellow	6	4½
Donview Car Park	Millstone Hill	Blue/Yellow	3½	2
Donview Car Park	Short Walk	Blue/Red Yellow	½	¼



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COMMENTS

- Page i. Agreed second addition 1986.
- Page ii. Ian Grant's foreword should be kept but amended to show that he is an "ex Conservator" and as you suggest "a former Senior Bailie".
- Page iv. I can but agree with all your suggestions.
- Page 1. I agree your proposed change regarding the Don View Centre, but feel we should ignore Mr Harding "!". I agree your membership change is worth making and agree "Conservator, East Scotland" should now read "Conservator, North Scotland".
- Page 2. Agreed.
- Page 7. Agreed.
- Page 10. Agreed.
- Page 15. Line 7, yes this is now correct.
Line 16. I think it is "averons" as printed.
Line 17. Okay.
- Page 16. Line 4. Agreed.
I agree your suggestions but are you not tempting providence with the last 13 years record! I think the use of the word "past 13 years" dates the publication immediately, and it could be very much out of date by this time next year.

I agree your comments about the Rowan Tree Car Park. It does include facilities for the disabled.
- Page 19. Line 1. Agreed.
Line 10 to 12. Agreed.
- Walk 4 All the points are agreed.
- Page 22. Agreed.
- Page 24. No.
- Map. Point 1. Agreed.
Point 2. Agreed. Please note also that the Back o' Bennachie Car Park has a disabled toilet now.
Point 3. I must admit I prefer the hill top silhouettes and would prefer to see them retained in the correct position. The naming of the tops in different style print could be confusing, and there is no explanation as to the reason. Unless there was a very strong objection I would prefer to see these silhouettes kept.
Point 4. I agree Essons Croft should be inserted and should not be painted green.
Point 5. Agreed.
Point 6. Agreed.

COMMENTS CONT.

Map Point 7. Agreed.
 Point 8. Agreed with perhaps major top and minor top omitted.

The road up to the Back o' Bennachie Car Park should be coloured in solid instead of being double line. Perhaps the map Point 8 should not say "colours refer to FC colour codes" but rather colours refer to colours on way marker posts and arrows.

All in all I think you have done an extremely thorough job of revising this and am most grateful to you.

I am very happy to have the map distances and scale in good old imperial miles, but doubtless we may come under fire for not changing to kilometres. For my part I would like to see at least this addition reprinted with miles which mean something, and would be happy to see kilometres ignored for the present, please let me know if you disagree.

Sincerely

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Ron Marnie

Forest District Manager