

YOUR PARK

Transforming

our lochshores

LOCH
LOMOND
& THE TROSSACHS
NATIONAL PARK



National Parks in Scotland

Scotland's National Parks are national assets. They are part of a family of internationally recognised landscapes and visitor destinations which showcase the very best of Scotland's environment.

Visitors have high expectations when they visit National Parks. Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park is the busiest area of countryside in Scotland, hosting over seven million visitor days each year.

The National Park needs high quality visitor facilities to attract and keep visitors in the area and to ensure that visitor pressures can be managed in a way that protects the environment they come to see.

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park was formed in 2002 to deliver four aims that are set out in the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000, these are:

- ▶ to conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area,
- ▶ to promote sustainable use of the natural resources of the area,
- ▶ to promote understanding and enjoyment (including enjoyment in the form of recreation) of the special qualities of the area by the public, and
- ▶ to promote sustainable economic and social development of the area's communities.

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1. Introducing Your Park

'Your Park' is a programme to enhance the camping experience in Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park and to improve our most cherished lochshores. This is a National Park so it is yours to enjoy and respect regardless of whether you come to our lochshores to camp, to go for a walk, go swimming, go kayaking or simply to enjoy a picnic. There are a huge variety of activities on offer.

Unfortunately, our most popular and accessible lochshores are suffering from damaging overuse and the irresponsible behaviour of some. This includes irresponsible camping and misuse of laybys including long-term encampments during the summer months. We want to take action in these areas so that we:

- ▶ **Protect and conserve the area's beauty, habitats and wildlife for future generations**
- ▶ **Ensure a variety of visitors can come and enjoy our lochshores**
- ▶ **Reduce the types of behaviour, damage and pollution that ruins other visitors' and residents' enjoyment**
- ▶ **Deliver a wider range of opportunities to camp across the National Park so visitors are provided with a better camping experience with the right type of facilities**
- ▶ **Provide opportunities for local businesses to flourish**
- ▶ **Ensure that people know how to truly 'wild camp' without leaving a trace of their visit.**

Through 'Your Park', the National Park aims to provide opportunities for people to camp on our lochshores in well maintained sites, which have the right facilities and where visitor numbers are managed sustainably. We believe that this will allow other visitors to enjoy these popular beauty spots and help protect the environment for future generations to enjoy.

'Your Park' offers the opportunity to have your say. We want to hear your thoughts on our proposals. The consultation is open between Monday 13 October 2014 until Monday 12 January 2015. We want you to:

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2. Our vision

Camping is a popular activity in the National Park, often combined with other outdoor activities like fishing, cycling, walking or canoeing.

Our National Park Partnership Plan 2012-2017 was widely consulted on and agreed with our communities and partners – it guides everything we do.

In it we share our vision where we pledge to ensure:

- ▶ The National Park is a place for all to enjoy.
- ▶ There will be a variety of high quality campsites where people from all backgrounds can pitch their tents and enjoy the outdoors without damaging the environment.
- ▶ Campervans have places to stop that provide the right facilities all across the National Park.
- ▶ All are provided at a reasonable cost.



We also want to ensure:

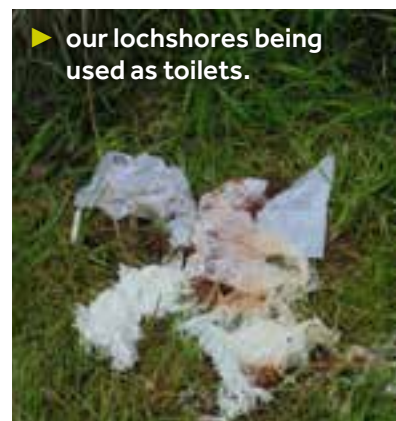
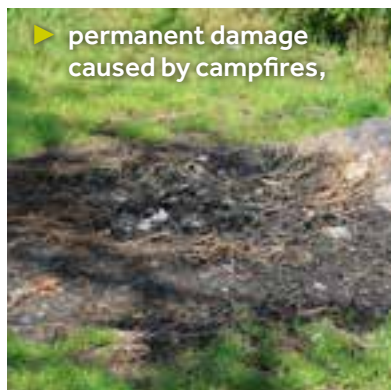
- ▶ There are lots of different recreation activities for everyone on and around the National Park's many lochs.
- ▶ That the natural environment is conserved and enhanced for future generations.

We know that the experience on many of our lochshores falls far short of this vision and we want to do more to change that.



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For many years we have been gathering information from our ranger and police patrols about all these busy sites. We monitor how much these areas are being used and what sorts of damage is being caused. Sadly, we've found:



We already work closely with Police Scotland through 'Operation Ironworks', our planned programme of ranger and police patrols, to tackle the antisocial and sometimes criminal behaviour that occurs every year at many sites.

As a result of the evidence we have gathered, the National Park Authority, supported by our partners, is proposing to take more steps to enhance National Park lochshores.

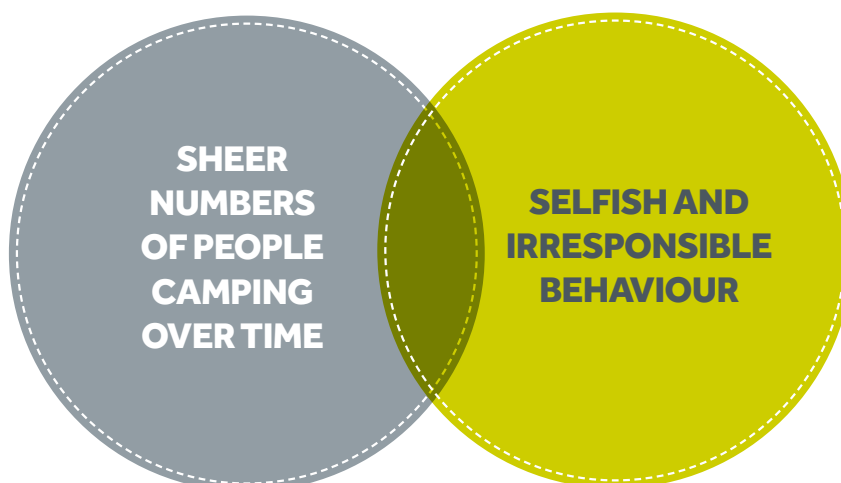
We have also been listening to those communities in the National Park whose daily lives are blighted by this inconsiderate behaviour. The vast majority of the feedback we receive demonstrates that people who live in the National Park are impatient for more action to be taken.

This document provides full details of our proposals to transform our lochshores for all to enjoy.

3. Your Park now

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park is within an hour's drive of over 50% of Scotland's population – that's partly why we have 4.5 million visitors spending over seven million visitor days in the National Park every year.

The National Park offers an easily accessible place to enjoy world renowned landscapes, scenic lochs and popular beauty spots. On the plus side, the National Park benefits from the welcome tourism income that this brings to our rural communities. But there is a downside too; our most accessible lochshores are suffering due to a combination of:



This has a knock-on impact not just for the people who live and work here, but it also puts others off coming to enjoy our lochshores. We want to provide a fantastic experience for everyone who comes to camp, visit for the day or live in the National Park and at the moment this does not always happen. These rural, lochshore areas and the roads used to access them are sometimes over-capacity and the visitor experience is far from ideal.



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On a busy day on our most popular lochshores we have recorded:



Some of the most scenic laybys or old sections of road on our busiest A-roads are being used as summer-long encampments full of caravans and campervans preventing them being used by daytime visitors.



And in other areas we regularly see dangerous, irresponsible parking, including in passing places along single-track roads.

4. Continually improving Your Park

So, what can be done to raise the standard of the experience on our lochshores? We believe the answer lies in a comprehensive approach, we call this our National Park 'Visitor Experience Mix', it combines:



None of these approaches work in isolation – improving the experience on our lochshores requires a planned and coordinated approach.

4.1 Encouraging respect and enjoyment

From the work our rangers do day-in and day-out, to our long term work with schools and young people, the National Park Authority is committed to providing every opportunity for people to learn about how to enjoy the National Park responsibly to get the most out of their time here and to protect it for future generations.

Our ranger service

Since Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park was created in 2002, our rangers have been focused on providing information and advice to visitors to the area.

We employ a team of 27 permanent rangers and approximately 30 seasonal rangers dedicated to providing a warm welcome, a knowledgeable introduction to the National Park and experience and advice on how to respect and enjoy the area.

Respect the Park campaign

Our high profile awareness raising campaign 'Respect the Park' is aimed at informing and engaging with everyone who visits the National Park about the responsibilities that come with the rights to accessing the countryside. This helps make the area safer and more enjoyable for everyone.



4.2 Providing facilities for visitors

Evidence tells us that education alone is not enough in such a busy area and that is why we are also focused on providing facilities for our millions of visitors. Over the years, we've invested in, and will continue to invest in, many countryside sites providing everything from:

- ▶ **Toilets**
- ▶ **Kiosks to provide snacks, food and drink from**
- ▶ **Picnic benches and barbecue areas**
- ▶ **Creating and improving paths and viewpoints**
- ▶ **Parking facilities for cars, buses and bikes**
- ▶ **Information signage**

Recently we have also invested in developing land to allow good quality informal camping to take place on some of the National Park's most scenic lochshore areas from Salloch Bay in east Loch Lomond to the newly opened facilities on the shores of Loch Lubnaig.

We think there is a need to provide more facilities like these to support camping on other lochshores.

We intend to work with partners from the public, private and third sector to help us enhance and maintain a wide range of much needed visitor facilities.

4.3 Managing the pressures

Our focus on education and our investment in providing facilities for visitors has not prevented irresponsible and antisocial camping. We have looked to tackle this in two key ways so far:

(a) Working in conjunction with Police Scotland to enforce existing legislation to deal with problem behaviours

- ▶ **'Operation Ironworks' is our joint programme with Police Scotland where we provide increased patrols in the National Park to help deal with antisocial and problem behaviour from a minority of visitors whose conduct spoils it for others.**

(b) Introducing new legislation (byelaws) to deal with problem behaviours specific to an area of the National Park

- ▶ **We have byelaws in force to encourage responsible behaviour:**
 - **On Loch Lomond to manage boat navigation and on the Loch Lomond islands**
 - **In east Loch Lomond where camping is managed during the summer season**



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Focus on East Loch Lomond

CASE STUDY

East Loch Lomond is an area of the National Park that had suffered for decades from the negative impact of large numbers of people flocking to the area on sunny days.

This small stretch of Loch Lomond, which the West Highland Way passes through and within easy reach of Scotland's central belt had been blighted by years of entrenched antisocial behaviour caused by large groups arriving by car, descending on the area's beaches, setting up camps and creating a nuisance for other visitors and for those who lived in the area.

This often alcohol-fuelled antisocial and criminal behaviour included:

- ▶ vandalism and damage to visitor sites and facilities
- ▶ excessive noise from large groups of people during the hours of darkness
- ▶ cutting down live trees for firewood
- ▶ uncontrolled fires and the damage they leave behind
- ▶ leaving human waste along our beaches
- ▶ littering and abandoning entire campsites when they left
- ▶ communities and local businesses left feeling vulnerable and resentful

The community, other visitors, the National Park's natural environment and its economy were all suffering. In 2011, following a public consultation and with the support of the community, Police Scotland and The Forestry Commission, we worked together to:

- ▶ **introduce a set of byelaws that regulated camping in the area**
- ▶ **ensure a range of informal managed camping opportunities were in place**
- ▶ **take a co-ordinated approach to ranger and police patrolling in the area through the Operation Ironworks initiative**
- ▶ **continue our support of the focussed Respect the Park campaign to promote responsible behaviour in the outdoors**
- ▶ **improve signage and enforcement of the clearway order to manage dangerous parking**

At the same time, Stirling Council introduced an alcohol byelaw to make it an offence to be found drinking alcohol outside.





The result

Three years on and the area has since been transformed. We have submitted a report to the Scottish Government that summarises the success:

- ▶ **81% reduction in vandalism and anti-social behaviour and only one report to the Procurator Fiscal during three years the byelaws have been in place.***
- ▶ **Business is flourishing now that families and a broader range of visitors are coming to the area.**
- ▶ **Community feedback is positive with local residents feeling safe to enjoy living in this beautiful part of the National Park.**
- ▶ **The regeneration and environment of popular lochshore sites is visible for all to see and enjoy.**



** East Loch Lomond Camping Byelaws 2011, Three Year Report for Ministers 2014*

Land recovery at Lochan Maoil Dhuinne (just south of Rowardennan)



5. Transforming Your Park

5.1 Proposals for improving the visitor experience

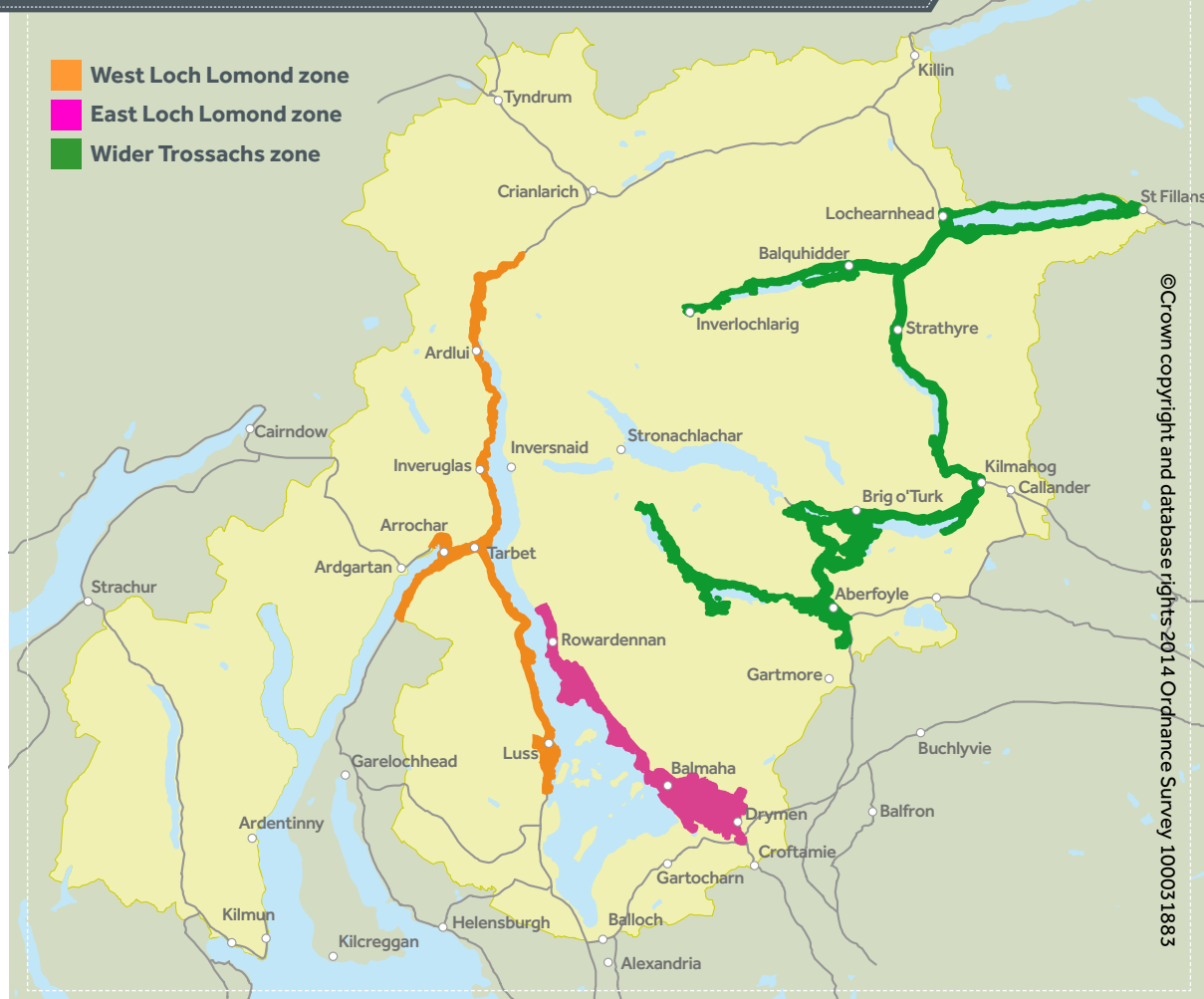
Despite applying our full Visitor Experience Mix across the National Park, there are other lochshore areas that continue to suffer from similar problems to those once faced on east Loch Lomond.

These additional proposed zones are:

- ▶ West Loch Lomond (including north Loch Long)
- ▶ the wider Trossachs area, and
- ▶ a slight extension to the existing east Loch Lomond Management Zone (see map 2 opposite).

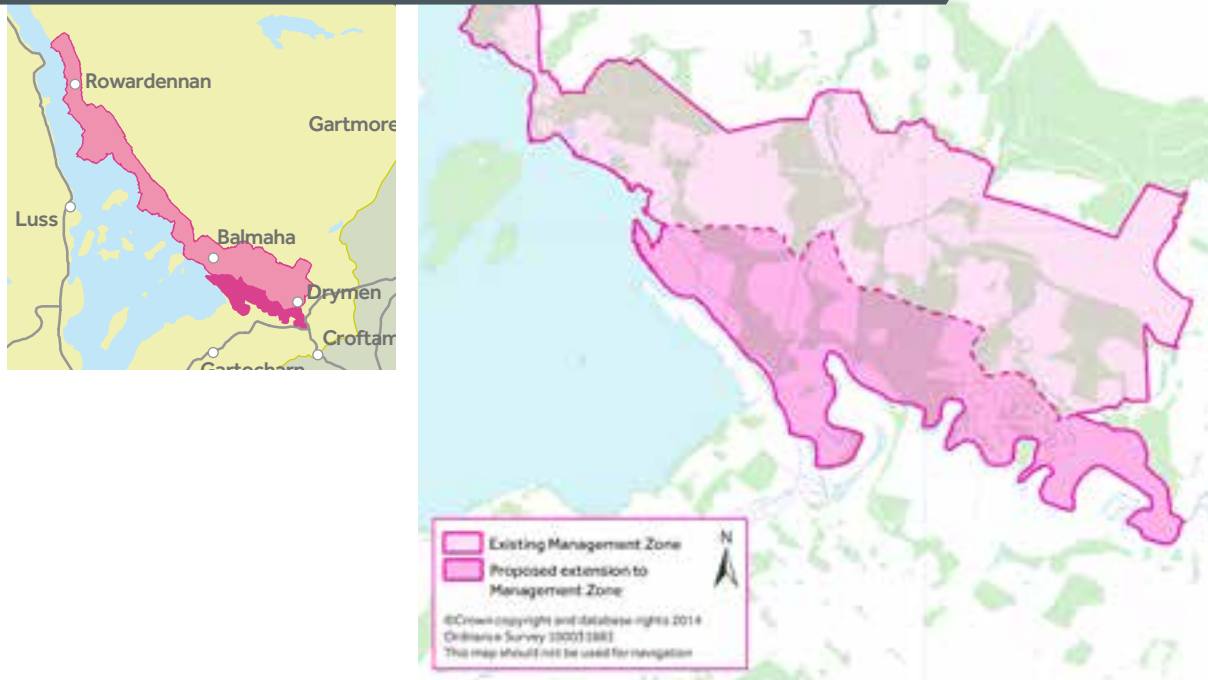
The map below gives a general overview of the three proposed zones our consultation will cover. For a detailed look at the zone maps see pages 29 - 58.

MAP 1: OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED ZONES



East Loch Lomond is covered by an existing management zone (East Loch Lomond Camping Byelaws 2011), which through this project is proposed to be extended to include a stretch of land suffering similar problems. The maps below show the proposed extension to the east Loch Lomond Management Zone.

MAP 2: EAST LOCH LOMOND PROPOSED EXTENSION



Issues faced in all three proposed Management Zones include:

- ▶ Dangerous and excessive parking on road verges and passing places
- ▶ Summer-long caravan encampments in the area's most scenic laybys
- ▶ Litter and entire abandoned campsites



We also see:

- ▶ Damage to trees and vegetation from sheer numbers of people and from campfires
- ▶ Our lochshores being used as toilets, leaving human waste behind
- ▶ Antisocial and at times violent behaviour
- ▶ Community and visitor feedback about the poor experience at our lochshore sites in these areas



These are not new problems – we are seeing the impact of over-used popular lochshore visitor sites coupled with years of entrenched behaviour that is spoiling the area for everyone. We hope that you will agree that this is far from our vision for what visiting our National Park should be like.

We want to take action to improve the situation so we are consulting on a proposal to dramatically improve the experience on our lochshores by:

1. Working with communities, local land-owners and our public sector partners invest in providing a range of good quality camping options near these popular lochshore areas
2. Managing camping in these areas by introducing byelaws that allow for sustainable levels of camping in management zones and that deal with damage to the environment and anti-social behaviour



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5.2 Proposals for investing in camping provision

There are already a number of businesses running camping and motorhome/caravan sites in the National Park as well as some informal, low-cost facilities where the National Park has invested in putting facilities like toilets, fresh drinking water, camping pitches, picnic areas and car parking in place.

We want to encourage people to come and enjoy the National Park and when they visit we want there to be a good range of opportunities for them to camp.

MAP 3: EXISTING CARAVAN & CAMPING SITES



Our proposal is that any byelaws that manage where camping can and cannot take place is co-ordinated with a plan to deliver more managed camping provision within the area.

Our ambition is that the combination of the camping provision that already exists in the National Park and (where there are gaps) our investment in encouraging new camping facilities will provide the right range and number of opportunities to camp in the National Park. This is a long-term plan that requires joint working with:

- ▶ **Our communities**
- ▶ **Landowners – from both the private, public and third sector**
- ▶ **Local businesses and community enterprises interested in running camping facilities**
- ▶ **Other Scottish Government partner agencies including SNH, Forestry Commission Scotland, Transport Scotland and SEPA**

We have now:

- ▶ **scoped out existing camping/caravan provision within the National Park**
- ▶ **spent time listening to the needs and ambitions of many user groups**
- ▶ **gathered information from our partners and existing camping providers across the National Park**
- ▶ **reviewed learning from our investment on east Loch Lomond and at Loch Lubnaig**
- ▶ **considered the trends in both camping, caravan and motorhome use**
- ▶ **looked at where the gaps are in each area**

The proposal we are consulting on is based on this research and our experience of dealing with camping pressures in the National Park. Looking to the future, we have taken into account the increasing popularity of camping and motorhomes:

- ▶ **470,000 camping trips were taken in the Britain in 2011**
- ▶ **There are 176,000 motorhome owners in the UK**
- ▶ **Research indicates a 23% increase in the number of people interested in buying a motorhome.**

At present, we estimate that there is formal camping provision for up to 1,045 tents and 1,375 touring caravan/motorhome pitches in the National Park. In order to achieve our vision of transforming our lochshores for everyone, we estimate an investment of approximately £10m* is needed over the next five years to deliver a significant increase in provision in the National Park.

Based on our research, our proposals are based on there being four main types of additional opportunities to camp in the National Park, these are:

1. Motorhome/campervan overnight bays



2. Semi-formal camping with capacity for between 5-10 pitches



3. Semi-formal camping with capacity for between 20-40 pitches

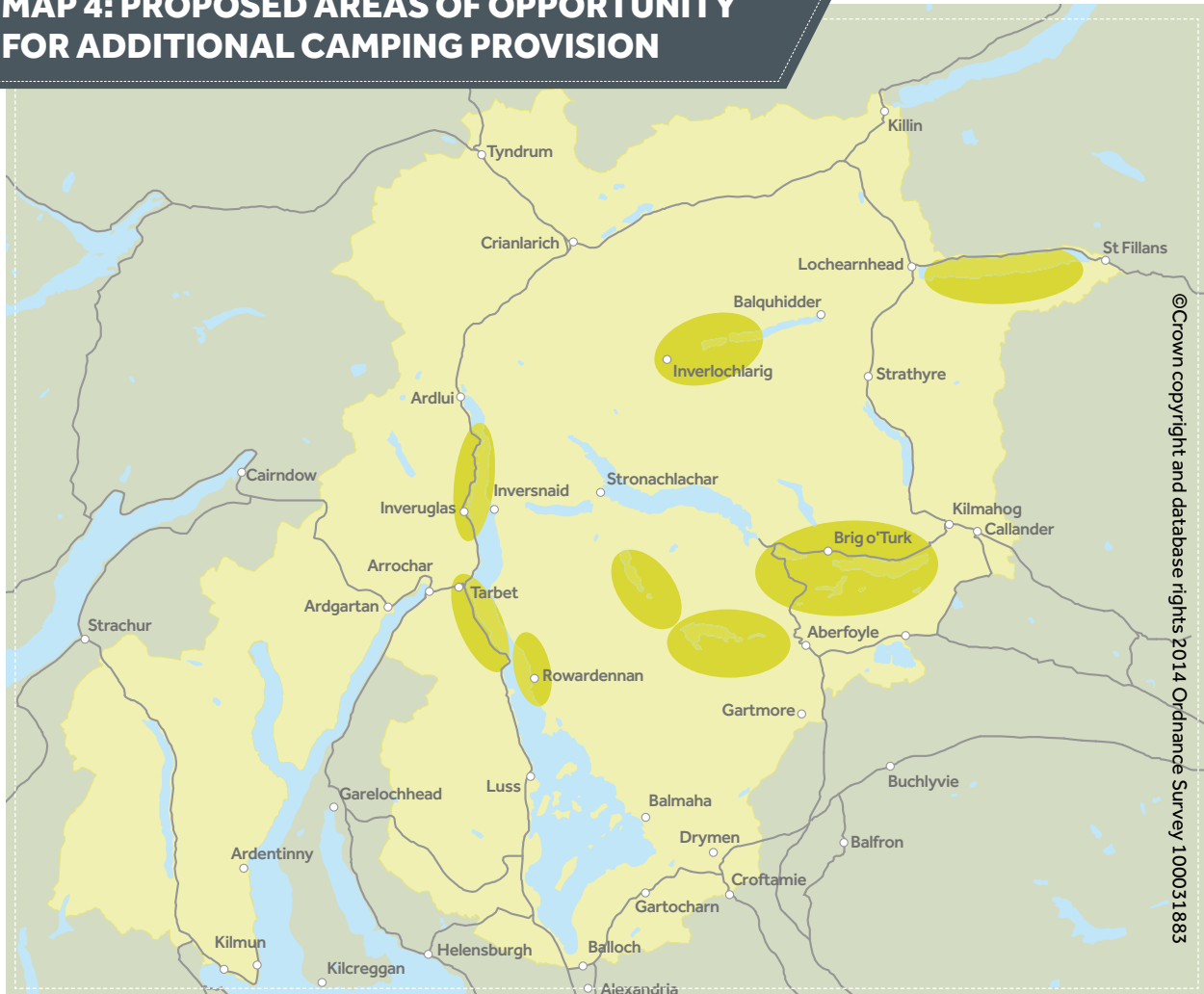


4. Seasonal formal campsites delivered in partnership with private landowners



* This figure has been generated based on the experience of the National Park Authority and its partners in undertaking feasibility studies and developing sites across the National Park.

MAP 4: PROPOSED AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL CAMPING PROVISION



The broad areas within the three proposed management zones, where we think there is opportunity for these types of provision are marked on the map above. It is important to remember that these areas are indicative at this stage. Any facilities would be subject to a full planning application and the necessary assessments that go along with that.

We want to know

Investment Q1: Do you agree that over the next five years the National Park Authority should invest in improving camping provision within the three proposed management zones?

Investment Q2: Do you agree with the areas of opportunity for additional camping provision (marked on map 4)?

While we will focus our investment in the proposed management zones, we are keen to hear from anyone interested in getting involved in providing camping facilities throughout the National Park.

We also want to hear from you if:

- ▶ You are a landowner and you are interested in becoming involved in developing new camping facilities
- ▶ You are a business, charitable organisation, individual or part of a community organisation interested in getting involved in setting up or running new camping facilities



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5.3 Proposals for managing the negative impacts of camping

The most acute pressures occur where lochshores popular for camping are easily accessible from a public road. Most campers in these areas arrive by car and wish to camp near to the road. The problems are caused by a combination of too many people wanting to camp within the same area at the same time and (often in conjunction) selfish and irresponsible behaviour by a minority of campers who spoil it for others and damage the environment.

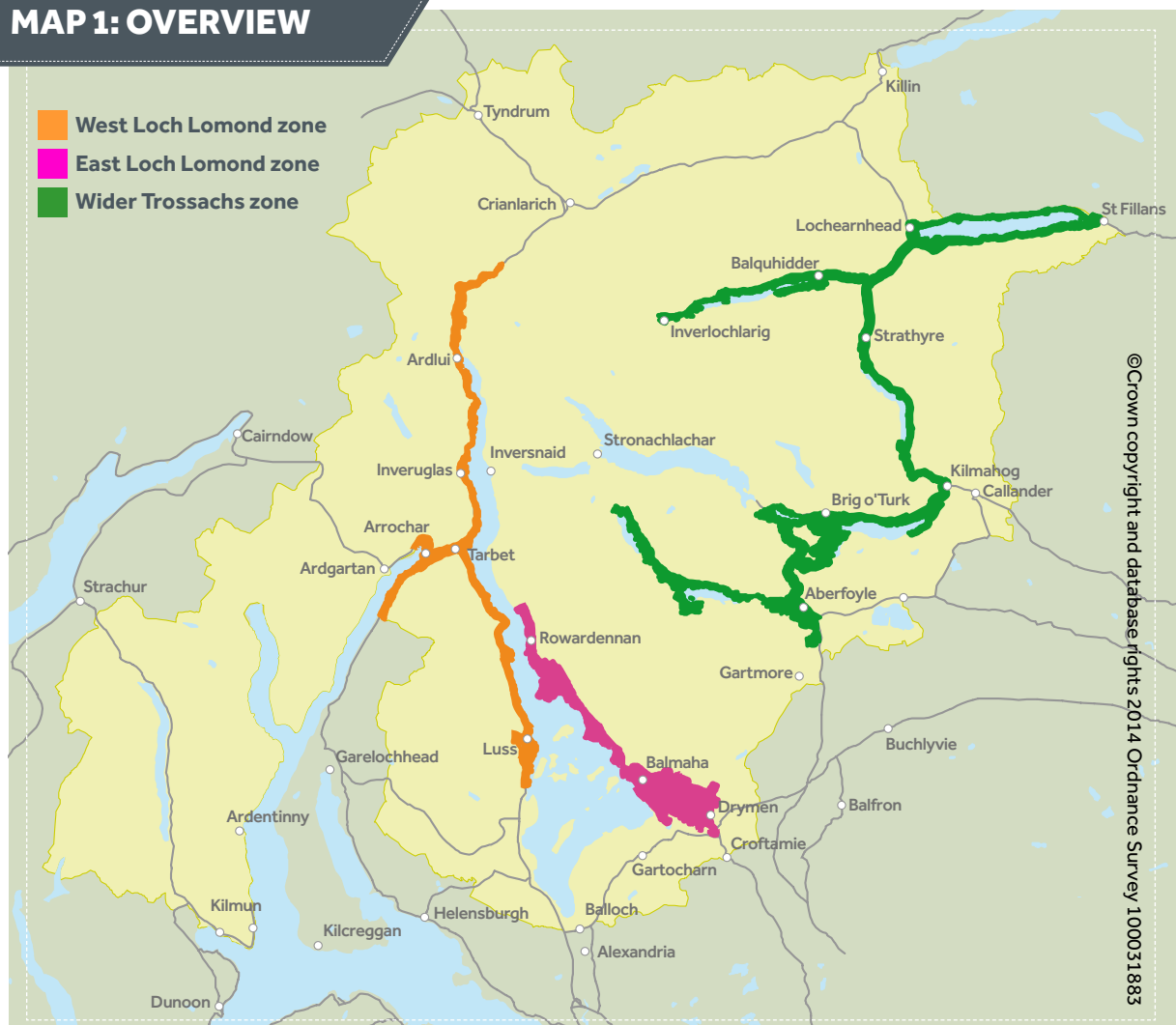
The new Management Zones we are proposing include:

- ▶ Areas where our patrolling survey evidence demonstrates significant and entrenched camping impacts
- ▶ Some areas which may not have the most acute problems now, but we anticipate that localised displacement of camping could occur because of our proposed management measures
- ▶ Some road corridors where we think it makes sense to link zones to assist with public understanding of where management zones start and finish

The proposed zones are focused on lochshore areas which are publically accessible by vehicles. As well as the land between a road and lochshore, boundaries have been drawn at a distance of approximately 200m from the public road and where possible follow visible features such as field boundaries or tracks. Lochshores with no public roads have not been included in zones.

Some of the proposed camping management areas are very close to the National Park boundary at Loch Long and Loch Earn. The Park Authority is working together with neighbouring Councils to monitor and manage any visitor pressures outside the National Park.

MAP 1: OVERVIEW



Our proposals are based on a desire to encourage people to come and visit the National Park, whether they choose to camp or not.

Under the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000, the National Park Authority has byelaw-making powers. Byelaws provide a way to keep camping at a manageable and sustainable level and deal with behaviour that is damaging to the National Park, that can affect residents or that puts others off visiting.

These byelaws are flexible enough to allow us to provide local solutions to meet local needs within each of the identified Management Zones and provide for sustainable levels of camping. They have been drafted taking into account the levels of use and the extent of the issues found on the National Park's most pressured lochshores and in the surrounding areas. They also have to work alongside regulations and laws that are already in place.

The byelaw we are proposing deals with three key issues:

1. Encouraging responsible behaviour by making it an offence to cause damage to the area and/or the wildlife within it by littering, fires or irresponsible behaviour
2. Regulating when and where you can camp within the zones
3. Managing how laybys are used to prevent all-summer encampments

We believe the byelaws will also:

- ▶ Create demand for the planned network of managed camping areas and sites by restricting unmanaged lochshore camping within the zones
- ▶ Allow for camping permits to support sustainable levels of use on some lochshores within the zones
- ▶ Offer opportunities for small scale basic or serviced provision to allow short, overnight stays for campervans and motorhomes within the zones

Our byelaw proposals:

- ▶ Will **not** restrict other access rights within the zones – in fact, we firmly believe that they will encourage people to access the areas previously blighted by issues that are putting many visitors off coming to these lochshores
- ▶ Will **not** restrict true wild camping outside the zones – over 95% of the National Park's area is still available for true wild camping
- ▶ Do **not** incorporate the Loch Lomond islands – we will continue to patrol the islands and monitor levels of use and impacts
- ▶ Will **not** deliver the vision in isolation – they form a crucial part of our Visitor Experience Mix alongside education and providing facilities for visitors.

We want to know:

Byelaws Q1: Do you agree that these byelaws should be introduced?

Byelaws Q2: Do you agree with the wording of the proposed byelaws?

Byelaws Q3: Do you agree with the proposed zones for the byelaws?

We want you to get involved



Give us your views at www.thisisyourpark.org.uk



This is a formal public consultation on the proposed byelaws.

Our consultation runs from 13 October 2014 until 12 January 2015

6. Your Park, your say

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Respond to our consultation

From Monday 13 October 2014 until Monday 12 January 2015 visit www.thisisyourpark.org.uk to respond to our consultation on:

- Our proposal to invest in camping facilities in the National Park to dramatically improve the experience on our lochshores
- Our proposed byelaws to manage camping within the zones we've identified as being under pressure



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**PROPOSED
CAMPING
MANAGEMENT
BYELAWS AND
MANAGEMENT
ZONE MAPS**

7. Proposed camping management byelaws

The proposed byelaws are presented in the following pages. They have been drafted to help manage the pressures on our lochshores - from lots of people camping, often irresponsibly, parking up overnight in laybys and having fires that leave damage.

They will also enable preventative and reactive enforcement of irresponsible behaviours such as littering, abandoned encampments, damage to trees, disturbance to wildlife and other visitors, human waste and damage to the environment.

They allow for the National Park Authority to authorise camping and exemptions which would provide the flexibility for the National Park Authority to authorise new camping provision, the use of camping permits or if necessary to exempt an area from the byelaws until provision is made available or if an area's circumstances change.

In drafting the byelaws the National Park Authority has used some elements from our existing two sets of byelaws; the east Loch Lomond Camping Byelaws 2011 and the Loch Lomond Byelaws 2013, both of which operate successfully and have helped improve the National Park.

In preparing byelaws the powers enshrined in the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 have provided the legal basis for them, and careful consideration has been given to ensuring a proportionate and justified basis for the proposals, both in terms of the written extent of the byelaws and the geographic areas which they apply to.

What is a byelaw?

Byelaws are special laws that some organisations, such as National Park Authorities, can make and then use to tackle particular problems.

Under the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000, Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority can make byelaws to help manage and protect the environment or areas that suffer from lots of recreational use or to address issues of safety.

Byelaws can then be enforced by the organisation, so for the National Park Authority we can give powers to our rangers, as well as the police.

Byelaws work alongside other criminal laws which are enforceable by the police. Byelaws are an additional way of helping manage significant problems in specific areas.

The final decision on the introduction of any new byelaws is made by Scottish Ministers.

Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Camping Management Byelaws

General

The Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority, constituted under the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 and the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park Authority Designation, Transitional and Consequential Provisions (Scotland) Order 2002, and having its principal offices at Carrochan, Carrochan Road, Balloch, G83 8EG ("the Authority"), in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by Paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 to the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 hereby makes the following byelaws:

Citation and Application

- (1) These byelaws may be cited as The Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Camping Management Byelaws.
- (2) These byelaws shall apply between the dates of 1 March and 31 October in each calendar year (both dates inclusive) to the following areas within the Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park ("the Park") (any such areas hereinafter referred to as "Management Zones"):
 - (a) the area delineated in orange on plan 1 annexed hereto;
 - (b) the area delineated in pink on plan 2 annexed hereto;
 - (c) the area delineated in green on plan 3 annexed hereto;
- (3) Where the boundary of a Management Zone is a river or other body of water, the boundary shall be the shoreline of such river or other body of water and shall include the whole of any piers, jetties, pontoons, bridges or dams extending therefrom.
- (4) Where the boundary of a Management Zone is a wall, fence, hedge or other such enclosure it shall be regarded as lying within the Management Zone, as the case may be.

Definitions and Interpretations

- (5) In these byelaws, the following words, phrases and expressions are printed in bold wherever they appear and they have the interpretation and meaning hereby assigned to them, respectively:
 - (a) **"damage"** means any damage within a Management Zone, including: death, injury or disturbance to or the taking of any wildlife; or any damage or adverse effect whatsoever to any property;
 - (b) **"nuisance"** means any unreasonable act or omission which causes or is likely to cause annoyance, disturbance or damage;
 - (c) **"over-night"** means the period from 7pm to 7am (or any part thereof) on any day;
 - (d) **"property"** includes land;
 - (e) **"public road"** means a road which a roads authority has a duty to maintain, including: any way over which there is a public right of passage by whatever means and whether subject to a toll or not: the road's verge; any bridge or culvert, whether permanent or temporary, over which the road passes; and any tunnel through which the road passes, and a reference to a "road" includes a part thereof;
 - (f) **"roads authority"** has the same meaning as in section 151(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984;
 - (g) **"shelter"** does not include an umbrella;

- (h) "shoreline" means the point at which a river or other body of water immediately adjoins land within a Management Zone;
- (i) "vehicle" means a mechanically-propelled vehicle or a vehicle designed or adapted for towing by a mechanically-propelled vehicle;
- (j) "wildlife" means any species of animal or bird on or in a Management Zone and any species of plant (including trees) growing in a Management Zone; and
- (k) "wood" includes any tree or part thereof, any log, sawn wood, and any other item consisting or constituted wholly or mainly of wood.

Any references in these byelaws to any gender shall be deemed to include a reference to all genders. Any words following the terms "including" and "include" or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms. Any reference in these byelaws to the singular shall be deemed to include the plural and vice versa. A reference to a statute, statutory provision or subordinated legislation is a reference to it as it is in force for the time being taking account of any amendment, extension, application or re-enactment and includes any subordinate legislation for the time being in force made under it and any former statute or statutory provision which it amends or re-enacts.

Unauthorised Camping

- (6) No persons shall:
 - (a) set up, use or occupy a tent, wigwam or bivouac;
 - (b) set up, use or occupy overnight a form of shelter; or
 - (c) sleep overnight outdoors or in a stationary vehicle (unless such vehicle is on a public road)
 - within a Management Zone unless they have been authorised to do so by the Authority under byelaw 14.
- (7) A new offence under byelaw 6 is deemed to have been committed for each period of 24 hours during which any activity listed in byelaw 6 (a), (b) or (c) takes place in a Management Zone, or any person or vehicle remains in, or returns to, a Management Zone in contravention of byelaw 6.

Nuisance, Damage, Litter and Fires

- (8) No person shall without lawful authority cause, create or permit a nuisance within a Management Zone, including parking a vehicle causing a nuisance within a Management Zone.
- (9) No person shall without lawful authority cause damage within or to a Management Zone or any part thereof.
- (10) No person shall without lawful authority deposit or leave any litter or waste on or in a Management Zone, including: any hook, line, weight or other item of fishing tackle; tents; bedding; cooking equipment; other item of camping equipment; or any other waste (including for the avoidance of doubt animal or human waste) except within a bin provided for that purpose.
- (11) No person shall without lawful authority:
 - (a) light or cause a fire within a Management Zone causing damage or likely to cause damage to a Management Zone; or
 - (b) collect or use wood from within a Management Zone that causes damage or is likely to cause damage to a Management Zone.

Provision of Details

- (12) It shall be an offence under these byelaws for any person to refuse to provide their correct full name, date and place of birth, address and the registration of any vehicle to an officer of the Authority, a police officer or any other person authorised in writing by the Authority who has reasonable grounds for believing that such person is committing, has committed or is about to commit an offence under these byelaws.

Exemptions and Authorisations

- (13) These byelaws shall not apply to areas within Management Zones which have been exempted from the application of any provision of these byelaws by the Authority from time to time.
- (14) The Authority may authorise any person, group or organisation to undertake or provide facilities for undertaking any activity within a Management Zone which would otherwise be prohibited by byelaw 6 provided that such person, group or organisation has made a prior application in writing to the Authority and has been authorised to undertake such activity within that Management Zone by the Authority. Any such authorisation so granted by the Authority shall be in writing and shall specify the duration of and the terms and conditions which apply to such authorisation as the Authority may in its sole discretion consider appropriate from time to time. It shall be an offence under these byelaws to contravene any such terms or conditions specified by the Authority. The Authority may revoke any such authorisation so granted at any time if such person, organisation or group contravenes the terms or conditions subject to which the authorisation has been granted by the Authority. Any authorisation granted under this byelaw 14 shall not remove the requirement to obtain separately the approval of any landowner, where required.
- (15) These byelaws shall not apply to:
- (a) any landowner using land within a Management Zone owned by such landowner for any of the activities listed in these byelaws; or
 - (b) the tenant under a lease of one year or more using land within a Management Zone leased or let to such tenant under such lease for any of the activities listed in these byelaws.

Removal from a Management Zone

- (16) A person shall leave a Management Zone, together with their vehicle (if required) after having been requested to do so either by an officer of the Authority, a police officer or any other person authorised in writing by the Authority having reasonable grounds for believing that such person is committing, has committed or is about to commit an offence under these byelaws.

Penalties and Offences

- (17) No person shall obstruct an officer of the Authority or any other person authorised in writing by the Authority in the proper execution of their duties.
- (18) Any person who contravenes any of the foregoing byelaws shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding Level 2 on the Standard Scale in respect of each offence.

8. Proposed Management Zone maps

The proposed Management Zones have been carefully mapped using the following considerations:

- ▶ Where our patrolling data demonstrates significant and concentrated areas of entrenched pressures.
- ▶ Where we anticipate the potential for local displacement based on demand for road accessible lochshores with flat areas to pitch tents and areas to park.
- ▶ Where linking together the loch zones will help public understanding of the byelaws application.

The zones generally apply from the public road down to water's edge and above the public road for approximately 200 metres or to a distinguishable feature such as a fence or track.

The following maps provide details of the proposed boundaries for each of the Management Zones.

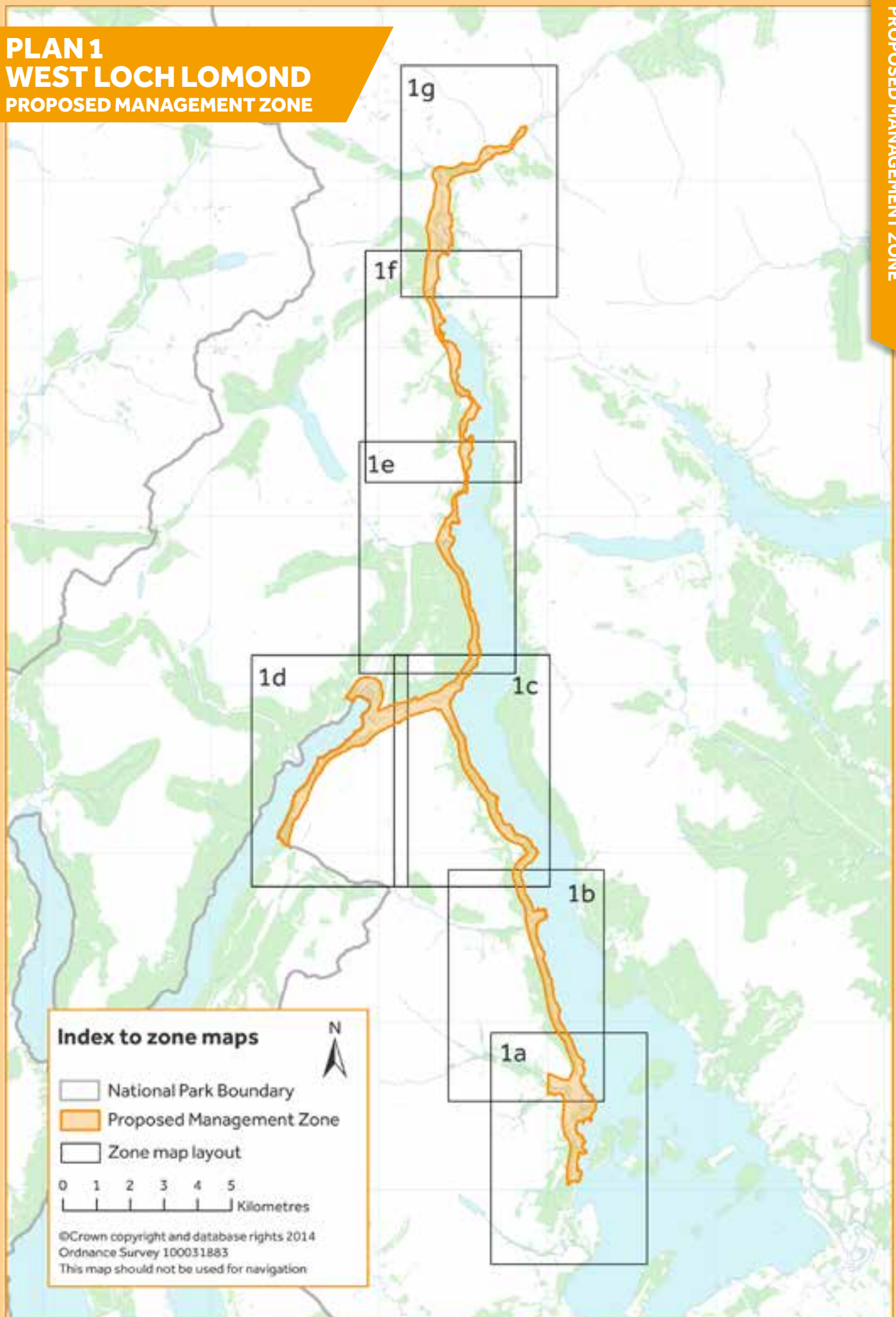
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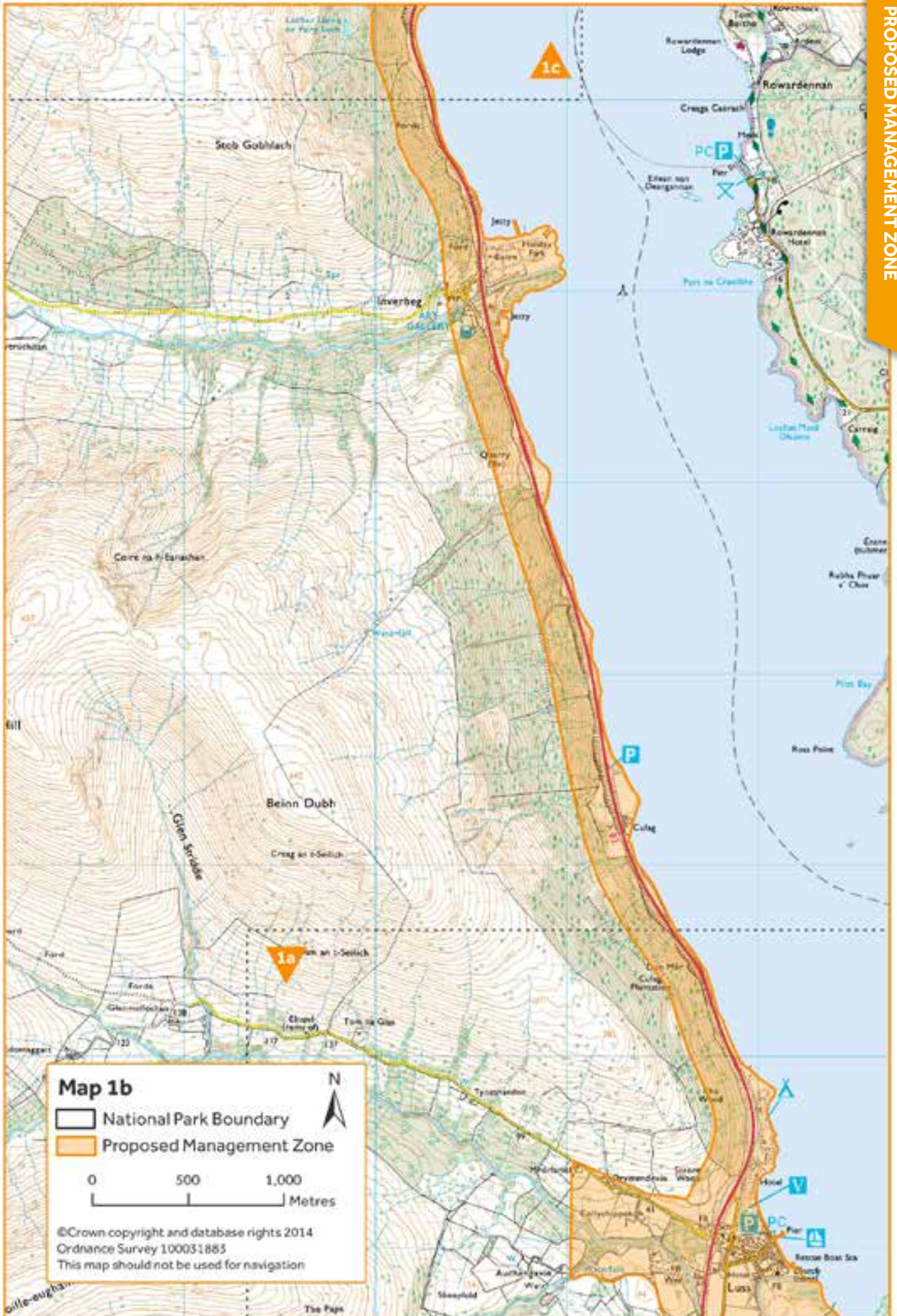
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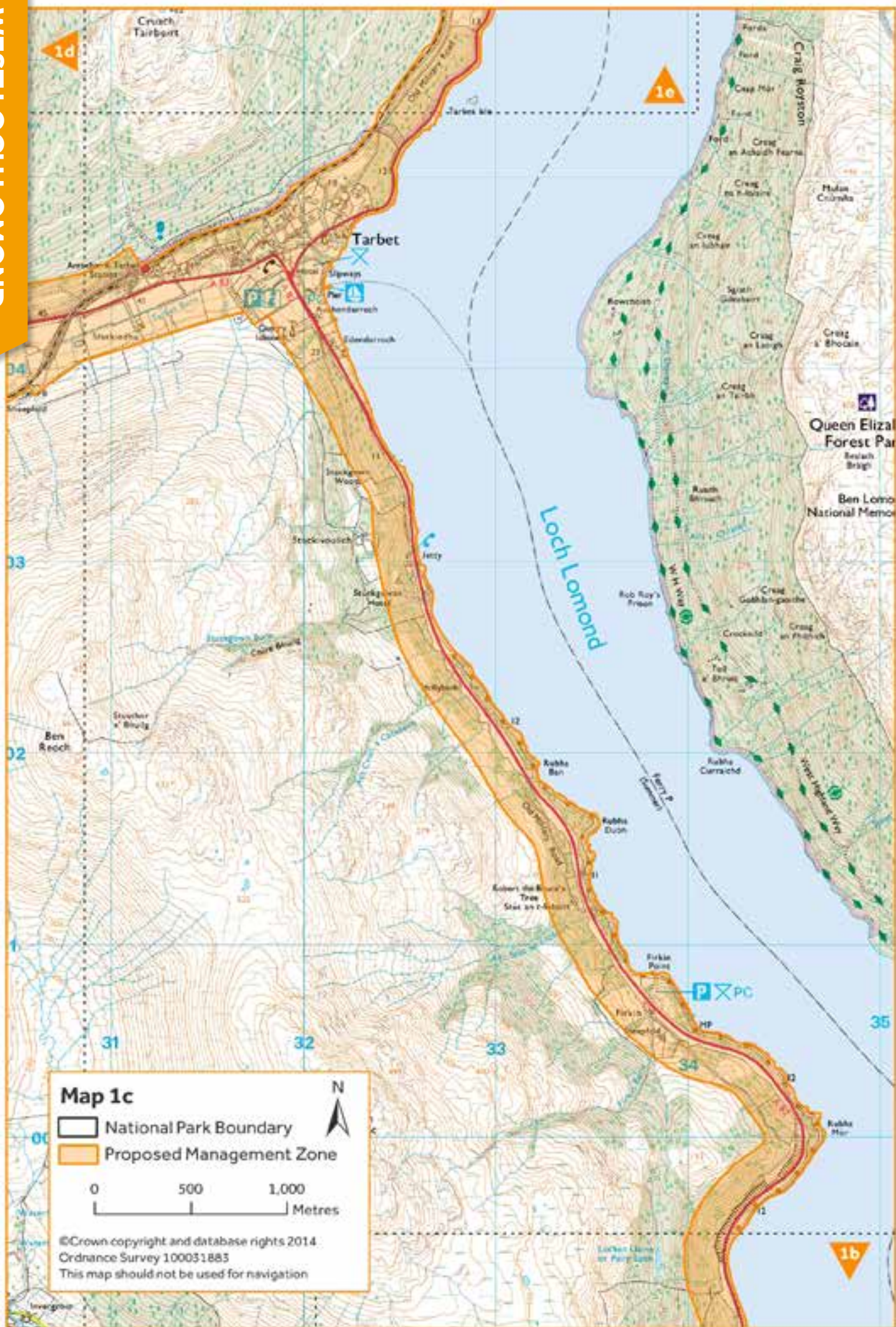
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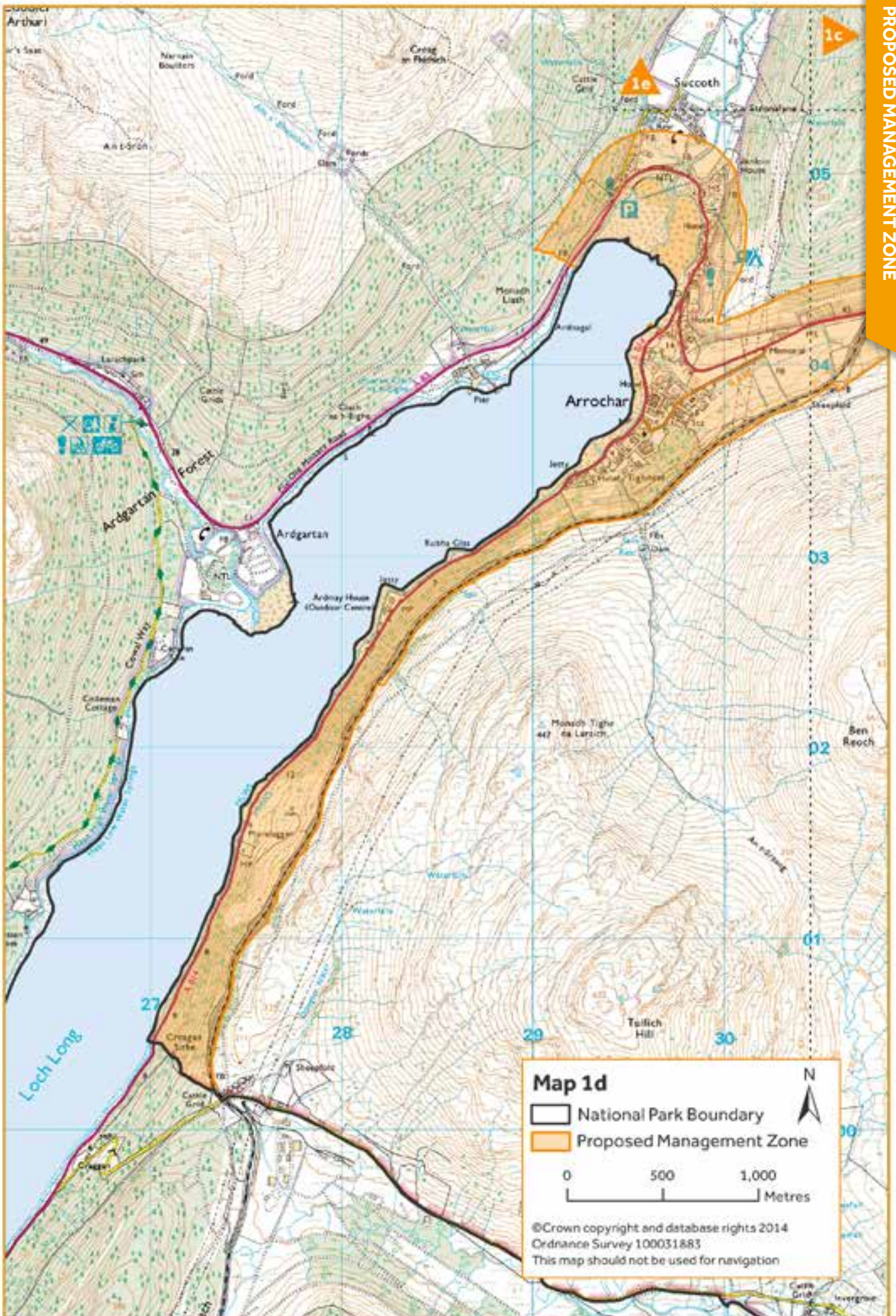
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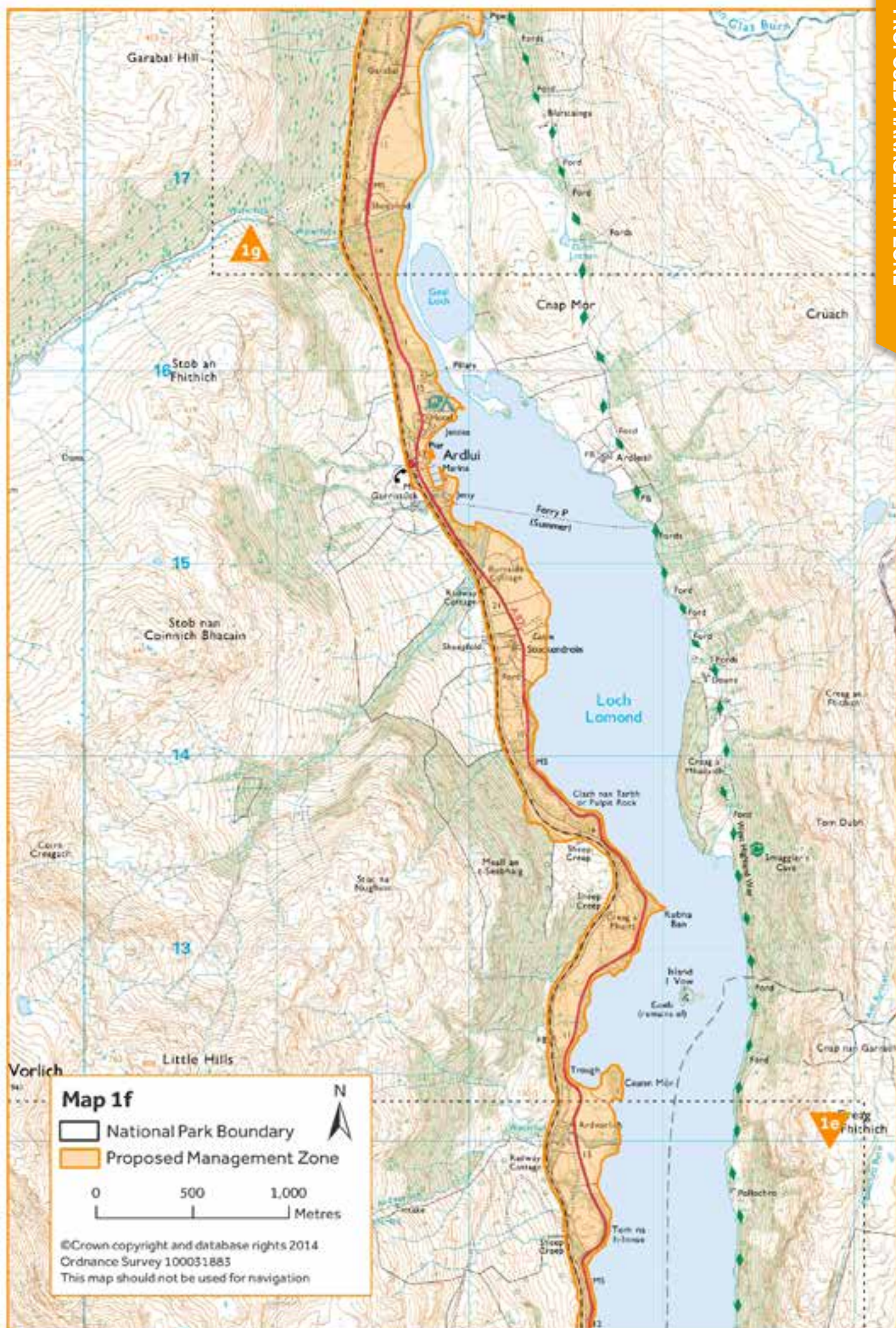












Map 1g

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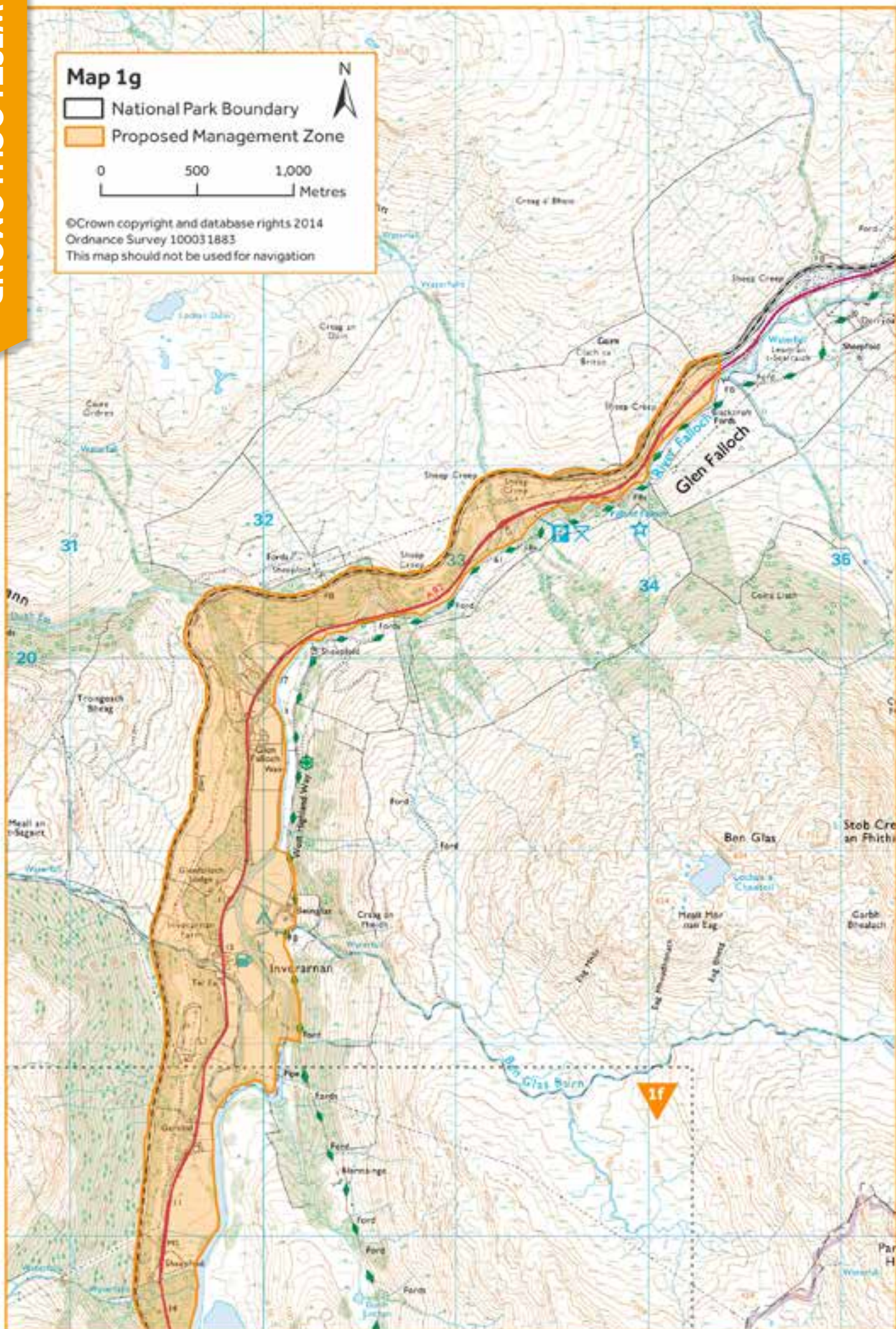
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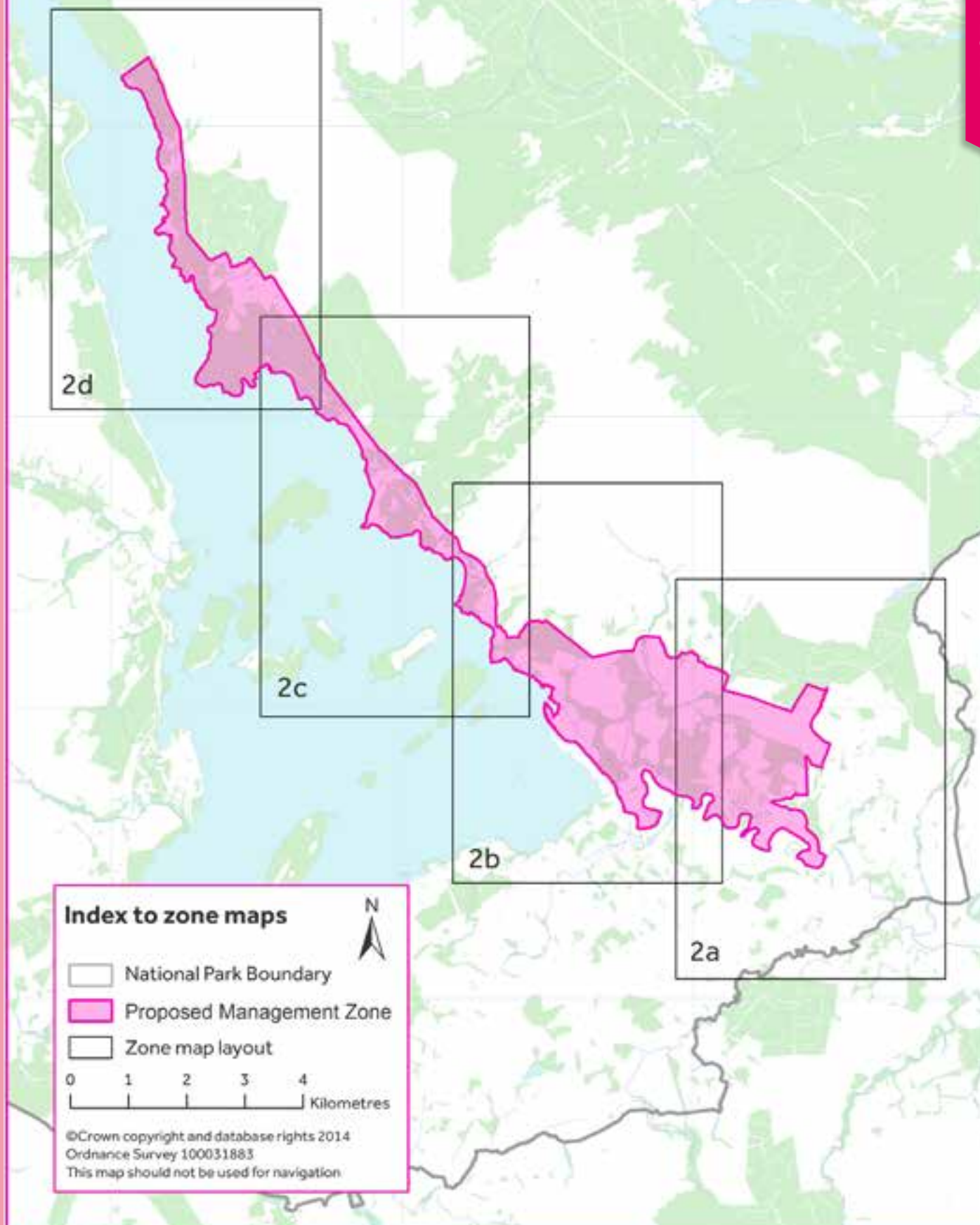
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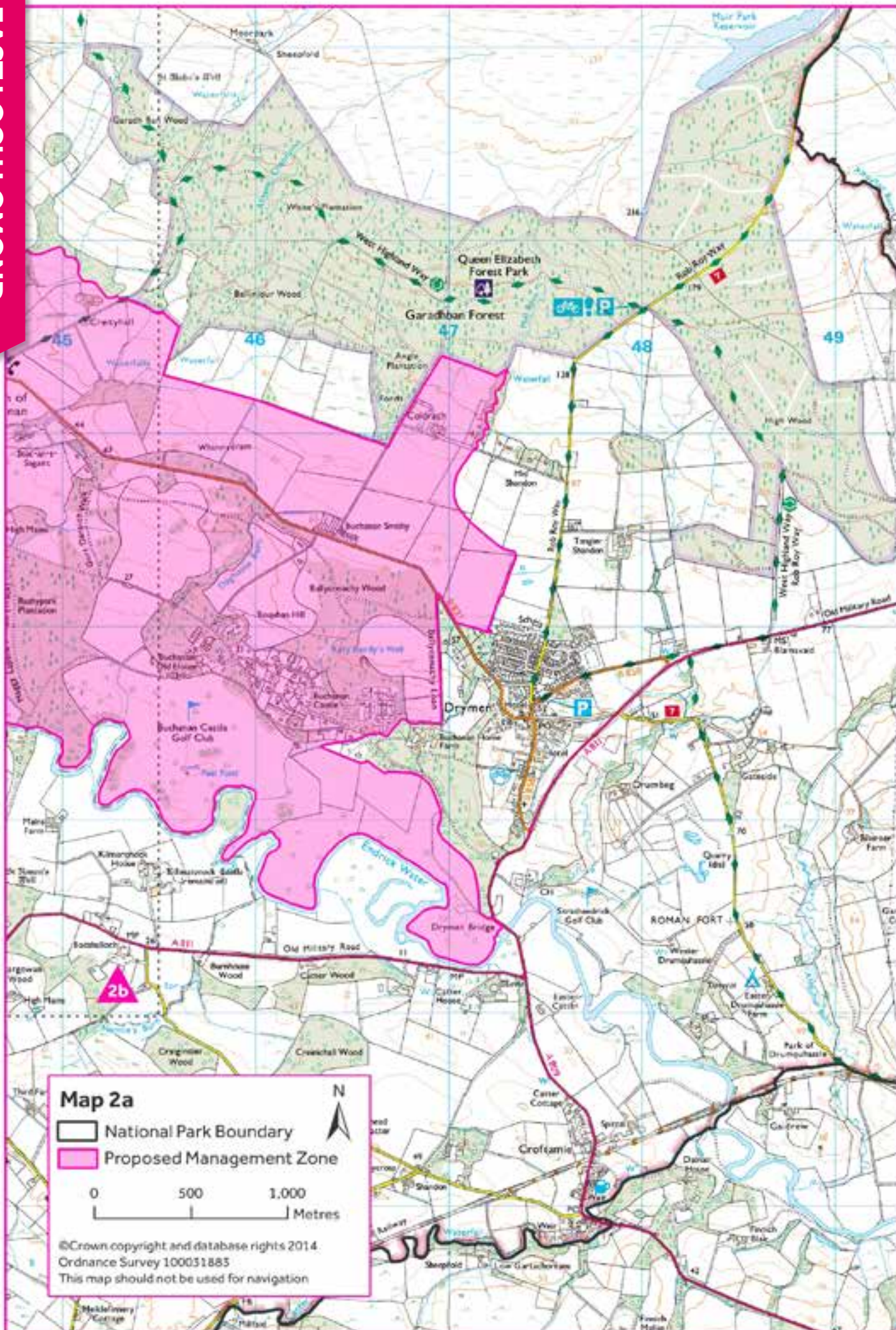
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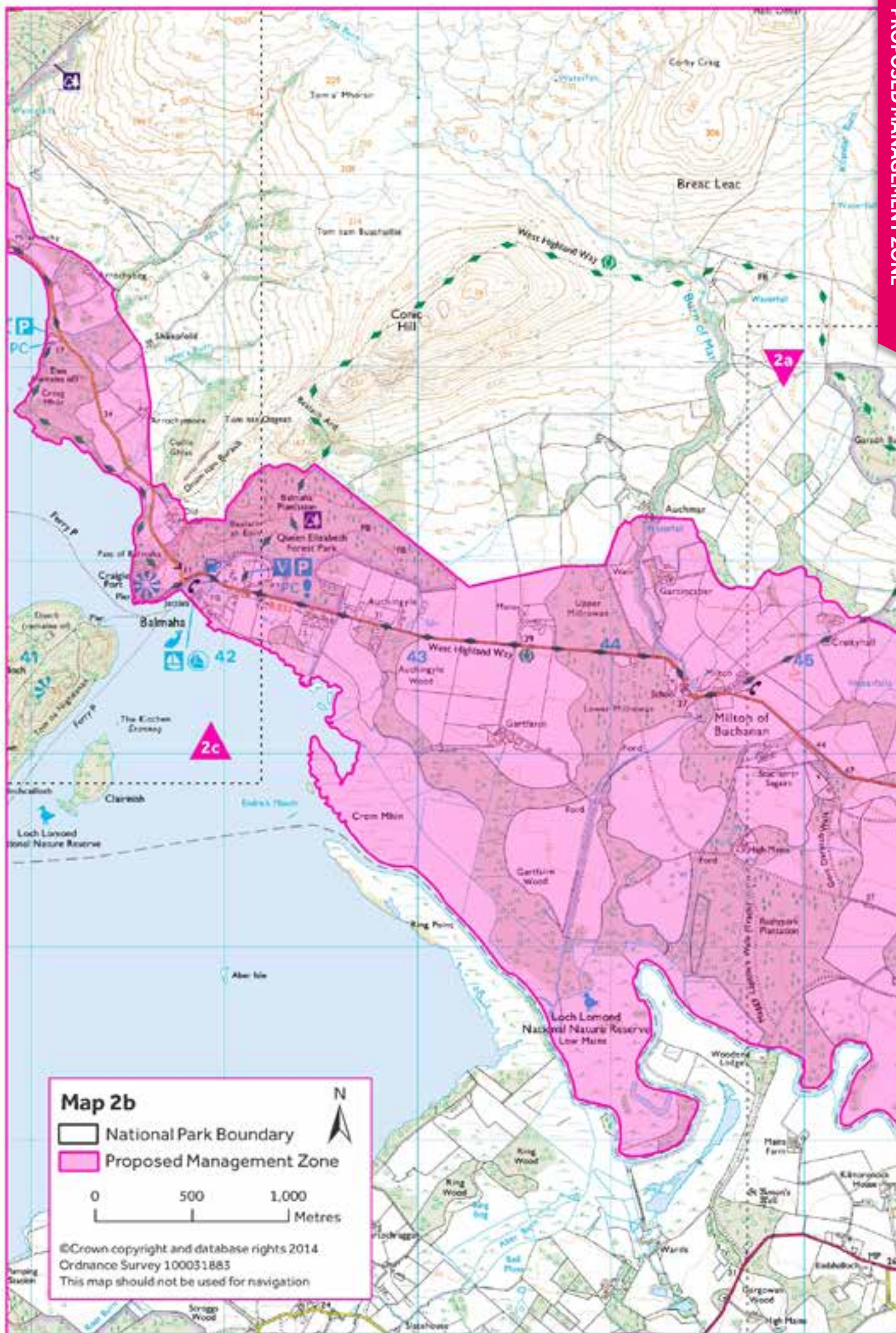
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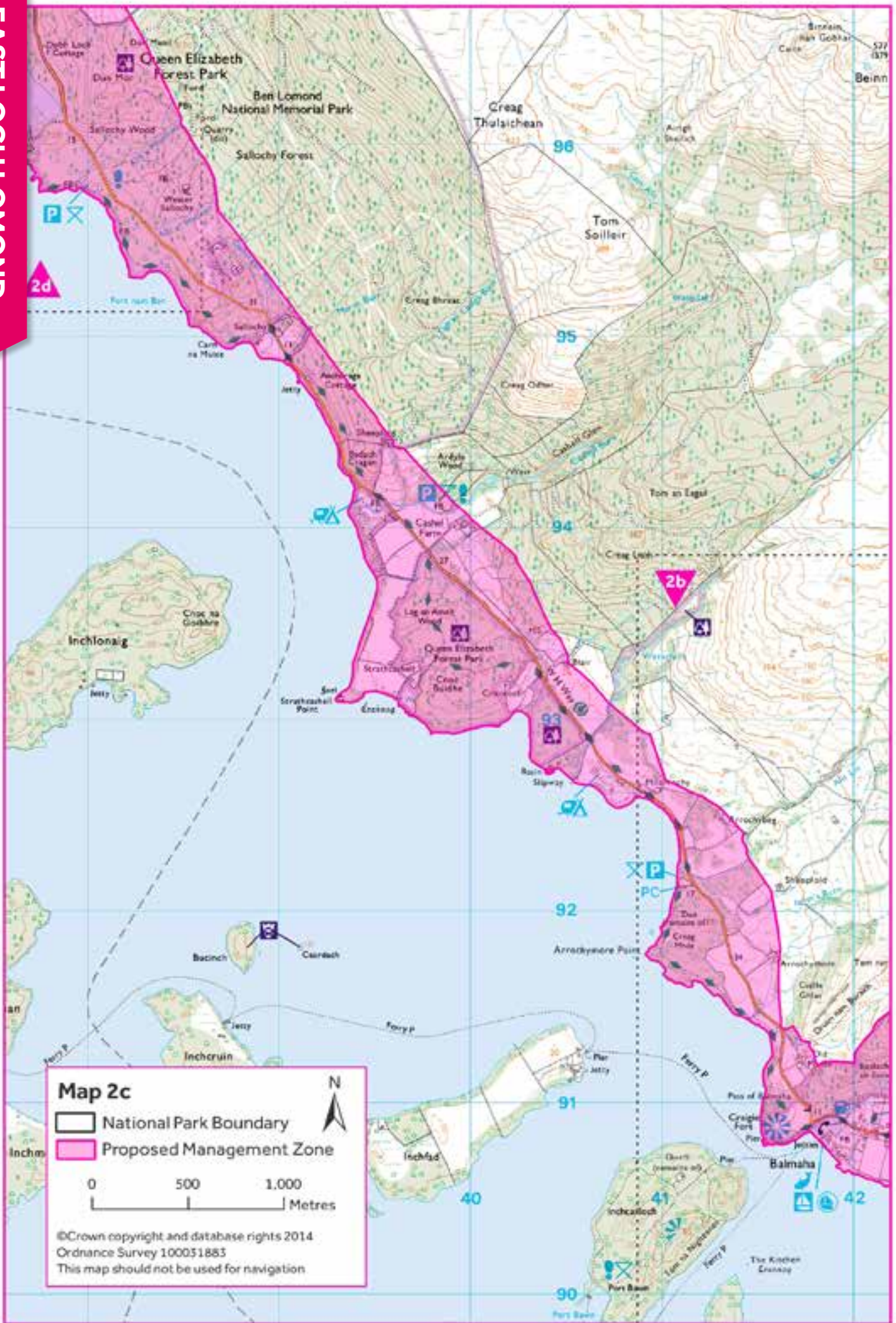


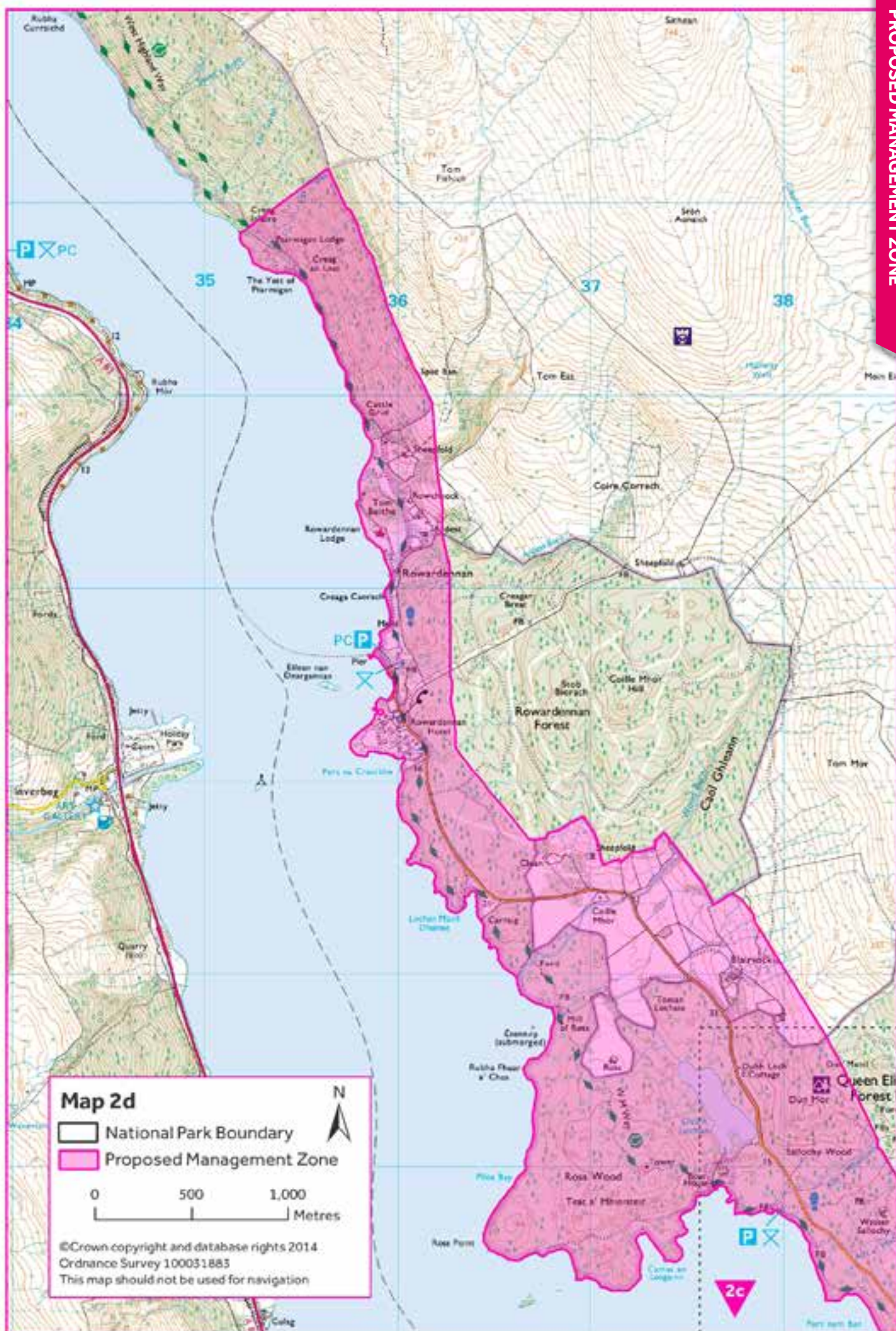
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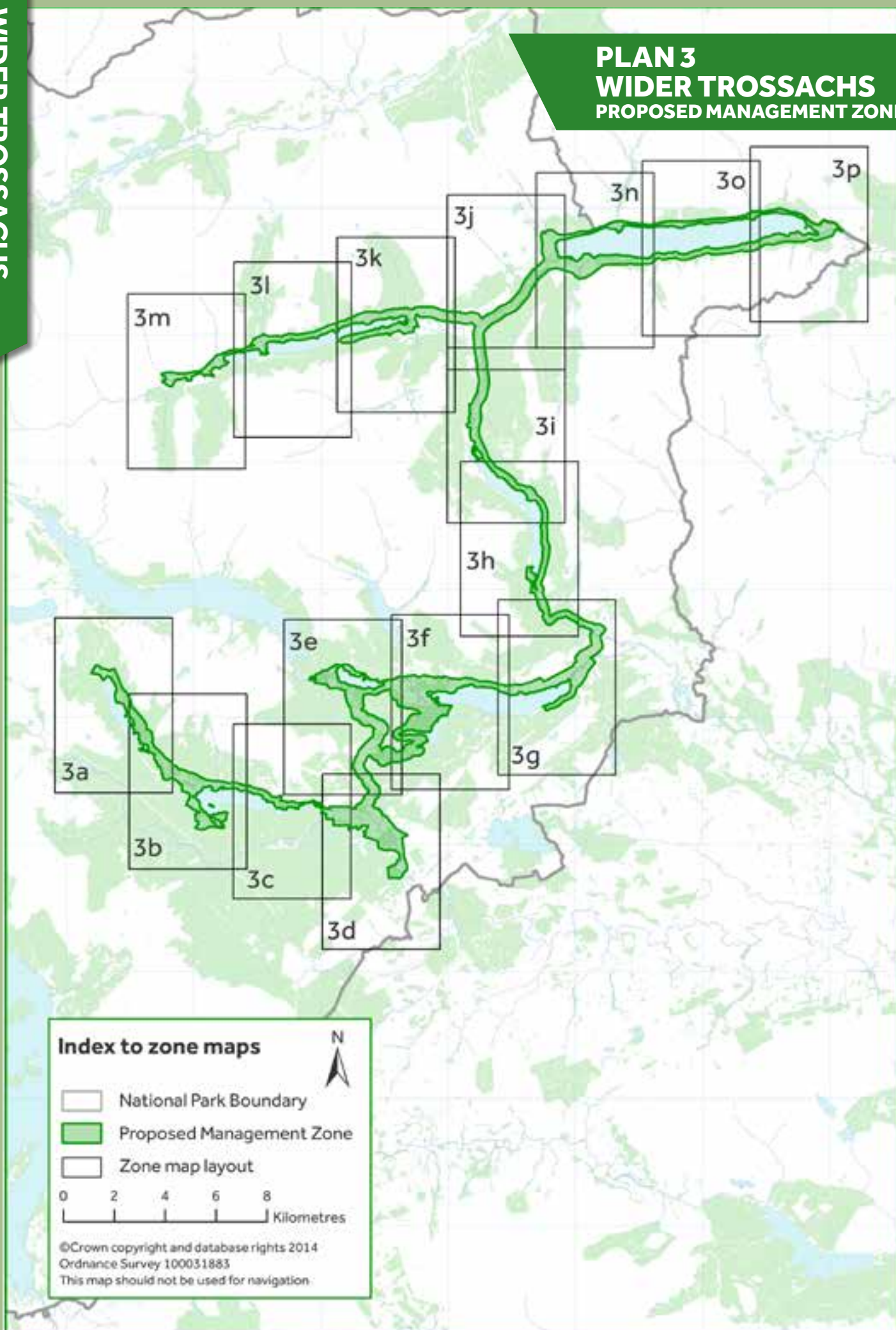




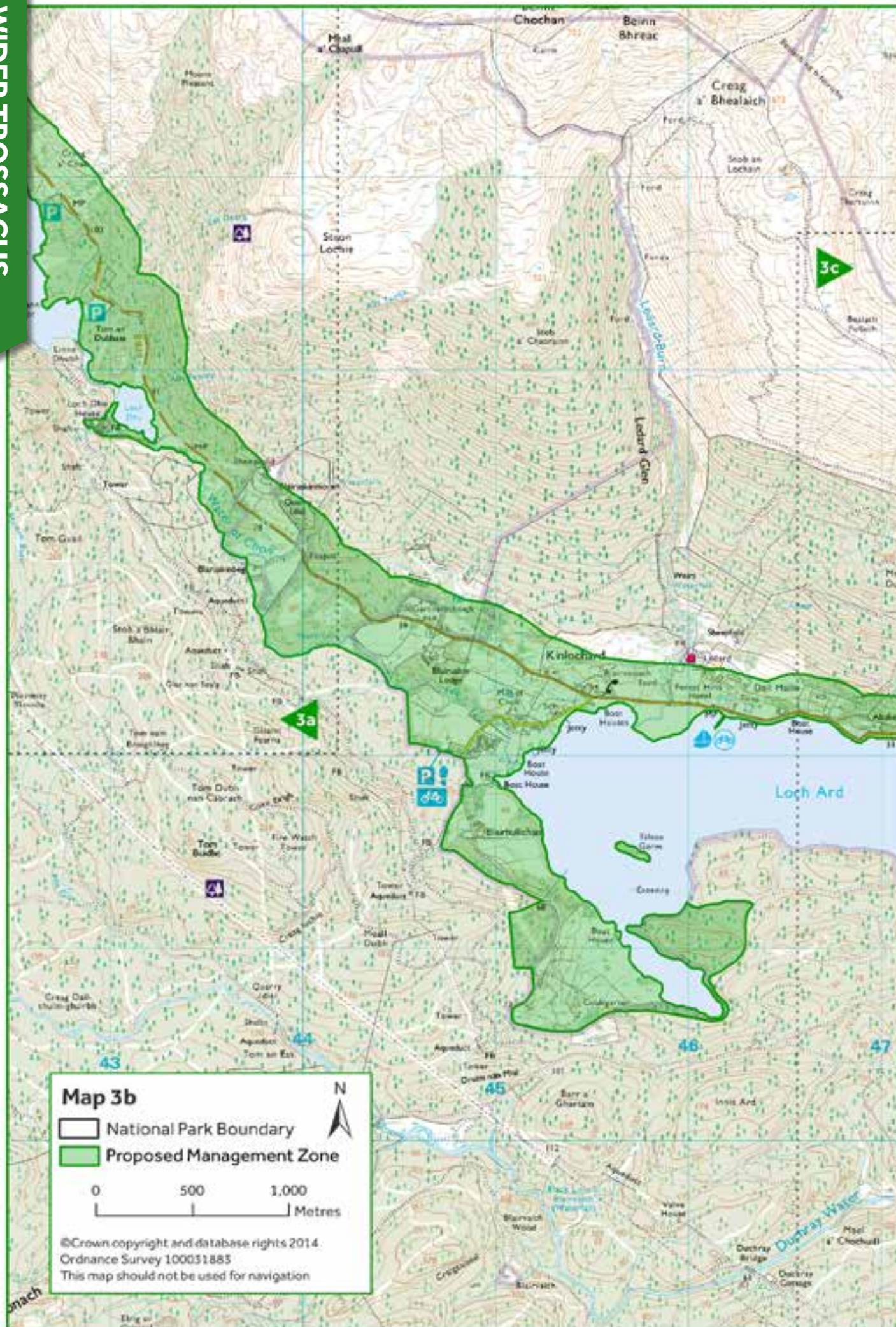


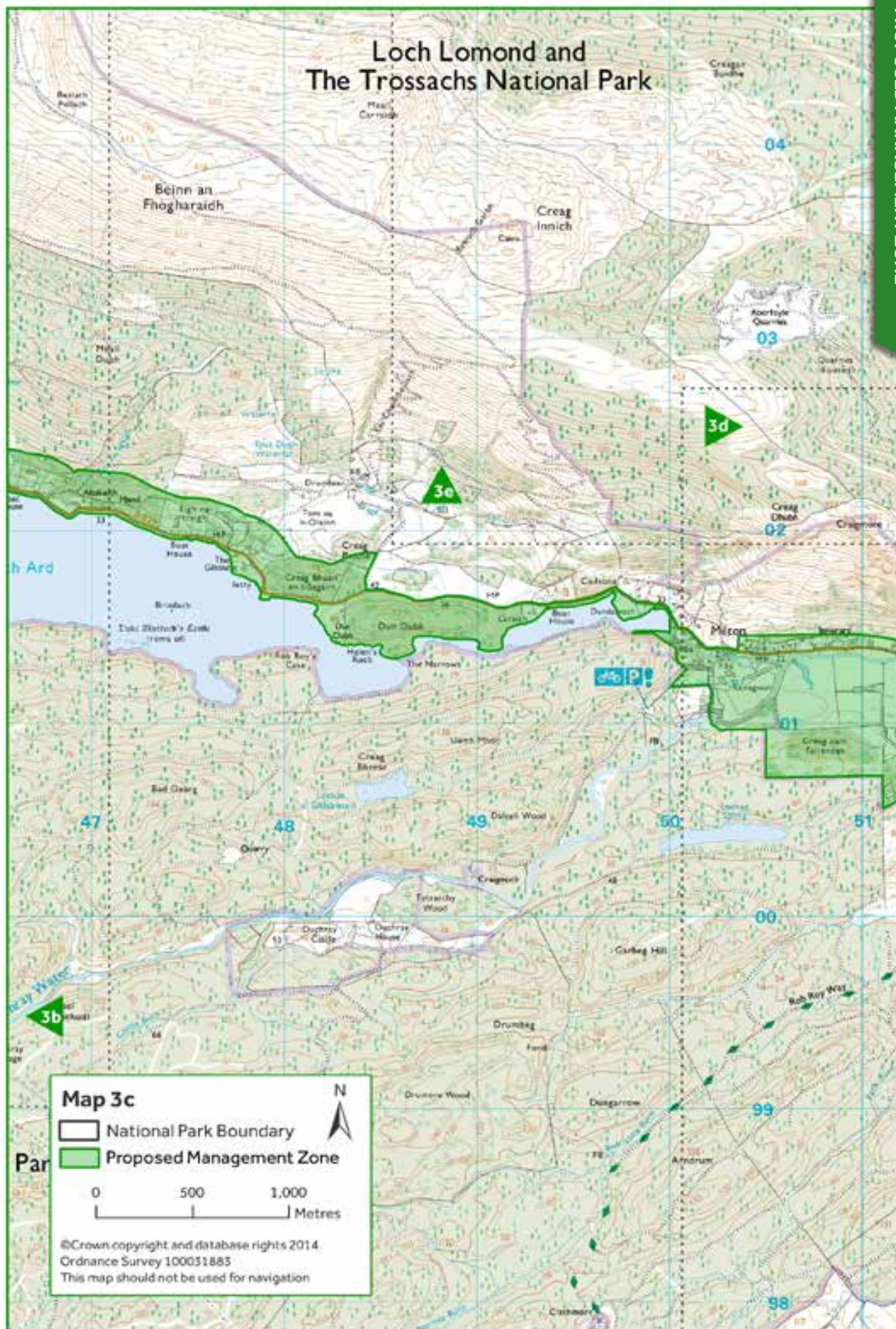


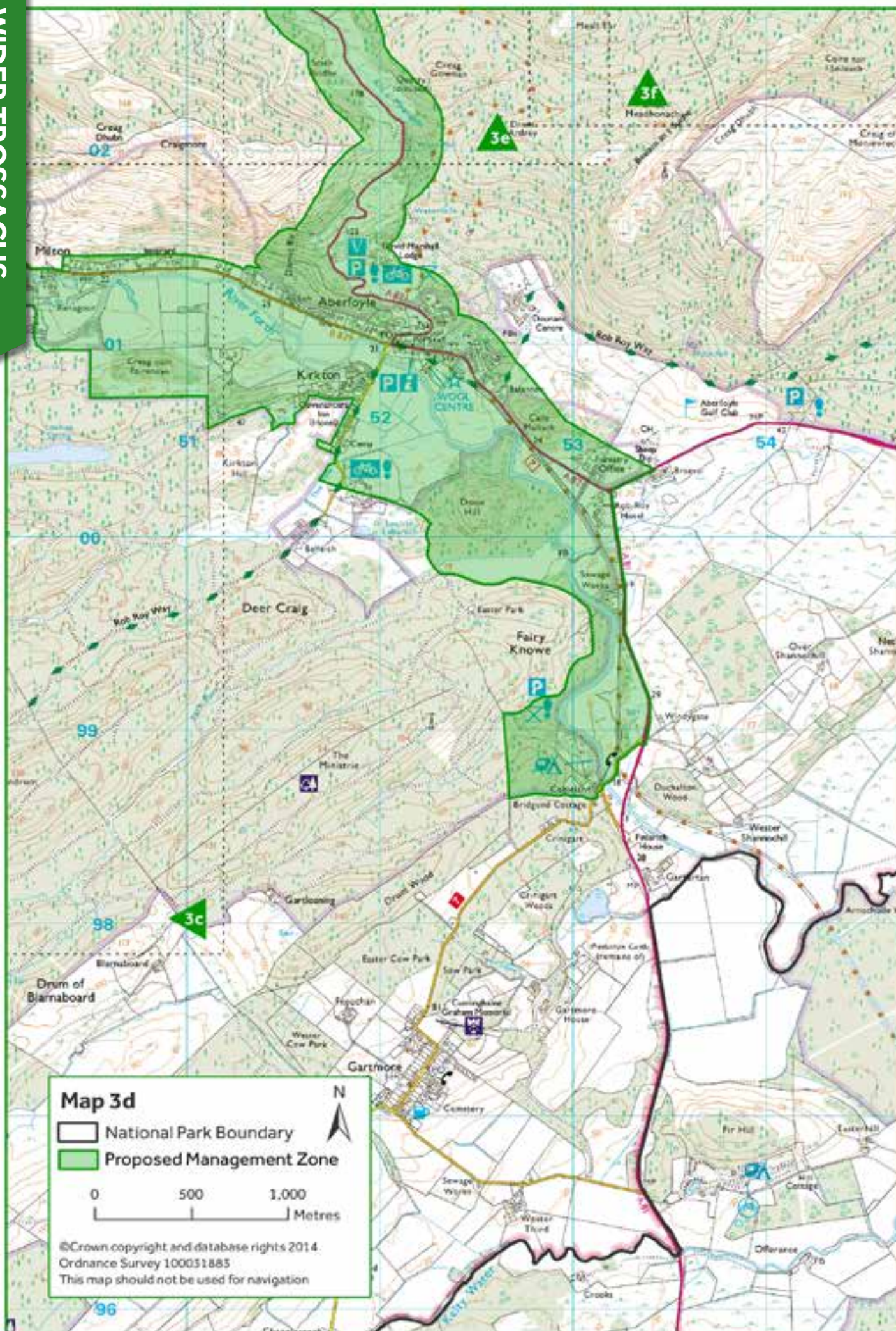
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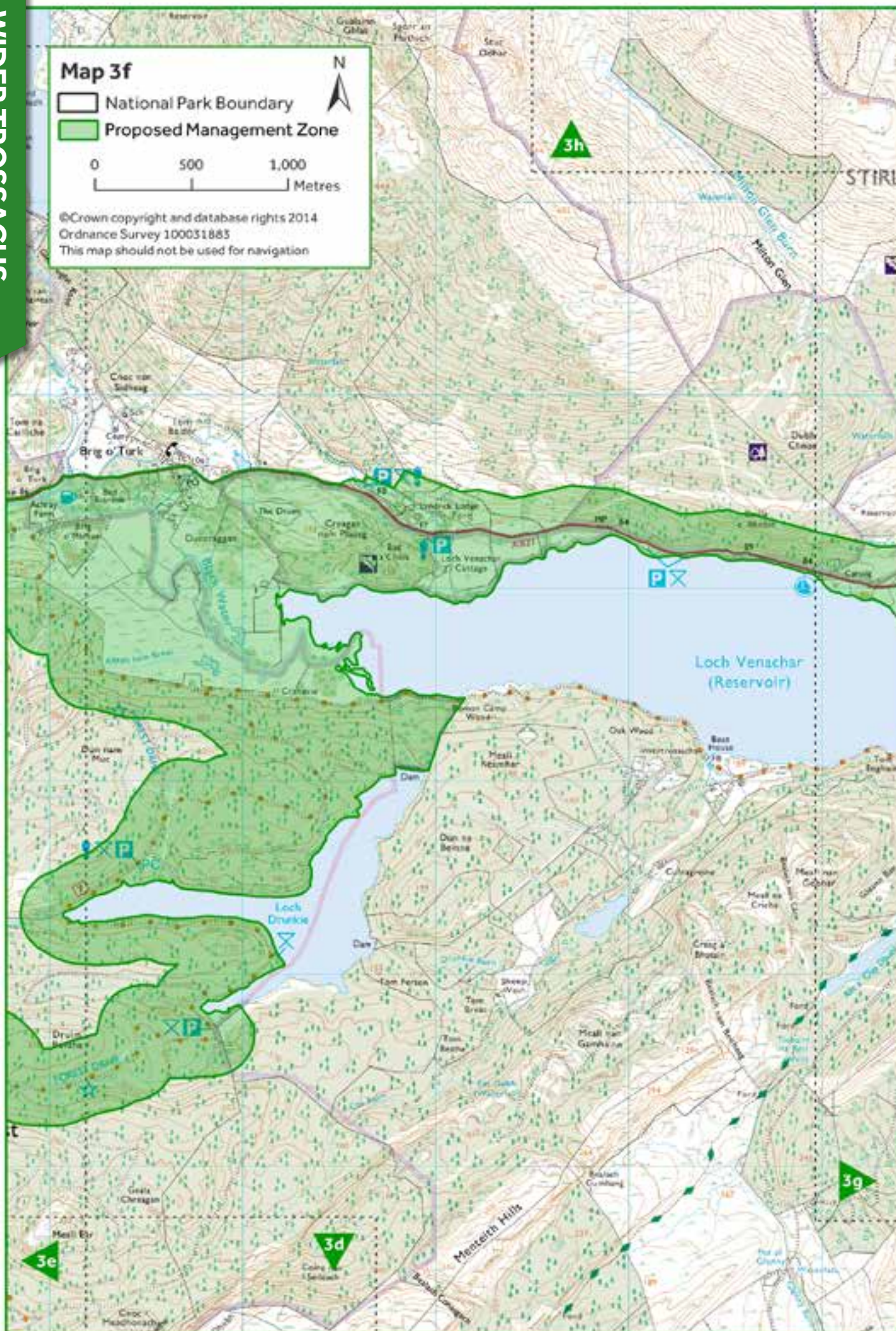


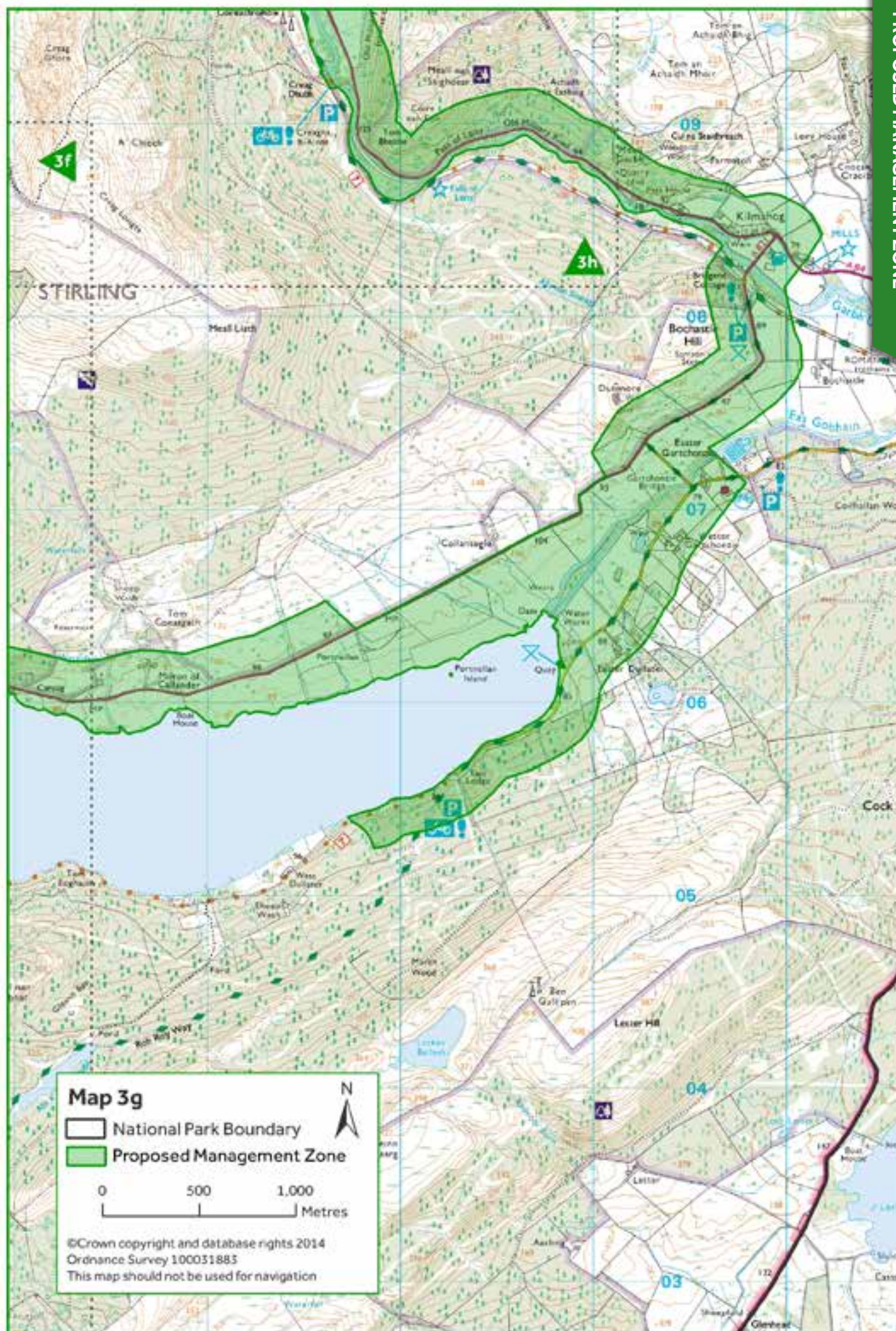




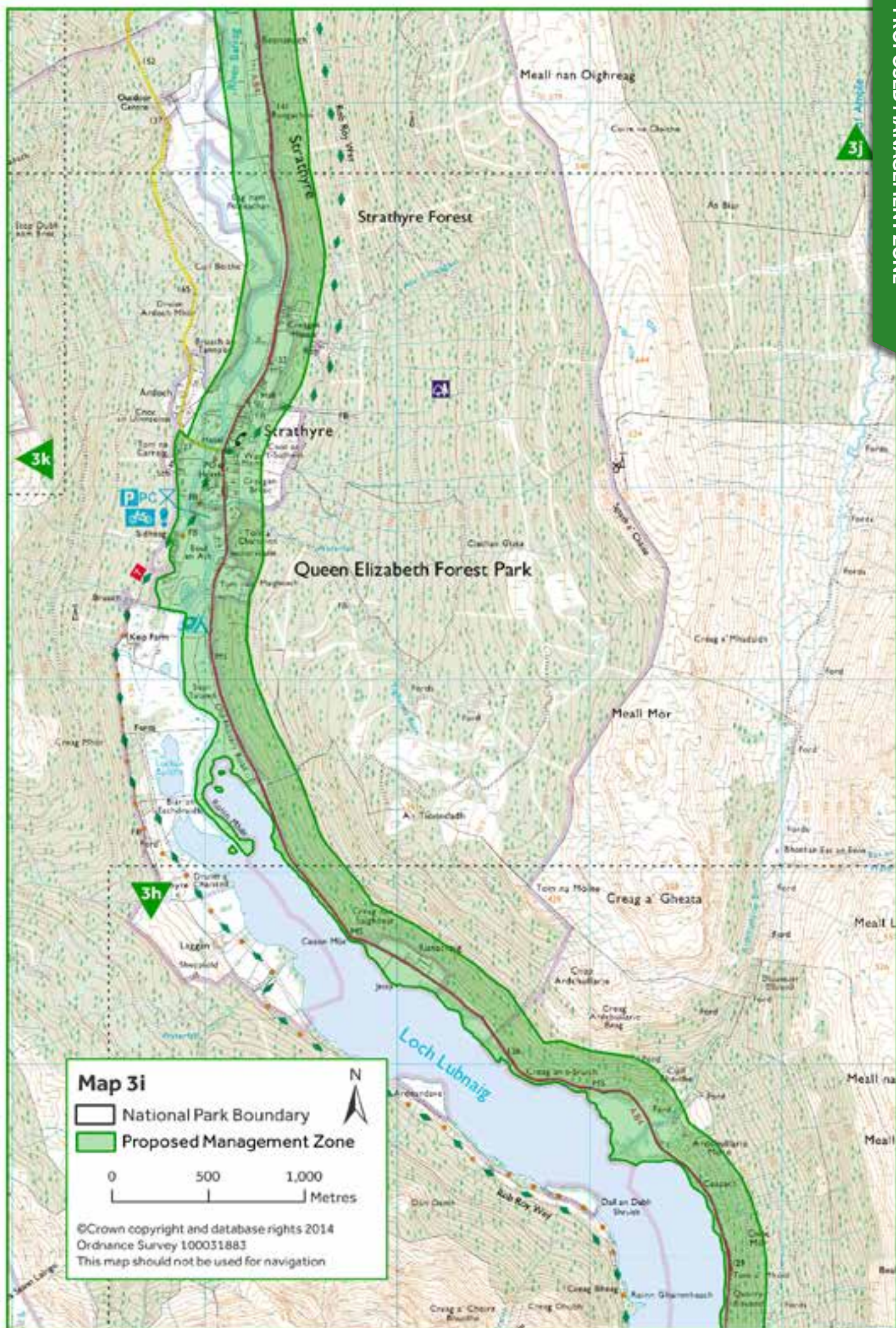


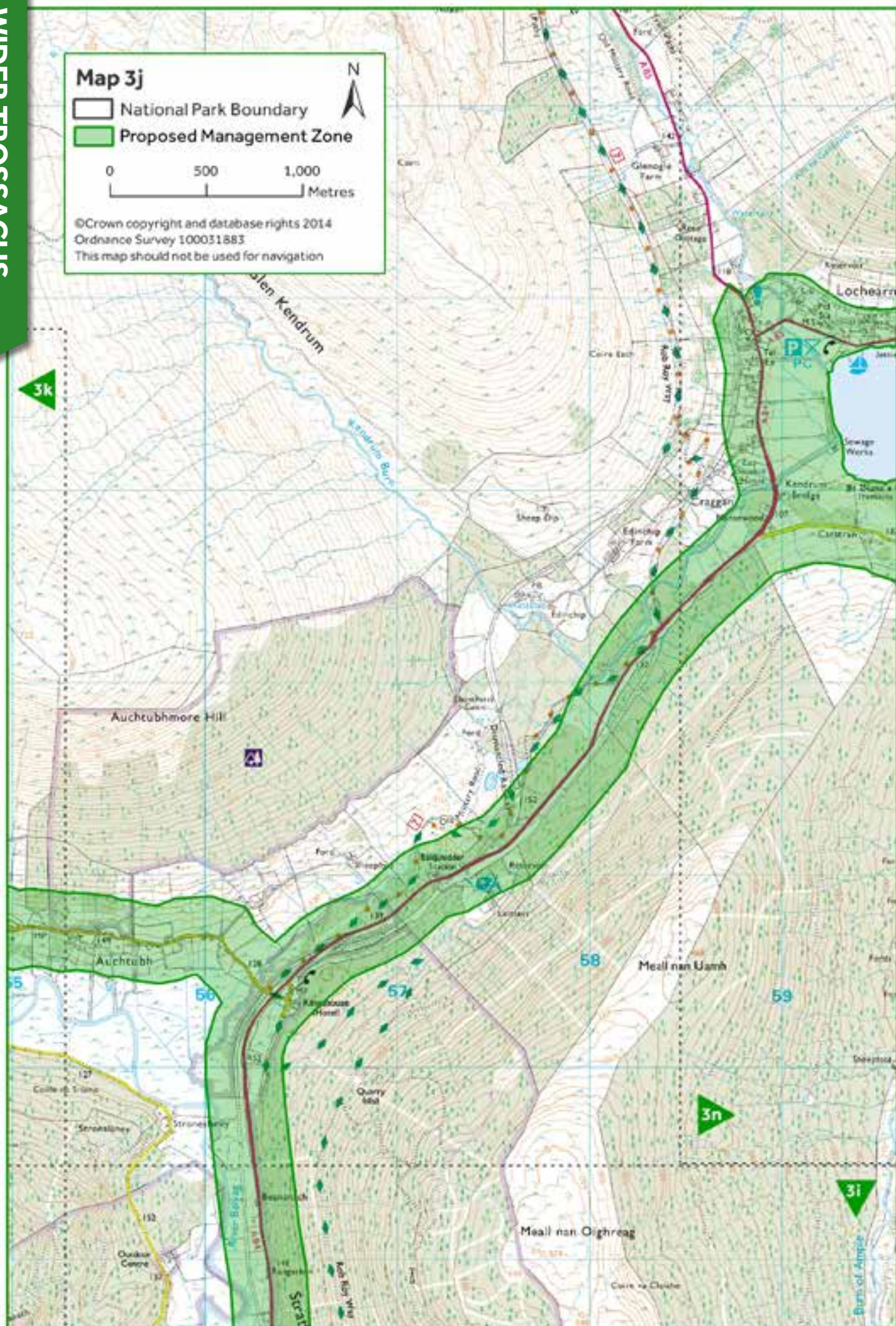




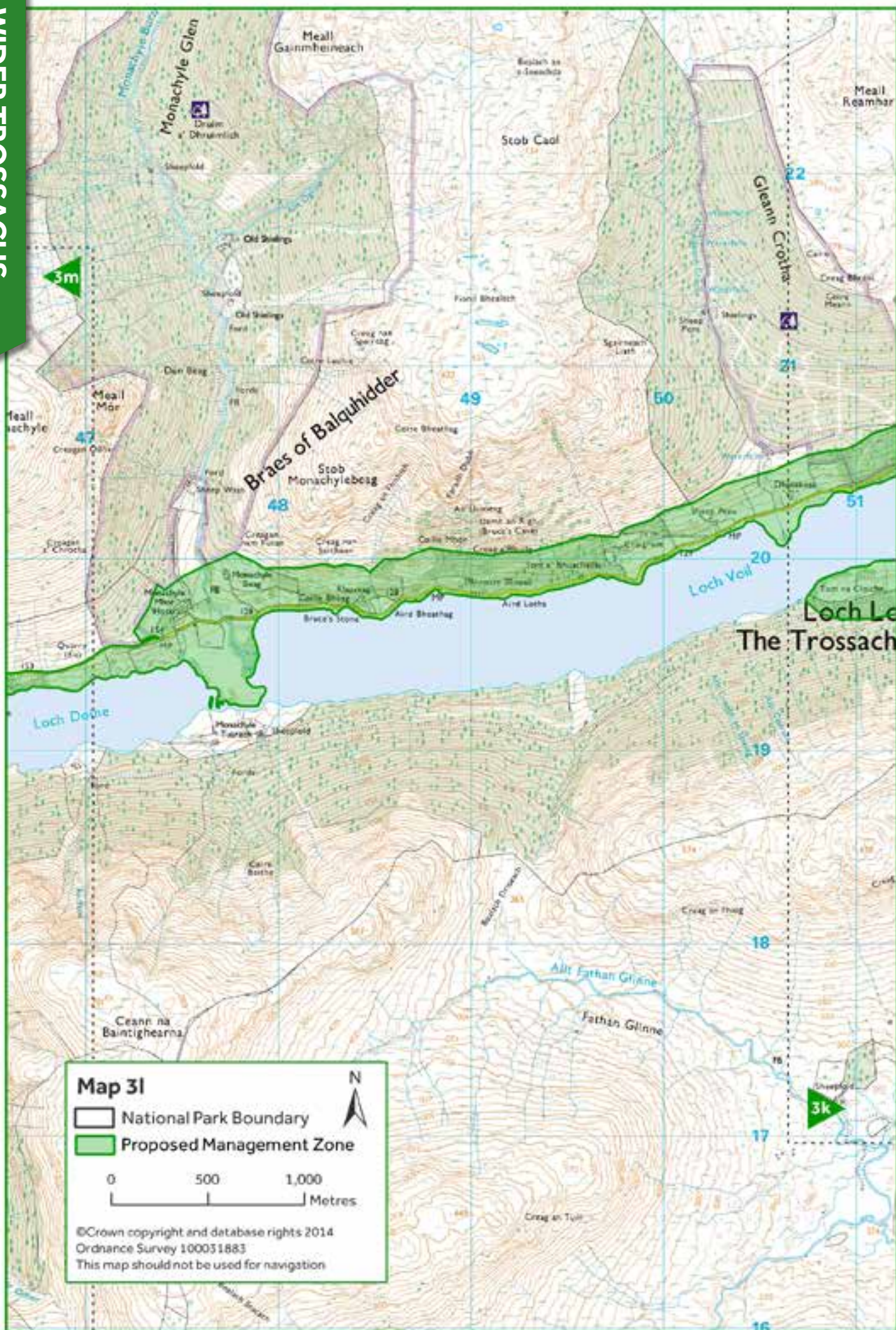


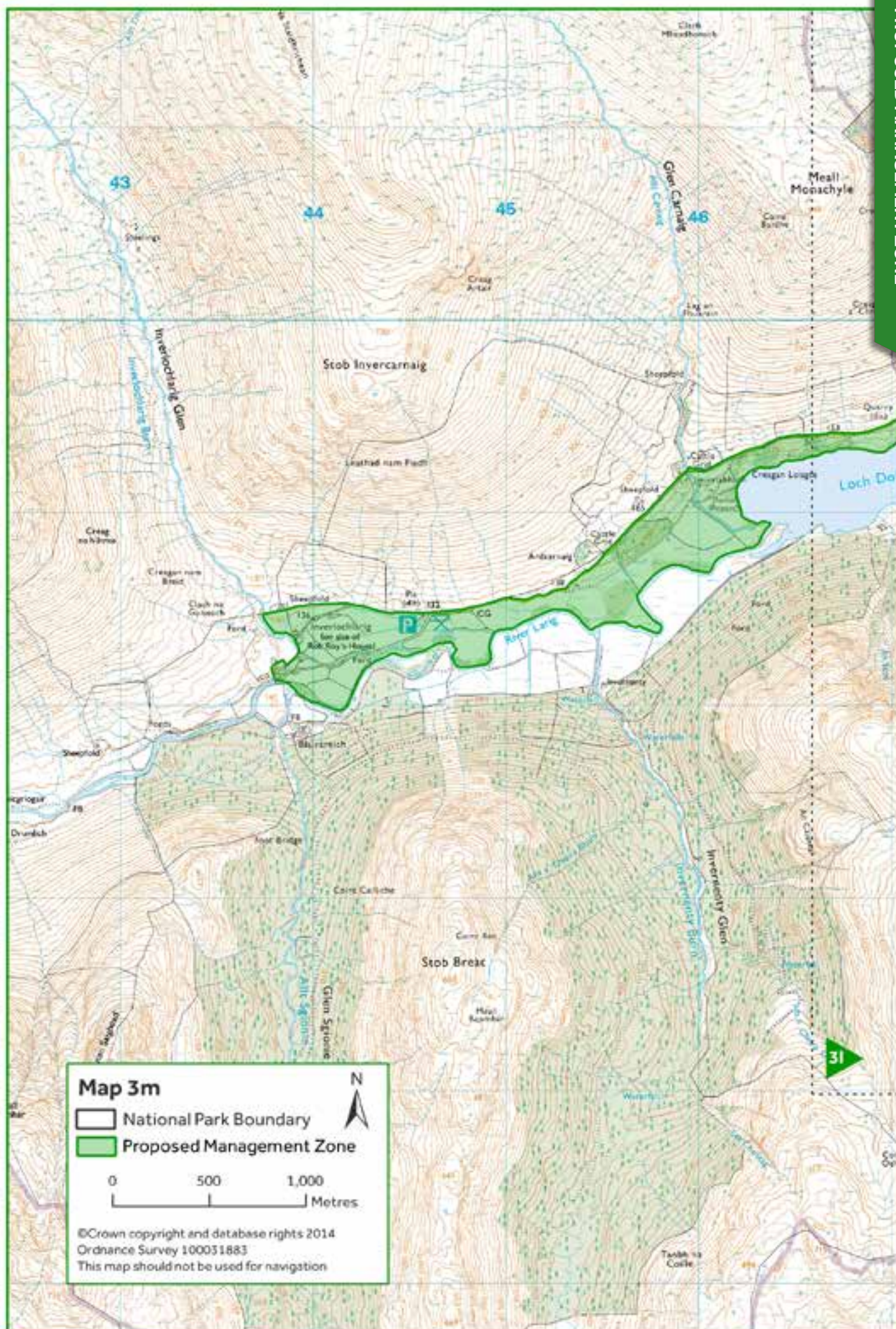


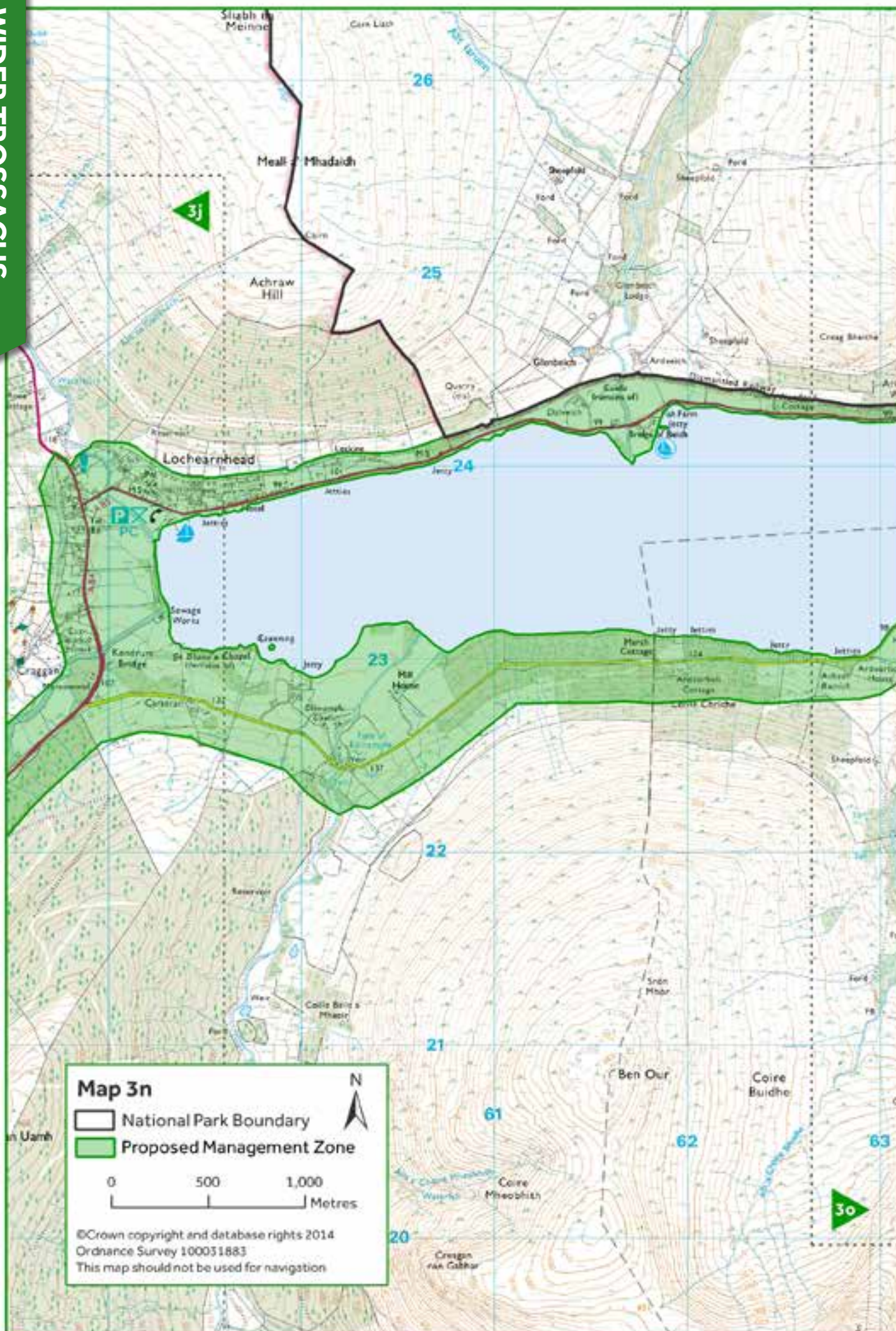


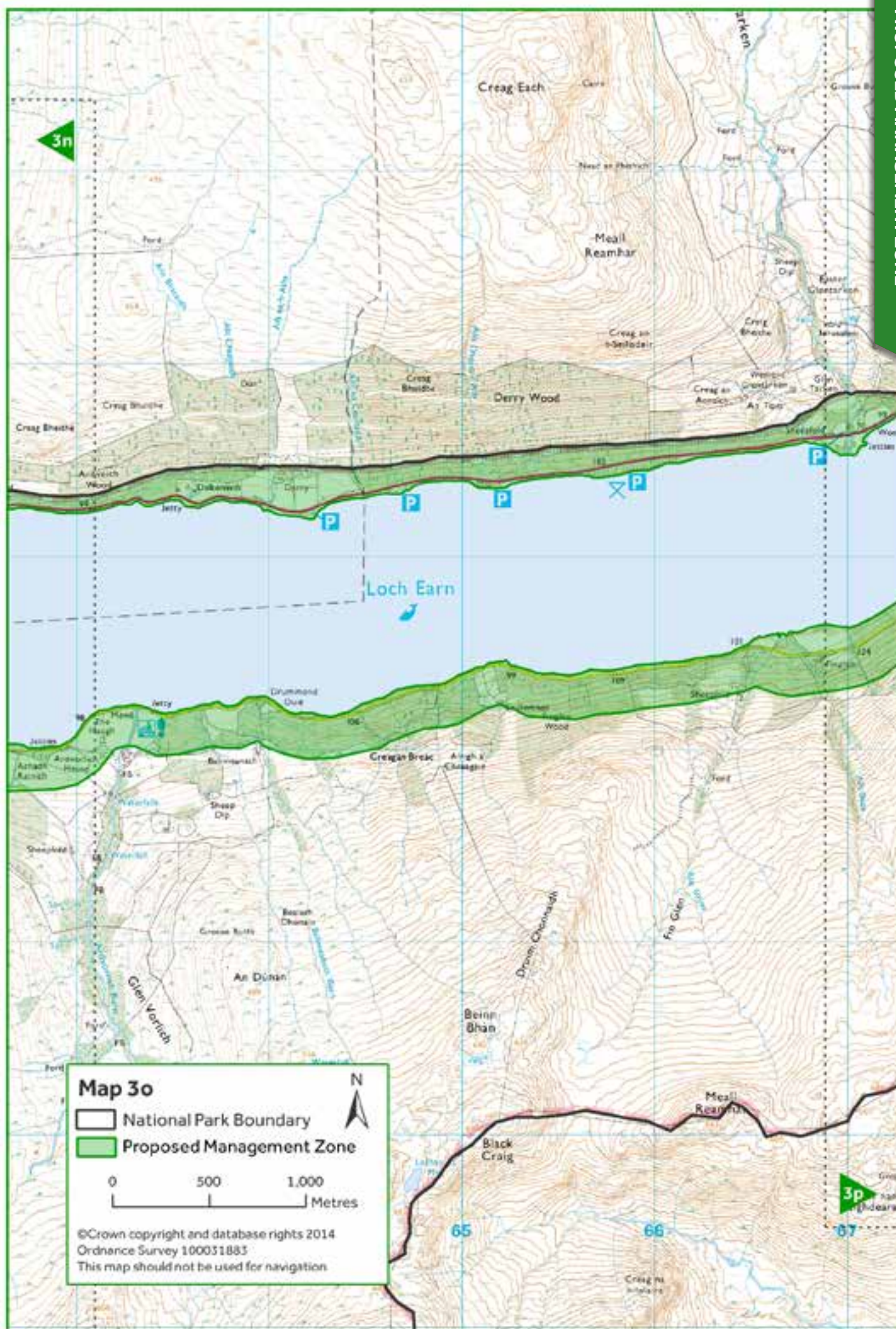














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SIMPLE STEPS TO RESPONSIBLE CAMPING

Camping is a great experience; it lets you connect with nature and the outdoors. Take these simple steps to make sure that you and those around you have the best experience possible.

TENTS



Is your tent one too many? Avoid over-crowding by moving on to another location or camping well away from others. Try walking a bit further to get a true wild camping experience.

FIRES



Never cut down or damage trees. Use a stove if possible. If you must have an open fire, bring your own wood, keep the fire small, under control and remove all traces before leaving.

HUMAN WASTE



If public toilets aren't available use a trowel to dig a hole and bury your waste. Urinate well away from open water, rivers and burns to avoid harming water supplies and fish.

LITTER



Please take your rubbish home and recycle what you can – litter always ruins a good view and can harm wildlife. Consider picking up other litter as well.

NOISE



Keep noise down and lights low after 9pm – remember people and wildlife live nearby.

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Whether you're in the outdoors or managing the outdoors, the key things are to:

- **take responsibility for your own actions**
- **respect the interests of other people**
- **care for the environment.**

Visit [outdooraccess-scotland.com](https://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com) or contact your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.



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