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Q. “Who is it that owns the loch lomond and trossachs national park?”

A. The majority of the National Park is in private ownership, mostly farms or larger estates, and is managed principally for agriculture, forestry and woodland, and sport with localised parcels owned by commercial interests and managed for tourism uses. Various public bodies own 21% with a further 4.5% owned by charitable organisations, where the focus is on conservation. Ownership of water involves riparian rights which can be complex. Please see table below of indicative land ownership in the National Park.

Ownership	% of Park
Private	56%
Public	31%
Charitable organisation	4.5%
Water	6.5%
Unknown	2%

The major public land owners in the Park are Forestry Commission Scotland, Scottish Water, Scottish Executive (Scottish Agricultural College). The main charitable organisations that own land in the National Park are the Royal Scottish Forestry Society, Woodland Trust Scotland, RSPB Scotland and The National Trust for Scotland.

This information has been taken from the Park Authority ‘State of the Park’ Report 2005. For information about land ownership in specific areas of the National Park, it is possible that there may have been changes to these figures since this report was written. You may find it useful to consult the Registers of Scotland who record details of land ownership:

<https://www.ros.gov.uk/>