



FOI Ref: 2016/018

20<sup>th</sup> June 2016

## **REQUEST UNDER FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002**

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, received by email on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Your specific requests and the relevant information held by the Park Authority are provided below.

### **Between 2010 and the end of 2015, how many visitors have you recorded visiting your national park.**

The Park Authority does not record visitor numbers to the National Park. Accordingly, I have to advise you under section 17(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 that this information is not held.

You may however be interested to know that In 2011 the National Park Authority commissioned a report called *Valuing the National Park* to update the National Park's economic baseline, to consider its contribution to the Scottish economy and assess the value of the Park's ecosystems. The report was completed in July 2011.

This visitor study estimated that there were 4 million visitors to the National Park annually. Details of the study can be found on our website at: <http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/looking-after/valuing-the-park-a-summary-of-tourism-data-2011/menu-id-414.html>

### **How many school visits has your national park received each year between 2010 and 2015.**

Please find attached Appendix A containing details of school visits to the National Park Authority for financial years 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, and 2014/15. We do not hold records of school visits before 2011. Accordingly I have to advise you under 17(1)(b) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 that this information is not held.

### **How many apprenticeships has your national park undertaken between 2010 and 2015.**

The Park Authority has undertaken no apprenticeships between 2010 and 2015. Accordingly I have to advise you under S17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 that this information is not held.

## **LOCH LOMOND & THE TROSSACHS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**

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Yours sincerely

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### Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

- Send your request for review in writing, setting out in full the reasons why you are requesting a review.
- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to the Governance & Legal Services Manager:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for review, you can contact the Scottish Information Commissioner, the independent body which oversees the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at:

Scottish Information Commissioner  
Kinburn Castle  
Doubledykes Road  
St Andrews  
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KY16 9DS  
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**School Visits****2011-12**

Month	Number of schools	Number of children
April	9	200
May	11	368
June	14	382
July	1	75
Aug	0	0
Sept	12	443
Oct	11	307
Nov	14	431
Dec	3	79
Jan	0	0
Feb	4	142
March	7	183

**2012-13**

Month	Number of schools	Number of children
April	4	140
May	4	369
June	4	132
July	1	68
Aug	3	164
Sept	7	252
Oct	13	425
Nov	7	372
Dec	1	5
Jan	4	184
Feb	10	59
March	8	193

**2013 -14**

Month	Number of schools	Number of children
April	10	317
May	15	483
June	18	486
July	0	41
Aug	2	152
Sept	4	187
Oct	5	204
Nov	11	292
Dec	2	56
Jan	4	92
Feb	5	156
March	6	85

**2014 -15**

Month	Number of schools	Number of children
April	5	268
May	10	299
June	9	377
July	0	105
Aug	4	122
Sept	5	171
Oct	7	155
Nov	8	209
Dec	5	138
Jan	2	27
Feb	3	130
March	13	348