

### What is the Conference about?

Our region's mountains provide dramatic scenery rising from the lowlands, are havens for wildlife and rare plant communities and have sheltered and served as homes to people for millennia. They are constantly changing, adapting to new demands as visitors have flocked to them, and will continue to change into the 21st century. This conference celebrates our mountains and uplands, presenting overviews and new research on our natural environment and its conservation, and the emergence of a lived landscape. We welcome everyone who cherishes these high places.

### Where is the conference held?

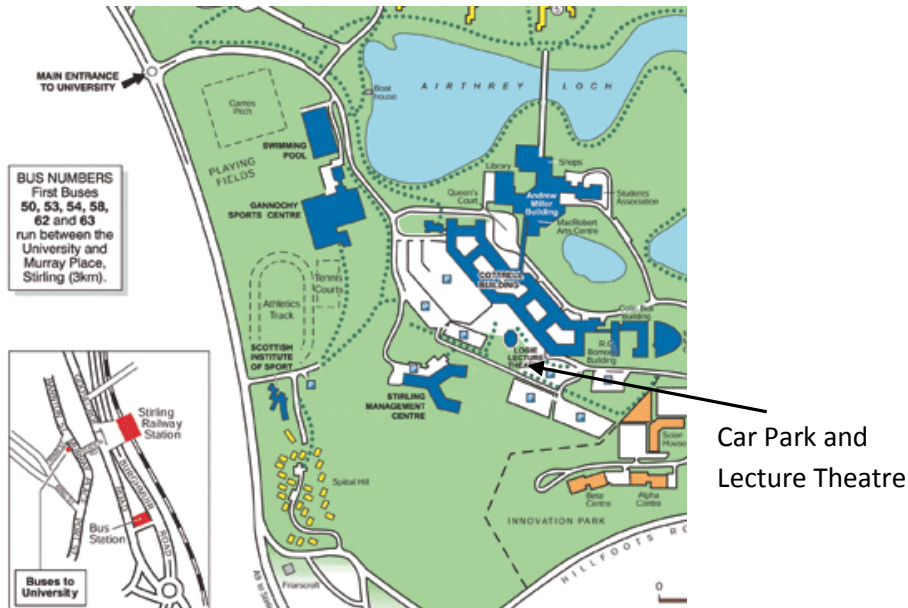
Stirling University campus has parking and excellent bus services from Stirling town centre and there is a local train station. You can bring your own food or book a self-service, 3-course lunch in the restaurant. The venue will be signposted from the main gate.



## Annual Conference



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## The Mountains of Central Scotland Past, Present & Future

Stirling University

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Forth Naturalist & Historian Annual Conference**  
**The Mountains of Central Scotland Past, Present & Future**

Saturday 14th November 2015  
 Lecture Theatre A3 Stirling University

9:00 – 10:00 Registration – Cottrell Lecture Theatre A3 foyer  
 9:30 – 10:00 Refreshments, Displays & Book Sales  
 10.00 Welcome and Introduction (Richard Tipping: Chair FNH)

**Session 1: The Natural Environment**

10.05 Vanessa Kirkbride (Scottish Natural Heritage)  
*Snapshots of the past: what the Grampian Highlands tell us about landscape change*  
 10.30 David Anderson (Forestry Commission)  
*Montane mammals and their hunters in Central Scotland*  
 10.55 John Calladine (British Trust for Ornithology)  
*Opportunities and limitations for Whinchats in the changing upland landscapes of Scotland*  
 11.20 – 11.45 Refreshments, Displays & Book Sales  
 11.50 Helen Cole (National Trust for Scotland) *Ben Lawers: the peak of plant colonisation*  
 12.15 Discussion  
 12.30 - 12.45 Launch of FNH Journal Volume 38 (Mario Vallejo-Marin)  
 12.45 - 13.00 The FNH 40th Birthday: some reflections (Murray Dickie)  
 13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

**Session 2: The Cultural Landscape**

14.00 Introduction  
 14.05 John Atkinson (GUARD Archaeology)  
*The archaeology of change: rural settlement on North Lochtayside, 1100 to 1850*  
 14.30 Tom Furniss (University of Strathclyde)  
*Walter Scott and the Trossachs: re-inventing central Scotland's mountains in the 19th century*  
 14.55 Bridget Jones (Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park)  
*Scotland's National Parks: The Mountains and the People*  
 15.20 – 15.50 Refreshments, Displays & Book Sales  
 15.50 John Holland (SRUC Hill & Mountain Research Centre)  
*Improving the economic and environmental sustainability of hill farming*  
 16.15 - 16.40 Discussion  
 16.40 – 16.45 Conclusion and Conference Ends

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**Lunch** if required £12.00    
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