



Welcome to the Witch's Trails... and a spellbinding brew of world class biking. From adrenaline pumping downhills to magical forest trails, there is something for everyone. The legend of the real Leanachan Witch lives on!

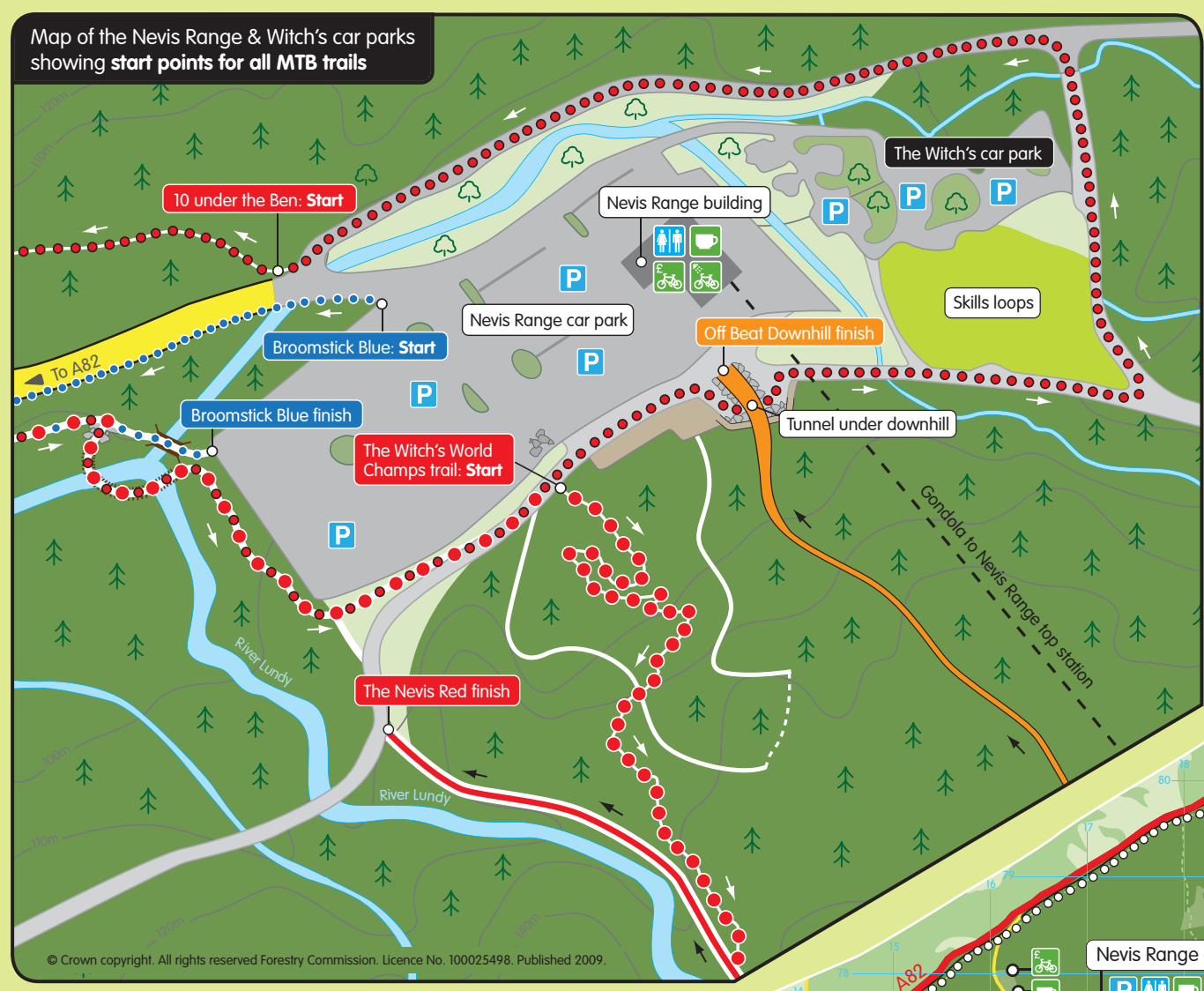
Tasty potions for you all... Forestry Commission Scotland and Nevis Range serve up a caldron full of fun:

Broomstick Blue - an enchanting starter, **The Witch's World Champs** - pure magic. The legendary **10 under the Ben** - fall under its spell.

Fly with the witch... A Nevis Range gondola ticket lifts you to full-on descents, the **Extreme Off Beat Downhill** and the XC **Nevis Red**.

Legend has it that the **Leanachan Witch** swore vengeance against her enemies before dying by her own hand. Scary stuff - you have been wand!

Ride the magic!



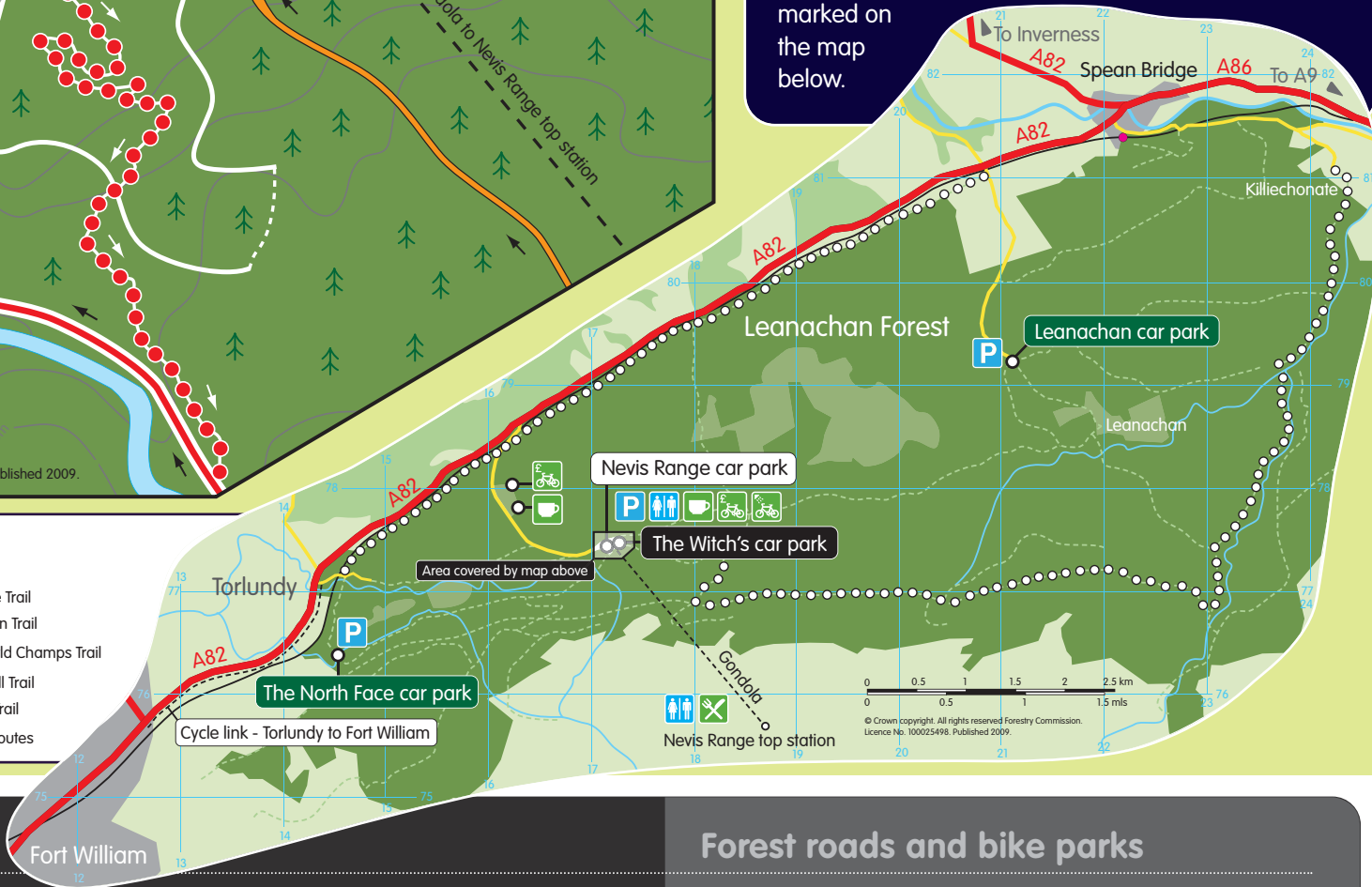
Where do I start?

The main start point is near the **Nevis Range** building. Nevis Range is located 7 miles north of Fort William off the A82 to Inverness.

Keep going, past Nevis Range to the **Witch's Car park**. Warm up on the **skills loop area**. Test your skills, suss out the trail grades and find which one is for you!

The **Nevis Range** building has **toilets, café, bike hire and bike wash** (at the back of the building). Want to use the gondola? - buy your ticket here too.

You can explore more of Leanachan forest by bike on its network of forest roads, two of the **long distance routes** are marked on the map below.



Key to facilities and trail symbols for all maps

P Car park	Toilets	Broomstick Blue Trail
Restaurant	Cafe/refreshments	10 under the Ben Trail
Bike hire	Bike wash	The Witch's World Champs Trail
Ride direction	Offbeat Downhill Trail	The Nevis Red Trail
	Long distance routes	

Cycle Route Grading

Is this for you? Find the right single track grade for your abilities

Green: Easy

Suitable for: Beginners in good health with basic bike skills. Most types of bike.

Trail: Relatively flat & wide.

Blue: Moderate

Suitable for: Riders in good health with basic off-road riding skills. Basic mountain bikes.

Trail: Some "single-track" sections & small obstacles of root & rock.

Red: Difficult

Suitable for: Proficient mountain bikers with good off-road riding skills & fitness. Good mountain bikes.

Trail: Challenging. Climbs, tricky descents & technical features such as drop-offs & large rocks.

Black: Severe

Suitable for: Expert mountain bikers with high level of fitness. Quality off-road mountain bikes.

Trail: Greater challenge & difficulty. Expect large & unavoidable features.

Mountain biking is a potentially hazardous activity carrying a significant risk.

Forest roads and bike parks

Is this for you? Find the right non-single track grade for you

Forest road and similar

Suitable for: Cyclists in good health. Map reading useful (routes not always marked.) Most bikes.

Trail: Gradients can vary. Surfaces may be uneven or potholed in places. Look out for vehicles & other users.

Extreme

Suitable for: Extreme level riders with expert technical skills & good fitness. Technical bike skills important. Jumping ability obligatory.

Trail: Extreme levels of exposure & risk, large features.

1. Don't rely on others;
 - can you get home safely?
 - carry the right equipment and know how to use it.
2. For your own safety;
 - always wear the right safety clothing, at least a cycle helmet and gloves;
 - only cycle within your abilities;
 - only tackle jumps and other challenges if you are sure you can do them, have a look first!
 - train properly especially for difficult and technical routes.
3. On and off road;
 - expect the unexpected - watch out for other visitors;
 - for your own and others' safety always follow warning signs and any advice you are given;
 - if a vehicle is loading timber Stop and wait for the driver to let you pass safely.
4. Cycle carefully and please come back soon!

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

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

KNOW THE CODE BEFORE YOU GO
SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE outdooraccess-scotland.com

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Trail information

Broomstick Blue

Trail grade: Blue
Trail length: 7km / 4.3 miles
Trail symbol on the maps: ●●●●

Bubbling around the River Lundy – a great trail to start. Plenty of flowing single track. This is the witch's friendly side!

10 under the Ben

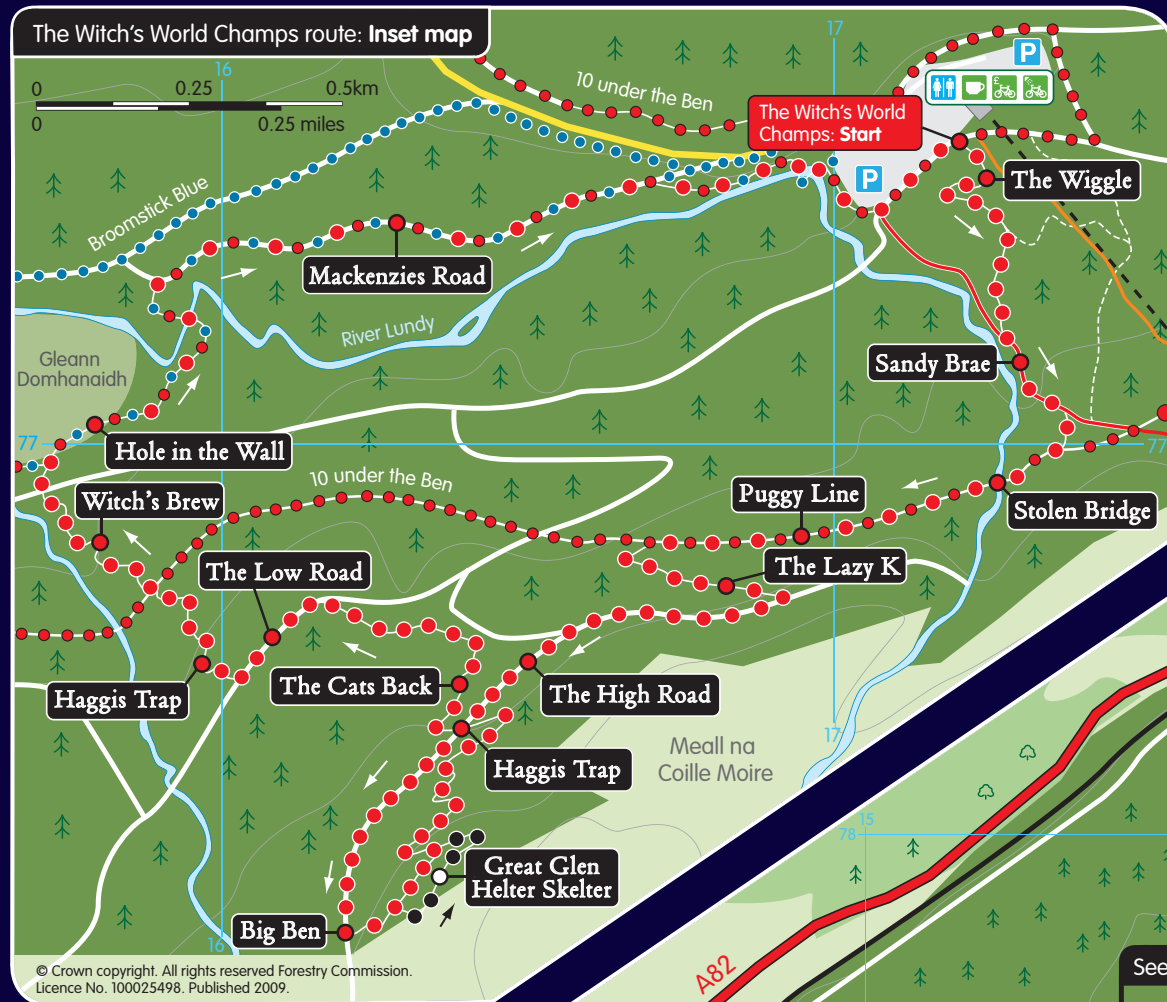
Trail grade: Red
Trail length: 10km / 6.2 miles
Trail symbol on the maps: ●●●●

Based on the popular '10 under the Ben' event, this route is a mix of dedicated single track and forest road not forgetting Nessie, a real black monster of a descent!

The Witch's World Champs

Trail grade: Red
Trail length: 8.5km / 5.2 miles
Trail symbol on the maps: ●●●●

World Class single track specially devised for the 2007 World Championships held in Leanachan Forest. The loop includes 270m of climb and descent. Watch out for some technical features and hard climbs as well as exhilarating descents on fast single track.



Map showing all the main MTB trails in Leanachan Forest



Emergency info

Nevis Range base gondola station grid reference: NN 171 772

Nearest A&E Hospital:
 The Belford, Fort William,
 Tel: 01397 702 481

In case of an emergency, call Nevis Range on 01397 705825 or dial 999

Nearest public phone:
 Nevis Range

Nearest mobile phone reception:
 Nevis Range car park



Gondola accessed Trail information

Riders of both these trails must have a gondola bike ticket, have read and understood the Nevis Range Code of Conduct and signed a 'Participation Statement', all available from the Nevis Range ticket office. They are suitable for active people used to prolonged effort. **It is essential that you wear a helmet and full protection.**

The Nevis Red route

Trail grade: Red
Trail length: 5.5km / 3.4 miles
Trail shown on the map: ———
Start altitude: 655m. **Finish altitude:** 100m. **Vertical drop:** 555m

The only red cross country trail with gondola access, remote with exposed open hill sections and stunning mountain views. This is a classic single track mountain bike route with boardwalk, bedrock and gravel trail. It's a challenging descent with plenty of technical sections, expect berms, large rocks, medium steps, drop-offs, steep sections and technical rock sections.

Off Beat downhill

Trail grade: Orange - Extreme
Trail length: 2.82km / 1.75 miles
Trail shown on the map: ———
Start altitude: 643m. **Finish altitude:** 100m. **Vertical drop:** 543m

This is Britain's only official UCI World Cup downhill bike track, steep, rugged and tough. It's mostly wide single track with timber boardwalk, bedrock, gravel trail and rock gardens. With large committing and unavoidable technical trail features, expect berms, rock steps, drops, jumps and gap jumps. If it can be ridden, you will find it here. **It is essential that you wear a full face helmet.**

Bike Hire

Bike hire is available during the summer months. For further information on local bike hire, including full kit & ride packages please contact Nevis Range.

Nevis Bike School

The Bike School will offer both guided rides on the Downhill Track, Red Route and Cross Country trails as well as coaching sessions at all levels.



Gondola Opening Times

Mid-May to mid-September,
 10.15am – 3.45pm for bike uplift.

This excludes some event and race days, and when it is very wet or windy.



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