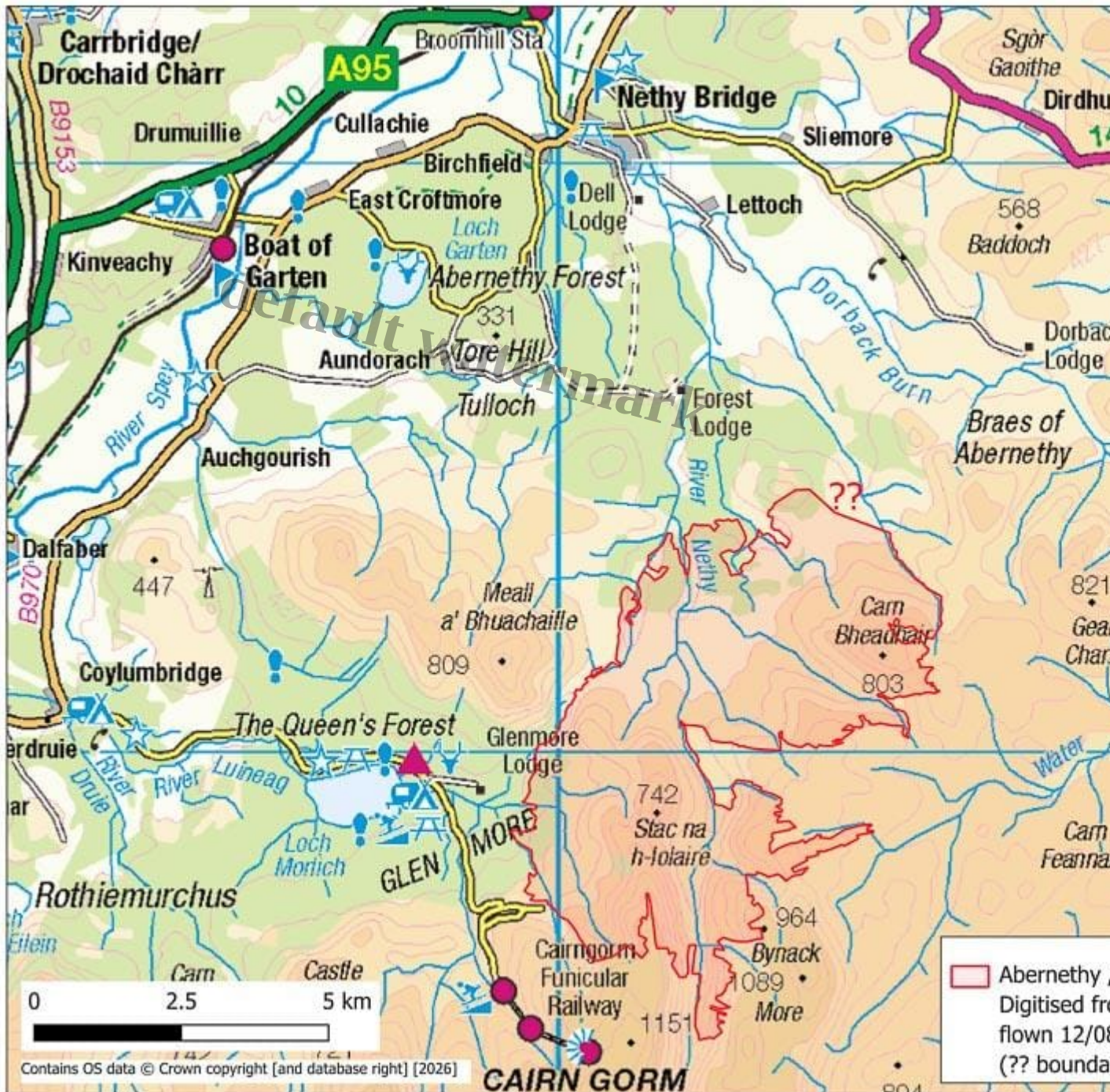


Mapping the extent of the Abernethy & Glenmore wildfire

Description



The Abernethy & Glenmore wildfire boundary

At the time of writing (19th August) no map has been published showing the actual extent of the Abernethy & Glenmore wildfire. Given that such a map would be of wide public interest, I kept an eye

on the Copernicus Sentinel-2 L2A satellite imagery, and the one flown on 12/08/2026 was the first occasion when the area of the Abernethy & Glenmore wildfire was largely free of cloud. The only part of the fire boundary obscured was the north-east corner near Carn a' Chnuic.

The fire boundary was digitised from the Copernicus satellite image, and used to create two maps. One gives the wider context (header of this blog), the other a more detailed view. The maps are available in a Google Drive folder & [HERE](#). (If the folder doesn't open, right click > copy hyperlink > paste into your browser. If needed, links to the individual maps / files are given at the end). Download the maps to view at full resolution.

In addition this folder contains the Copernicus satellite image with the digitised boundary as an overlay, a READ THIS file (giving some details of how the fire boundary was digitised), and a zip file containing the fire boundary in shapefile format.

The area within the digitised fire boundary is 32.42 km², considerably larger than the c.25 km² widely reported elsewhere. The boundary on the maps I created includes lochans and scree slopes, as well as some grasslands and flushes that did not burn. Conversely the north-eastern limit of the fire is not mapped, as the area was obscured by clouds when the satellite image was made.

READ THIS file (pdf) & [HERE](#)

Overview map showing location of the fire & [HERE](#)

Detailed map of the fire extent & [HERE](#)

Copernicus image with fire boundary & [HERE](#)

Digitised boundary (shapefile) & [HERE](#)

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