



Wauchope Forest is a highly productive forest, contributing significantly to South Region's timber production. Sitka spruce is by far the most abundant timber species, with inherent risks associated with single-species dependency.

High concentration of watercourses feeding into the Tweed catchment to the north or Solway catchment to the south.

Relatively small proportion of larch in the plan area, some of which has already been felled following infection by *Phytophthora ramorum* and FLS being issued with SPHNs. The plan area is split between Scottish Forestry's Risk Reduction Zone (RRZ) and Priority Action Zone (PAZ).

Shankend Hill planted 1993 and first thinned 2017. Felling already underway due to *Phytophthora ramorum*, but some coupes will reach maximum MAI during the plan period.

Important open habitat under conservation grazing regime (neutral grassland, bracken, upland meadow, rush pasture and lowland fen)

Badgers found throughout the LMP area, with a high concentration of setts in the Shankend Hill area

Extensive conifer plantation on neighbouring land

Catrail linear earthwork Scheduled Monument

Whitrope Tunnel Listed Building

Woodland edge next to open moorland - some restocking with native broadleaves and Scots pine has already been done

Private Water Supplies

Whitrope Viaduct and Culvert Listed Buildings

Area of moderate to high risk slope instability

Private Water Supply

Nine Stanes Rig Scheduled Monument

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Catlee Burn and Wauchope Burn are part of the Tweed Special Area of Conservation

Bonchester Nursery Forest Research area

Cragbank Wood ASNW and SSSI opposite Hell's Hole

Visitor car park and trailhead at Hell's Hole, the only formal recreation facilities in the plan area

Mature beech trees mark the boundary of Hemlaw Plantation (shown on OS 1st Edition Map)

Hell's Hole area was previously identified as an area for development of lower impact management (LISS), but this will require re-evaluation as a result of recent windblow, larch felling due to *Phytophthora ramorum*, and less thinning than planned.

Hyndlee Forest - part of Wauchope East LMP

Older, thinned conifers in the north of the LMP area provide valuable raptor breeding habitat

Upper Cheviot car park and viewpoint

Blanket bog on Wyndburgh Hill and Outer Knowe Head

Extensive conifer plantation on neighbouring land

Restructuring of the plan area, through clearfelling and restocking, is well advanced. Approximately 15% of the original first rotation remains, much of this increasingly unstable and prone to windblow.

Open habitat associated with former industrial land use (railway infrastructure), including upland flush, fen & swamp, acid and neutral grassland

Private Water Supply

Palmer's Cutting Site of Special Scientific Interest

Riccarton Tower Scheduled Monument (on forest boundary)

Wauchope West Land Management Plan Map 2 - Key Features

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**Legend**

- Land Management Plan Area
- Forest Blocks
- Forest Roads
- Water Supply Points
- Water Supply Pipes
- Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Special Areas of Conservation
- Accents of open natural origin
- Long established of plantation origin
- Other (on Ray map)
- Currently designated Natural Reserves
- Heritage sites
- Scheduled Monuments
- FLS trails
- Public Rights of Way
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