

ROUTE PLAN

Parking is available at Colden Plantation car park (SC359836, WP01)

From **WP01** Enter trees and follow path 300metres

WP02 Forest road, turn left through gate, continue uphill 300metres

WP03 Follow right hand bend and continue on forest road 550metres

WP04 Tight left hand bend overlooking valley, follow forest road uphill 120metres to-

WP05 Tight right hand bend, continue on forest road 530metres

WP06 Boundary fence. Continue over stile and follow boardwalks along line of old road 200metres

WP07 Stone bridge over stream. Follow waymarkers and boardwalks deviating from, then returning to the line of old road 250metres

WP08 Old iron gatepost at corner of wall. Follow old road 260metres

WP09 Stile in wall below road. Continue over stile and follow waymarkers along meandering route down 250metres

WP10 Forest road. Turn left and follow road downhill 370metres

WP11 Wide bend to the left, follow road downhill 220metres

WP12 Steep bend down to the right, follow road downhill 300metres

WP13 Road crosses stream then through gateway. Follow forest road downhill 330metres

WP02 again. Retrace your steps 300metres through trees back to the start at WP01.

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WARDEN'S WALK Colden

This is a walk of 4.3 kilometres, about 2.7 miles, Approx. 1 hour. It starts in the lower part of Colden Plantation before taking the forest road up into its higher reaches at an altitude of 1000ft.

During the climb, the forest road begins to follow the route of the old 'Governor Loch's Road'; a 19th Century, well-constructed track, which was never formerly completed due to a landowners' dispute. A stone way-marker, to the side of the road, signifies its beginning at the southern end of its course. (Its northern end is nearly 5 kilometres away at its junction with the Brandywell Road.)

At the upper edge of the plantation the walk continues along this old public road and out onto open hill land. Walkers will be grateful for the sections of boardwalk which were installed over wet ground by the Manx Footpath's Task Force in 2010.

Colden forms part of the Greeba Mountain & Central Hills Area of Special Scientific Interest. The site is the largest of the Island's ASSIs and extends to 1,080 hectares (2,671 acres). It was designated in 2008 for its important assemblage of breeding birds including hen harrier, raven, curlew, stonechat and snipe, and its upland wildlife habitats - notably heather moorland, acid grassland, blanket bog and acid hillside flushes.

From the highest point of the walk, you can enjoy extensive views over the West Baldwin valley to the hills beyond. The route then passes over a stile before descending to another forest road, which returns the walker once more to the lower parts of the plantation and eventually back to the starting point.

Although the going is generally good, there are wet sections between boardwalks which may require waterproof footwear. The route is way-marked on the ground.

NO.13



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*No.13 in a series of walks
in the Manx countryside, created
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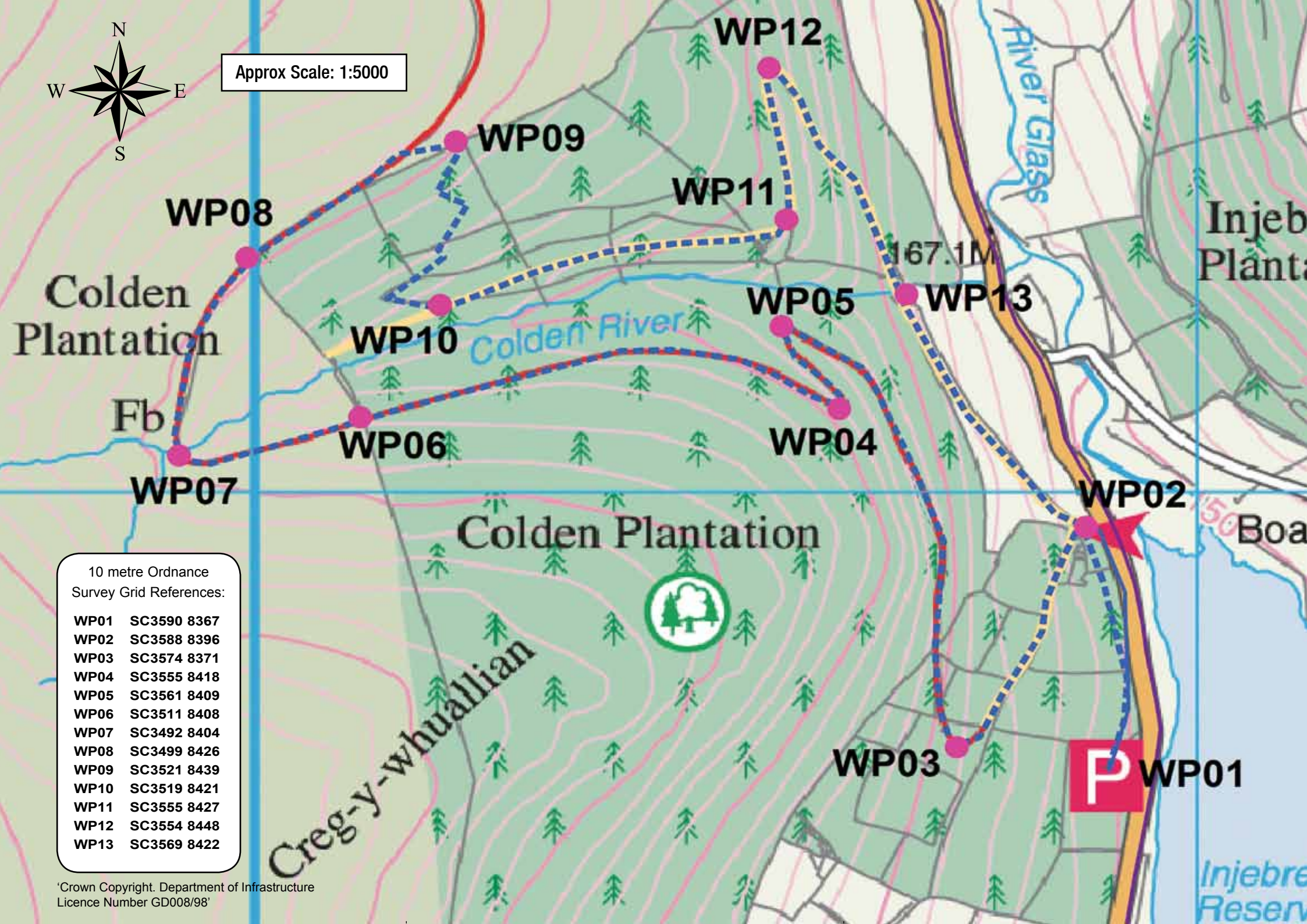
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Approx Scale: 1:5000



10 metre Ordnance

Survey Grid References:

WP01	SC3590 8367
WP02	SC3588 8396
WP03	SC3574 8371
WP04	SC3555 8418
WP05	SC3561 8409
WP06	SC3511 8408
WP07	SC3492 8404
WP08	SC3499 8426
WP09	SC3521 8439
WP10	SC3519 8421
WP11	SC3555 8427
WP12	SC3554 8448
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