

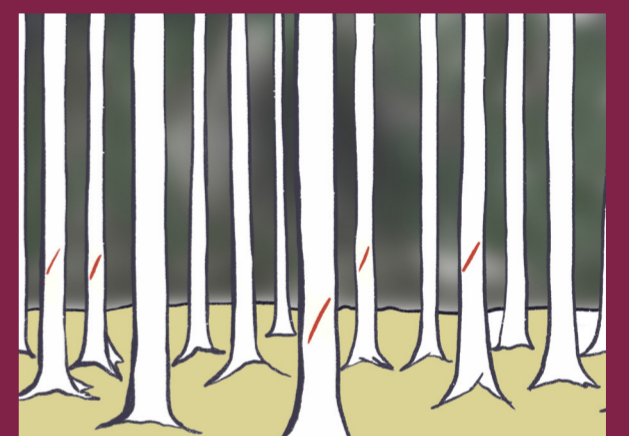


CCF at Tibbradden

Here in Tibbradden, as part of the Dublin Mountains Makeover we are starting to manage this woodland through Continuous Cover Forestry (CCF). This means we will maintain a permanent forest cover but gradually, over time, the forest will be thinned regularly to develop into a more diverse, multi-structural and multi-aged forest that will last into the future.

What is CCF (Continuous Cover Forestry) and what is happening here?

- This area of Sitka spruce and larch will be thinned to gradually transform the forest to CCF management.
- Individual trees are being marked for removal (the ones with the pink /) to create gaps in the canopy. Removing these trees allows light to reach new seedlings on the forest floor.
- Regular thinning will continue to take place every 4-5 years and this will create the conditions for the forest to become more diverse in terms of age, tree size and species in future.
- Some trees are marked with a zig zag to be 'ring barked' so that they die in place, creating standing deadwood, an important habitat for many species.
- The trees felled during the thinning operations will be cut into logs and sold to local sawmills and panel board mills to be processed into a range of timber goods.
- CCF management enhances biodiversity, as well as stabilising soils, protecting water, and producing timber.



Please take care if you visit while works are taking place!

- Follow all safety signage and temporary diversions.
- Watch out for timber lorries.
- Don't climb on the stacks of logs along the side of the road.

