





The veteran trees will be conserved and the conifers adjacent to them felled to allow a more open broadleaf woodland to become established around them. This will also allow the ground flora around them to develop and provide future veteran trees.

The Birches Valley Forest Centre will be the starting point for all FC promoted trails and activities. Future routes and developments will be planned to reduce the impact on the more sensitive areas of Cannock Chase and be in keeping with the current business and recreation activities.

Stands of young Corsican pine will be gradually removed and not be retained for their full economic rotation due to the effects of DNB on the annual yields and the health of the crops.

AWS will continue to be managed using continuous cover systems and to provide a seed source to regenerate adjacent PAWS areas as well as AWS sites.

The water courses will be managed to conserve the biodiversity and the surrounding woodland managed in accordance with the forestry and water guidelines.

The heathland corridors will be managed through a programme of cutting and grazing which will be delivered through partnership working with key stakeholders. Broadleaves will be allowed to become established in the edge of adjacent stands to create a more structured interface between the conifer stands and heathland.

South facing ride sides and banks in key areas will be kept clear of tress to create the ideal habitat for reptiles and snakes linking the hibernacula's to the pools.

### Central Forest District

#### Concept Map

-  Corsican pine 6 to 28 yrs old
-  Heathlands
-  Recreation Hubs
-  Recreation Routes
-  Trees of Special Interest
-  Snakes
-  Water Features
-  Ancient Woodland Site
-  Plantation on Ancient Woodland Sites
-  Wood Pasture
-  Management Area