

Press Release

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Star Trek: Lunar Walk Through Forest is a Hit

If you go down to the woods today, be sure of a big surprise: Spacemen! Forestry Commissions Scotland's Faskally Wood at Pitlochry has been transformed into the Enchanted Forest for the next two weeks, to host the annual sound and light spectacular which will see 20,000 visitors take a trip to the forest with a difference.

The year's theme, The Enchanted Forest: A Journey Through Space, has seen the forest transformed into a lunar playground, placing aliens where you would expect to find squirrels, and lights where you might expect to find shrubs!

The show launched last night to a special preview audience which included the Environment Minister Michael Russell, news journalist Lesley Riddoch and the current Miss Scotland, Stephanie Willemse.

Big Tree Country, the organisers of The Enchanted Forest, are expecting the show to sell out this year with demand for tickets extremely strong, up 26% on the same week last year, despite fears surrounding the Scottish economy.

Organisers were also celebrating the news that The Enchanted Forest had just been shortlisted in two categories for this year's Perthshire Chamber of Commerce Awards: Tourism and Creative.

Hamish Murray, chair of the steering group for the Enchanted Forest 2008 commented, "The Enchanted Forest combines the outdoors with the spectacular and it is a perfect outing for couples and families who want to see the outdoors in a completely different light."

"It's great news to hear today that we have also been shortlisted for two business awards. The Enchanted Forest is a major event for Perthshire and contributes over £1 million to the Perthshire economy. It deserves recognition for its positive impact on the local business community."

For further information about the Enchanted Forest and to purchase tickets, visit the Enchanted Forest website at www.enchantedforest.org.uk. The show runs from 17th October and 2nd November at Faskally Wood near Pitlochry.

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