



Sawmill Health & Safety  
and Visitors Guide

# Fort William



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responsible forestry

 **BSW Timber**  
National Strength, Local Service.

# Brief Overview of Fort William Mill

## Size

7 ha site.

## History

The Fort William site sits 5 miles from Ben Nevis and was built in 1974 with BSW taking ownership in 1988. A larger sawmill on a 69 acre site will replace the current mill in the near future on a recently acquired site.

## Production Capacity

150,000 m<sup>3</sup> sawn timber.

## Length Capacity

2.4 – 5.4 metres.

## Primary Breakdown

### Infrastructure

Log Diameter Sorting Line, Greenmill, Timber Sorting Lines.

## Secondary Operations

### Infrastructure

Kilns, Strength Grader / Planer, Treatment Tanks, Development Mill.

## Log Intake

235 loads of logs are delivered to Fort William every week. The cut to length sawlogs range in size from 2.4m to 5.4m. The species intake is 95% Spruce, 5% Douglas fir/Larch.

## Log Catchment Area

The log catchment area stretches throughout the West Highlands within 50 miles of the site.

## Products Produced

Construction Timber, Fencing, and Landscaping.



- 1 SITE ENTRANCE
- 2 MAIN OFFICE
- 3 SAWN TIMBER STORAGE YARD
- 4 GREENMILL
- 5 KILNS
- 6 BUTT REDUCER & DEBARKER
- 7 LOG YARD



- 1 WEIGHBRIDGE
- 2 STOCK YARD
- 3 KILNS
- 4 TREATMENT PLANT



# Visitors Health and Safety Instructions

- All visitors must report to reception in the main office building and sign in and out of the premises.
- All visitors must be accompanied by a company representative at all times.
- Please be aware that sawmill operations will continue as normal whilst a tour is underway and all visitors need to be aware of their surroundings.
- Do not depart from the designated walkways unless authorisation is given.
- Personal Protective Equipment will be issued to you by your guide. Hard hats, Hearing Protection and Safety Vest **MUST** be worn at all times during the tour.
- Smoking is allowed in designated areas only.
- In the event of the fire alarm sounding make your way to the fire assembly point at the main office car park.
- Appropriate footwear **MUST** be worn – it is strongly advised that flat shoes be worn for mill tours. Failing this, it may not be possible to enter the sawmill site due to underfoot conditions.
- Be aware of fork lift trucks and other vehicles at all times. Always use the walkways.
- Please note that sideloaders do not have full visibility.
- Mobile phones must be switched off during mill tours.
- Permission must be granted for any photography to be taken on site.



Travelling North/Southbound on the A82 at Fort William take the A830 signposted Malaig. Drive through the village of Corpach and the mill is on your right.

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