The first tumbling torrents you come to are a magnificent taster for what’s to come! Take care on the rising path as you pass the rocks covered in mosses and ferns.

The glory of the Plodda Falls will amaze you as the burn cascades vertically with an awesome roar. And all around are soaring trees including three great firs planted by Lord Gladstone in the 1880s.

Lord Tweedmouth bought Glen Affric estate from Clan Chisholm in the mid-1800s and built Guisachan House among the trees and cottages for his workers. The house (Giusachan – say gi-oosuchun – is Gaelic for pine forests) has gone, but you can still see the magnificent larch, which are a legacy for us all to enjoy today.

Much of the estate was used for shooting, but Lord Tweedmouth planted many exotic trees including towering redwoods and majestic Douglas firs, three of which replaced the original masts on Captain Scott’s RRS Discovery, now berthed in Dundee.