

The Tay Estuary

The Tay Estuary is a Special protection Area (SPA), a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a Ramsar site because of the internationally important numbers of birds that live here and visit. These include pink-footed geese, redshank and bar-tailed godwit.

The Firth of Tay is also a Special Area of Conservation (SAC) because of the common seals that live here, along with the mud and sand habitats which support so much wildlife.

Find out more

www.dundee.gov.uk

www.outdooraccess-scotland.com

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We encourage you to explore the park. Please do not enter any fenced off area or venture onto the foreshore. Dogs need to be under control at all times. To help breeding Skylarks and other ground nesting birds, dogs must be on lead and all visitors must stay on the paths from 1st April to 31st July.

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What to see...

Any time of year

Stunning views and sunsets over the estuary

Wading birds on the mudflats at low tide or feeding and roosting around the park..

Autumn & Winter

Thousands of pink-footed geese alongside hundreds of other wading birds feeding in the mud.

Spring & Summer

Skylarks singing high above you, shelducks with their sweet humbug coloured ducklings feeding in the mud.

A riot of colour in the wildflower meadows with many butterflies and other insects feeding on them.



Riverside Nature Park

A haven for wildlife on the Firth of Tay





Riverside Nature Park

The land at Riverside Nature Park was created from landfill. Once full, it was capped with soil and landscaped. This was a great opportunity to create new habitat for wildlife in Dundee and a place for people to enjoy the estuary.

The park is ideal for watching the waders and ducks which make the Tay Estuary so important. There are views over the estuary from many of the paths. Visit the bird hide, overlooking Invergowrie Bay, and you will see different birds at different times of day. They will be feeding on the mud flats at low tide or roosting at high tide. The estuary birds visit the park too. Use the bird hide tucked into the hedge to have a look into the grazed fields and around the lochan, especially when the tide is in.

Our wildflower meadows are home to many species of flowers including cowslips, red campion and two types of orchids. A new project means we have a licence to grow greater yellow rattle, a very rare plant threatened with extinction in the wild in Scotland. The meadows are buzzing with butterflies, moths and other insects all summer long; these are food for bats in the evening. In addition to the lochan in the highland cow field there are three other ponds, two of which were constructed with assistance from Froglife in 2017. Frogs, toads and smooth newts have all been found in the park and we hope they'll flourish along with damselflies and dragonflies.

Along with the ponds, the Friends of Riverside Nature Park have made many improvements for wildlife, including planting over 2000 trees.



- Key:**
- Entrance / Exit
 - Information
 - Bus Stop
 - Parking / Disabled
 - Green Circular route
 - Steep Path Section
 - Fenced Wildlife Sanctuary
 - Picnic Area
 - Composting Toilet

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