

# 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 and visit. These birds include **pink-footed goose, redshank**

## What to see...

### Any time of year

- Views over the Tay Estuary.
- Wading birds on the mud flats at low tide, or feeding and roosting around the park.

### Autumn & Winter

- Thousands of geese roosting noisily in Invergowrie Bay at dusk.

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.

### Spring & Summer

- Displaying lapwings, shelducks and skylarks.
- Wildflowers such as cowslips.

### Find out more

Visit [www.dundee.gov.uk](http://www.dundee.gov.uk) or [www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com)



We encourage you to explore the park responsibly, but be aware that if you leave the formal paths the ground will be uneven and there may be animal burrows. Please do not enter any fenced off area or venture onto the foreshore. Dogs need to be under control at all times, and should be on a lead during bird nesting season (from early April to the end of July).



# Riverside Nature Park

A haven for wildlife on the Firth of Tay





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Riverside Nature Park is part of a remarkable engineering project started in 1830, which has created almost a square mile of land along the waterfront.

The land at **Riverside Nature Park** was created from 1967-1996. The land-fill site is full and has been closed. Landscaping the site was a great opportunity to create something new for Dundee - a park for everyone to enjoy with new wildlife habitats.

The park is ideal for watching the birds which make the Tay Estuary so important. There are views over the estuary from many paths. Visit the bird hide, overlooking Invergowrie Bay, and you should see different birds at different times of the day. They will be feeding on the mud flats at low tide or roosting at high tide. There is information on the birds you may see at the hide.

The estuary birds visit the park too. Have a look into the grazed fields and around the pools especially when the tide is in.

At Riverside Nature Park you will find the largest wildflower meadows in Dundee. They have been created on what used to be piles of rubbish. In summer they are a riot of colour attracting beautiful butterflies, bees and hoverflies.



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No Public Access

### Key:

- Entrance / Exit
- Information
- Bus Stop
- Parking / Disabled
- Green Circular route
- Steep Path Section
- Fenced Wildlife Sanctuary

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