



Wildlife at Templeton

There are a surprising number of permanent residents in the woods, who you may be lucky enough to spot.

These include roe deer that graze the forest and are most easily spotted at dawn and dusk. Buzzards nest in the woods and can often be heard calling to their mates as they soar above the tree tops.



Jays are the beautifully coloured members of the crow family, whose harsh screech can often be heard in the car park. Keep your eyes peeled though, as they are very secretive birds.



Red squirrels are found throughout the wood, making Dundee one of the only cities in Britain to be a home to these cute tree-dwelling mammals. They can be seen scampering around and jumping through the trees in search of food.



Trees

Trees are important, valuable and necessary to our very existence. All life on earth depends on them because they do so many great jobs. For example, trees produce oxygen, improve the soil, clean the air, fight soil erosion and slow storm water run-off. A mature leafy tree produces as much oxygen in a season as 10 people inhale in a year!

Trees need four main things to stay alive; **SUNLIGHT, WATER, NUTRIENTS** and **AIR**.

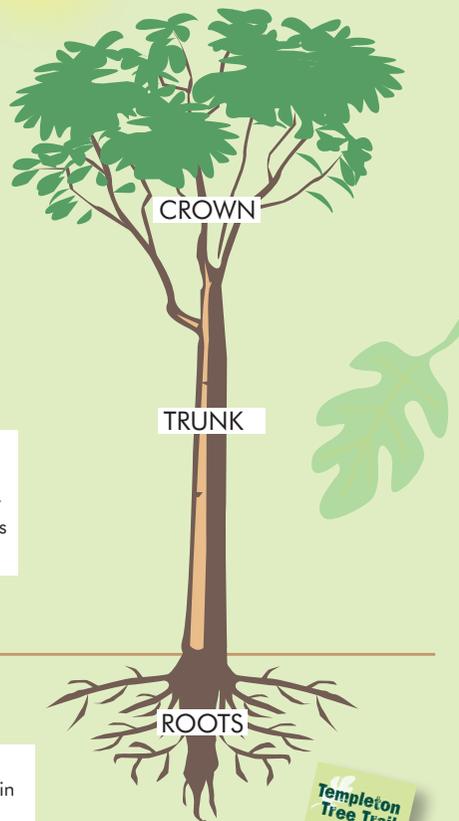


The leaves capture the **SUN's** energy and absorb carbon dioxide from the **AIR**.

As trees grow, they put oxygen back into the **AIR**, which we need to breathe. They also create and store **SUGARS** which provide many animals' food, including our own. Trees also supply us with **WOOD** which helps us meet our needs for shelter, tools and warmth.

These things help the tree grow, with twigs and branches growing longer at the tips. The trunk, branches and twigs also grow fatter.

Trees absorb **WATER** and **NUTRIENTS** (the goodness in the soil) through their roots.



To find out more about Trees at Templeton look out for this leaflet



Countryside Ranger Service

In addition to our planned programme of events, Countryside Rangers provide a number of other services.

- Evening talks and guided walks for groups
- Education services
- Work in the community



Countryside
ranger service

Other woodland sites to visit; Balgay Hill, Dundee Law, Caird Park, Reres Hill, Camperdown Country Park and Middleton Wood.

Get involved



The woods need help to be looked after, and your opinions and skills can help us improve the woods for people and wildlife. If you are interested in getting involved in any way, please let us know.

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People and the Woods

Templeton Woods visitor centre has been open since 1980, providing a welcome to the visitors who come to walk, cycle, run, orienteer and horse ride on the many tracks and trails through the woodland.

The woods were initially planted in the 1800s by David Taylor, the head forester to the 1st Earl of Camperdown. The woods originally covered more than twice the area they do today; they stretched east across Downfield Golf Course and Ardler, to what is now MacAlpine Road.

These days, Templeton covers over 150 acres (a football pitch is roughly 2 acres) and is used by a wide range of people and organisations throughout the city for recreation, volunteering opportunities, training for employment and nature conservation. It is a working woodland managed by Dundee Contract Services Forestry Section.

A range of fun family events take place during the year including "Red Alert!", a chance to find out about red squirrels, "Naturally Artistic" forest craft day as well as "Fungal Forays" and "Hallowe'en Howling" in the autumn.



How To Find Templeton Woods

by car

situated just 15 minutes' drive from Dundee city centre and just off the Coupar Angus Road (A923), before Birkhill.

by bus

take the number 57 or 59 bus (Stagecoach Buses) from Dundee city centre to Templeton Woods entrance.

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Templeton Woods



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Templeton Woods

Know the Code...



The outdoors is where land managers make a living. It is the home of Scotland's diverse wildlife and is enjoyed by the many people who live there and visit it. You can exercise access rights responsibly if you;

- 1 Take responsibility for your own actions.
- 2 Respect people's privacy and peace of mind.
- 3 Help land managers and others to work safely and effectively.
- 4 Care for your environment.
- 5 Keep your dog under control.
- 6 Take extra care if you are organising an event or running a business and the landowner's advice.

...before you go.

Templeton Woods Art Trail

The **Mural** on the Visitor Centre was added in January 2007. The technique of graffiti art was used to reflect Templeton's urban setting. It reflects the changing seasons and birds & plants found in Templeton Woods.



From left to right:
 Spring: Jay and Ivy
 Summer: Treecreeper and Honeysuckle
 Autumn: Blue Tit and Bramble
 Winter: Woodpecker and Holly

The **Tile Project** includes contributions from people of all ages and abilities from across Dundee. The project ran throughout 2004/05 and was completed with help of staff from the Dundee B&Q Warehouse.



The completion of the **Millenium Circle** was celebrated at winter solstice 2000, with the help of local children who created images for the hardwood monoliths. These Monoliths now lie around the **Drystone Squirrel Bench** which adopts the circular design.



The **Totem Pole** is the work of volunteers with the Fairbridge Trust who designed, carved and installed this striking feature in 2003.



The timber used for the **Xylophone** was sourced from Templeton and cut at the Camperdown Sawmill. It was built by a range of individuals and groups of volunteers in 2006.



The **Hedgehog** trio of benches near the Xylophone was created by the Ranger Service and volunteers, with a sandstone hedgehog by local artist Neil Paterson. Following the Blue Trail west, back towards the car park, there are two more feature benches made with volunteer power in the summer of 2006.

