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On the edge of the World Heritage site of New Lanark, breathtaking ancient woodlands line a series of spectacular waterfalls. Meet the resident bats, badgers and peregrines.



Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre & Wildlife Reserve, Dunkeld
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Each spring, ospreys arrive to breed at the eyrie on the loch's edge. The displays in the centre tell their story of the reserve and its wildlife including red squirrels.



Montrose Basin Visitor Centre & Wildlife Reserve, Montrose
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The Miley Wildlife Reserve Dundee

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Opening times

Access to this reserve at all times.

Location

Situated between Loons Road and Clepington Road, Dundee. Grid ref NO385318

Parking

On street on Loons Road

Other nearby reserves

Montrose Basin, Montrose
Balgavies Loch, near Forfar
Seaton Cliffs, Arbroath

Volunteer

The Miley is looked after by local volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact the SWT who will put you in touch with the local group.

Take care

Please abide by the Scottish Outdoor Access Code when visiting this reserve.

For your own safety, please take note of any on-site instructions.

Please take your litter home.



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The Miley

Urban wildlife in the heart of Dundee



The Miley, so called because it is about one mile long, runs along the route of the former Dundee to Newtyle railway. It is locally known as a place of peace and quiet, a sanctuary for people and wildlife in the heart of the busy town.

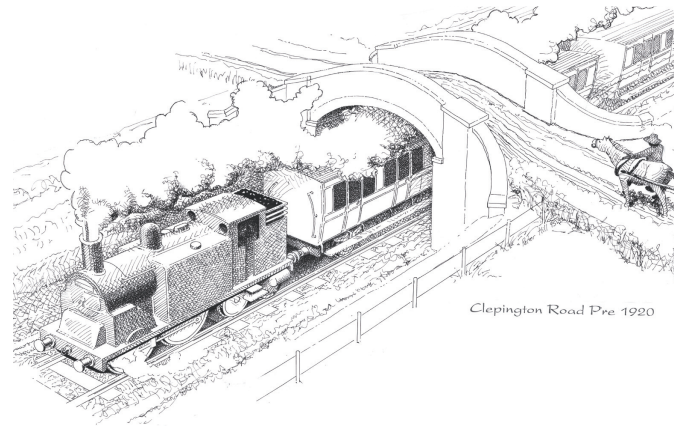
SWT began creating a place for wildlife here in 1992. Lots of hard work by volunteers, trainees and school children including planting trees, shrubs and wildflowers and removing rubbish has transformed a once derelict piece of land into an urban treasure.

The habitat at The Miley is varied and includes areas of hedgerow, trees and grassland. These habitats encourage a wealth of wildlife.

In summer, look out for peacock butterflies and listen for the attractive song of birds such as goldfinches. Goldfinches use their large beaks to extract seeds from the thistle, birch and alder found along the Miley, and they may be attracted to garden feeders with niger seeds.



A plant that is difficult to miss is the rosebay willowherb. This species, once a scarce woodland plant, became common during the two world wars, after invading areas where timber had been felled for the war effort and urban



areas which had been bombed. It was aided in its spread by the railways as trains would 'suck' the tiny willowherb seeds along in their wake.

What is a telegraph pole doing on a wildlife reserve?

Until 1967 trains ran along the route where visitors walk now. The line was opened in 1859 and was used by both passenger and freight trains going to Newtyle and beyond. Some of the infrastructure from the railway can still be seen on the reserve. The old telegraph poles were part of a communication system used to inform stations and signal box staff about the progress of trains. Today they make excellent sites for nest boxes. The wooden gate at the northern end of the reserve was once part of a simple level crossing, probably for a farmer to move stock from one field (now built over) to another (now the school and playing fields).



Species to spot

- **Frogs**
- **Insects:** hoverflies, bumblebees, butterflies, moths
- **Birds:** long-tailed tit, robin, chaffinch, blue tit, great tit, blackbird, dunnock, greenfinch
- **Plants:** sweet woodruff (*Galium odoratum*), red campion (*Silene dioica*), wild teasel (*Dipsacus fullonum*), meadow crane's-bill (*Geranium pratense*), yellow archangel (*Lamium galeobdolon*), oxeye daisy (*Leucanthemum vulgare*)
- **Trees/shrubs:** silver birch, blackthorn, hazel, hawthorn, elder, rowan



Wildlife gardening

There are a number of ways you can encourage wildlife to your own garden. Below are a few ideas.

- Provide food for butterflies and bees by planting nectar-rich plants such as primrose
- Provide nesting and roosting sites for birds by planting climbing plants such as honeysuckle
- Provide a safe living space for wildlife by growing a hawthorn or blackthorn hedge
- Create a meadow
- Leave a pile of logs in a shady corner to feed and shelter beetle larvae and frogs, toads and slow worms
- Leave nettles for caterpillars
- Don't be too tidy
- Go organic and peat-free
- Provide water in a bird bath or pond

