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Falls of Clyde Visitor Centre & Wildlife Reserve, New Lanark

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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 Basin is a favourite destination for many birds from eider ducks to pink-footed geese. Interactive displays bring the history and creatures that live there to life.

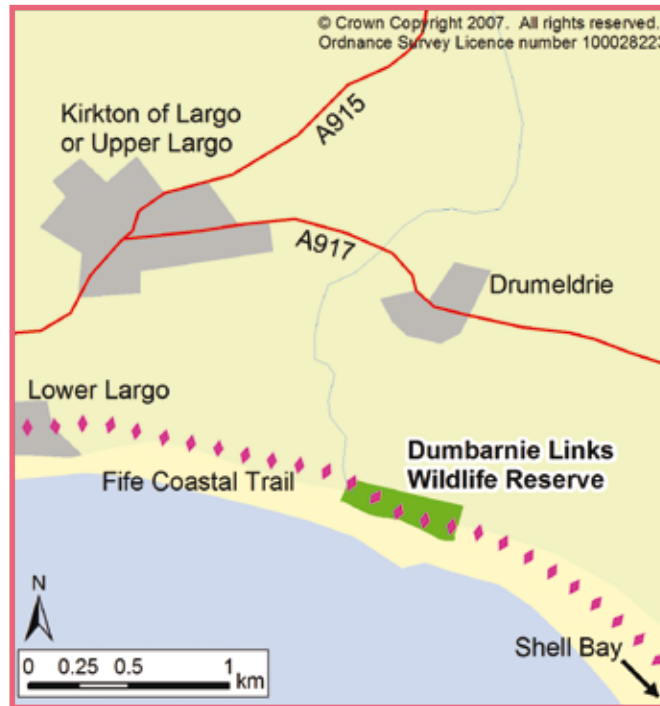
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Dumbarnie Links Wildlife Reserve near Lower Largo, Fife

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Opening times

This reserve is open all year round. The best time to see wildflowers is in the spring and summer. Summer is also a good time to see butterflies while a variety of birds are present all year round.

Location

OS grid ref. sheet 59 NO441022
The reserve is at the heart of Largo Bay in the Firth of Forth.

The reserve can be reached on foot from Lower Largo to the west either along the beach or via the Fife Coastal Path (1 mile/1.6 km); or from Shell Bay to the east along the beach (1.5 miles/2.4 km).

Parking

Temple car park in Lower Largo or park at Shell Bay.

Other nearby reserves

Barryards Marsh, Kilconquhar
NO485022
Kilminning Coast, Crail NO634091

Take care

Please abide by the Scottish Outdoor Access Code when visiting this reserve. Please cause no disturbance and leave no trace.

The dunes are vulnerable to erosion and horse riders are requested to remain on the coastal path.

Please do not camp or light fires on the reserve.

Please keep your dog under proper control. Dogs can disturb birds and other wildlife.

Please take your litter home and clear up after your dog.



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Dumbarnie Links Wildlife Reserve Fife



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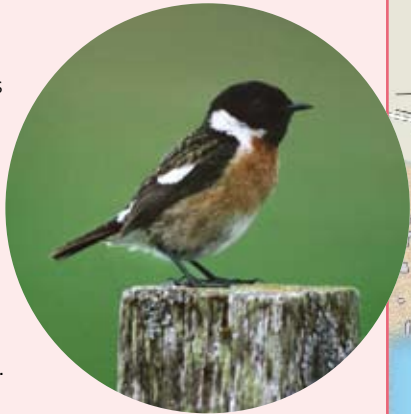
This reserve was purchased by the Scottish Wildlife Trust in 1998 with help from Fife Council. It is an example of a lime-rich coastal grassland that is increasingly rare on the east coast of Scotland.



During the Second World War, sea defences were along much of Britain's coastline, and today a line of anti-tank blocks separates this reserve from grazed land to the east. Another war time legacy is a pair of concrete pill boxes.



Dune grassland provides the perfect soil for plants requiring special growing conditions. In spring cowslips litter the ground and in summer purple milk-vetch, meadow crane's bill, viper's bugloss and many more are found growing here.



Skylarks, meadow pipits and stonechats nest on the reserve, while buzzards and kestrels can be seen overhead hunting for rabbits and voles.



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Offshore in the summer, terns and gannets make an appearance and in the winter, red-throated divers, scoters and long-tailed ducks can be seen. Eiders are present all year round.

Rock, sand and mud support a variety of seaweed and animal life. Herons and waders such as curlew, redshank, turnstone and oystercatcher feast on the abundance of food in the bay.



Butterflies, including common blue, small copper and meadow brown, and a great variety of land snails represent just a tiny fraction of the vast diversity of insects and other invertebrates found here.

Walkers can follow the Fife Coastal Path which passes through the reserve behind the main dune and beyond.

