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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 display bring the history and creatures that live there to life.

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Longhaven Cliffs Wildlife Reserve near Peterhead, Aberdeenshire

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Opening times

This reserve is open all year round but the best time to see wildlife is from May to August.

Location

OS grid ref. sheet 30 NK116394
The reserve is 4.3 miles (7 km) south of Peterhead and 1.9 miles (3 km) north of Cruden Bay.

The reserve occupies a 1.5 miles (2.5 km) stretch of the Buchan coastline and is part of the Aberdeenshire Coastal Path.

Parking

There is a car park near Blackhill Quarry (NK114394).

Other nearby reserves

Gight Woods, Ellon NJ833399
Red Moss of Netherley, Stonehaven NO852937

Take care

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

Longhaven Cliffs is by its nature, dramatic and potentially dangerous. Take care near the cliffs and wear suitable footwear.

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

Longhaven Cliffs is a former quarry site. Stay on the path and keep away from quarry holes.

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.

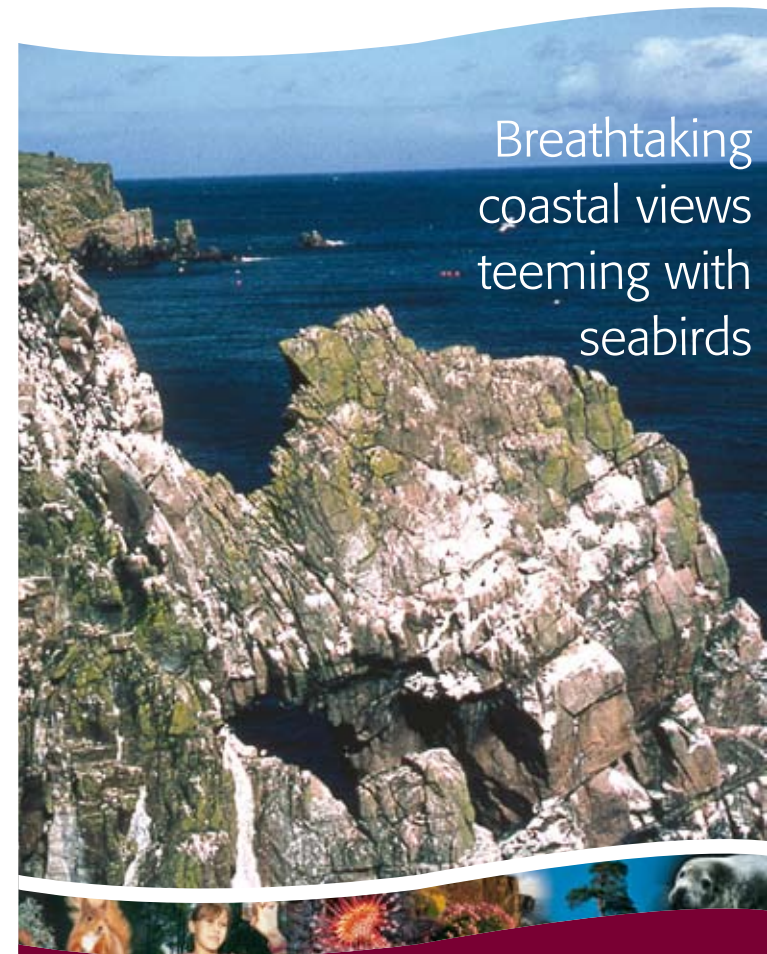
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Longhaven Cliffs

See cliffs overflowing with seabirds

This reserve stretches along 1.5 miles (2.5 km) of the Buchan coastline and is well known for its spectacular granite cliffs, breathtaking views and breeding seabirds.

Constant pounding from the waves has formed inlets, stacks, caves and arches which make ideal breeding sites for kittiwakes, gulliemots, razorbills, puffins and many more.

Most of the birds feed at sea and return to the cliffs in spring to nest. Guillemots have no nests and they just balance their eggs on the rock ledge. Kittiwakes (black wing-tipped gulls) glue a nest of debris onto the rocks. Both species nest close together.

From Troup Head gannets can be seen diving out at sea. Razorbills nest on ledges lower down as do the glossy black shags. Puffins use old burrows or crevices between boulders and look out for fulmars at the top and herring gulls at the bottom of the cliff.

The reserve's natural pink granite cliff rise 60 metres above sea level and give the coastline a dramatic edge. Granite used to be quarried here and the remains of the old quarry operations can still be seen today.

From the cliffs edge and beyond, dolphins and the occasional porpoise and minke whale can be seen.

Enjoy breathtaking views on the very edge of **Aberdeenshire**

Many spectacular plants grow on the reserve. All have to withstand the strong winds and salt spray.

Summer brings carpets of wildflowers which makes the reserve blaze with colour. Even with the hostile conditions of the cliff tops, coastal heath plants thrive and bloom.

At the south end of the reserve salt spray accumulates in a shallow basin on the cliff tops. This forms a small salt marsh with some specialist plants usually found by estuaries.

At other places the cliff top have maritime heaths growing on them with plants normally associated with a moorland landscape.

These special plant communities are enriched by such as devil's-bit scabious, bell heather and grass-of-Parnassus attract many pollinating insects in summer.

In the more sheltered areas plants normally found in woodlands provide a splash of colour in the spring.

