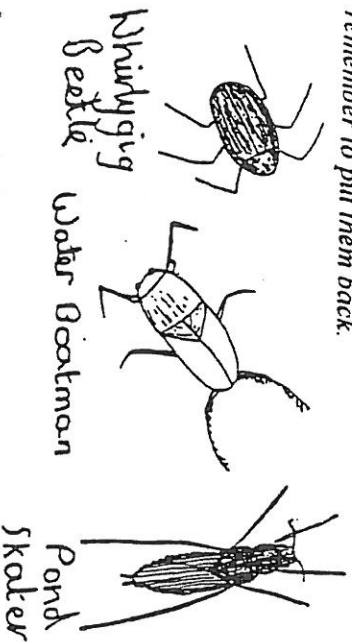


A pond with a wooden viewing platform has been dug in Barnyards Marsh. There are sometimes frogs and tadpoles in the pond and Whirligig beetles and Pond Skaters. If you look at any pond creatures remember to put them back.



In summer there are butterflies at Barnyards like the Small Tortoiseshell. They lay their eggs on Nettles. The nettles are important to the butterfly.

Here is a chart to show when best to see some plants and animals.

Birds	Where to find	Time of year
Snipe	Marsh	All year
Willow Warbler	Trees Bushes	Summer
Sedge Wren	Reeds	Summer
Jack Snipe	Marsh	Winter
Plants	Where to find	Time of year
Monkey Flower	Ditch	Summer
Goosed Robin	Marsh	Summer
Northern Marsh Orchid	Marsh	Summer

If you come, remember to bring:



water proof trousers, jacket, wellies and a change of clothes, socks and shoes

If you see anything or want more information please contact:

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Ivy Cottage
Ferry Road
Earlsferry

Fife Ranger Service
Silverburn
Largo Road
Leven

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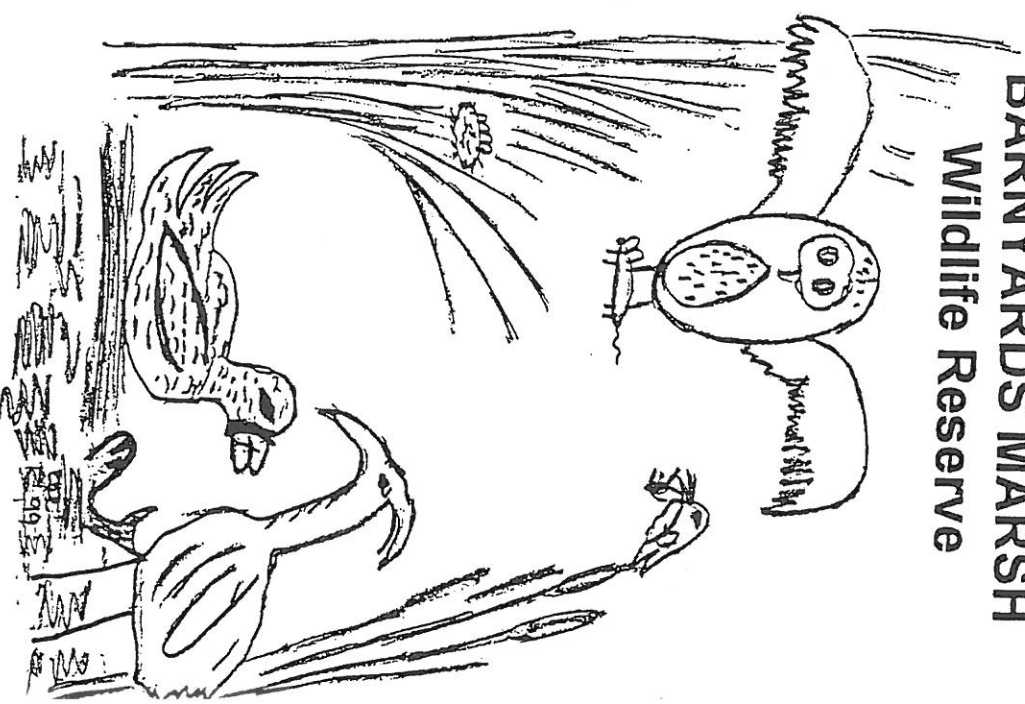
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Welcome to Barnyards Marsh Wildlife Reserve

Barnyards Marsh is a quiet, serene place, except the birds singing which is quite relaxing. The Marsh is special to animals. The flowers are special too. The people of Kilconquhar are lucky to have a special place in their village

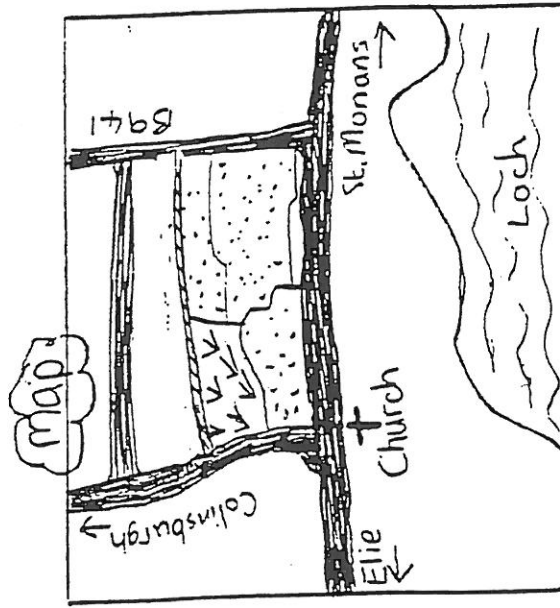
A word from the Scottish Wildlife Trust:

Barnyards Marsh is a small but very important wildlife area set in the small community of Kilconquhar. It is well used by the local school at Colinsburgh who have produced much of the material about the wildlife in the reserve for this leaflet.

The land is owned by the Church of Scotland and leased to the Lady Elizabeth Lindsay Trust. This Trust, which is administered by SWT, was set up in 1969 in memory of Lady Elizabeth Lindsay, to provide educational opportunities for school children in the area around Balcarres Estate. As well as funding environmental education outings, the Trust leases this reserve with an emphasis on school and community education.

Management

The management of the Reserve is carried out on behalf of the local management group by SWT and Fife Council Ranger Service. The water level cannot be controlled: it is usually high in winter and low in summer, but depends upon the rainfall and the water level in Kilconquhar Loch and the surrounding land. At times a film of marsh oil appears on the surface of the water - this is entirely natural. The orange-brown iron bacteria that accumulate when the water flow in the ditch is slow are quite harmless. The ditch on the north side of the area is kept clear, paths are cut each year and monitoring of the wildlife takes place.



✓ Barnyards Marsh
 XXXX Boundary Ditch
 Kilconquhar
 Parking in village

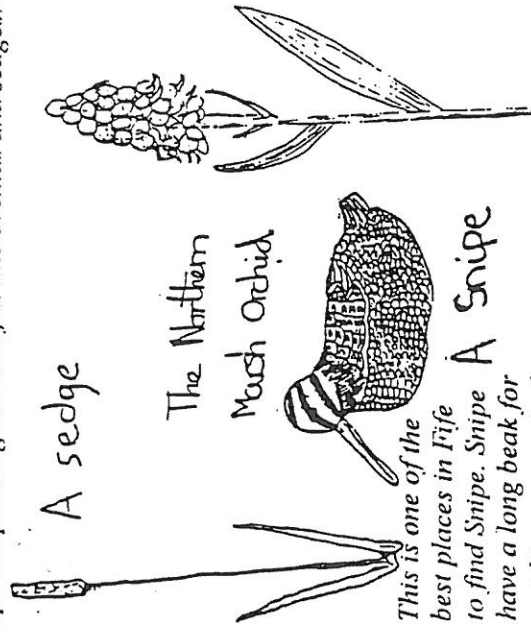
Wildlife

Dear friends,

We are glad you're interested in Barnyards Marsh. At the Marsh you can do birdwatching for Kestrels, Snipe, Jack Snipe (you will find Jack Snipe in the winter only), Sedge Warbler and lots more. There are also rare plants like Northern Marsh Orchids. Please do not bring dogs to Barnyards Marsh because we want to keep Barnyards clean and not dirty, and not disturb the birds. Please do not pick the flowers, or dump rubbish. Thank you.

Colinsburgh Primary School Pupils

Barnyards Marsh is a Fen. A fen is a low marshy land, often covered with water and they are now very rare in life. Barnyards can be a very muddy place. Special plants grow in a fen like orchids and sedges.



A sedge

The Northern Marsh Orchid

This is one of the best places in Fife to find Snipe. Snipe have a long beak for catching worms in the mud. They fly with a zig zag flight. There are also Jack Snipe found in the winter. They are rare. They do not fly in a zig zag.

Reed

Bunting



Reed Buntings, Sedge Warblers and Willow Warblers nest at Barnyards Marsh in the summer.