Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
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By car
On the A92 Montrose to Arbroath road, just 1 mile (1.6 km) south of Montrose. Follow the brown signs to Montrose Basin Wildlife Centre. Free and convenient parking available.

By train
Frequent services from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen and all intermediate stations.

By bus
From Montrose town centre, ask the bus driver to let you off outside the visitor centre.

Opening times
Mid-Feb to Oct: daily 10.30am-5pm
Nov to mid-Feb: Fri-Mon only, 10.30am-4pm
Please check our website for exact dates in Feb.
Closed 25 & 26 Dec and 1 & 2 Jan.

Admission*
Adult  £4.50
Concession  £3.50
Family ticket  £8.50
(2 adults, plus 2 children)
Additional children (each)  £1.00
Members  FREE

10% discount for groups of 11 or more people.
Access to the reserve is free.

Special provision
The visitor centre is wheelchair friendly, including toilet facilities.
An induction loop is fitted. Education activities are available for school groups. Ask at the visitor centre for more information.

* The admission payment includes an optional 10% donation which is to allow the Scottish Wildlife Trust to claim Gift Aid. Please advise our visitor centre staff if you do not wish to pay the additional donation.
What's going on at Montrose Basin this year?

April

- **Wed 10 at 10.30am-12 noon**: Wild about the Basin. Discover what sorts of creatures make Montrose Basin their home. Children's activity. Check our Facebook page for this week's theme. Child £5.

- **Mon 15 to Mon 22 at 11am-4pm**: Easter trail. Celebrate the Easter holidays at Montrose Basin by following clues inside and outside the visitor centre. Crack the code and you may even win a prize!

- **Sun 28 at 10.30am-4pm**: Optics fair. Choose from a wide selection of telescopes and binoculars in our visitor centre with expert advice from a Viking Optical representative.

May

- **Sat 11 at 10.30am-4.30pm**: Birdsong. Join professional bird guide Scott for a full day exploring Montrose Basin and identifying the chorus of spring birdsong along the way. Bring a packed lunch and binoculars. Limited spaces available. Non-member £5, member £3.

- **Sun 12 and Sun 19 at 2-4pm**: Wildlife wander – family fun. Explore the Tayock area of our wildlife reserve to discover how many species you can find! Meet at Tayock car park. Non-member £6, member £4, child £2.

June
- **Sat 15 and Sun 16 at 10.30am-4pm**: Big Wild Weekend – 30 Days Wild. Take part in this year’s 30 Days Wild at Montrose Basin, with activities including pond dipping and wildlife watching. Check our Facebook page for more information.

July

- **Mon 26 at 7pm-9pm**: Montrose moth night. Join Paul, our resident moth enthusiast, for a fascinating evening learning about moths and his experiences as a moth recorder. A talk will be followed by a moth-trapping demonstration. Non-member £7, member £5, child £2.50.

August
- **Wed 7 at 10.30am-12 noon**: Wild about the Basin. Discover what sorts of creatures make Montrose Basin their home. Children’s activity. Check our Facebook page for this week’s theme. Child £5.

- **Wed 7 at 8pm-10pm and Fri 9 at 7.30pm-9.30pm**: Sunset song of the shore. Join us on the shoreline and be immersed in the evocative calls of the estuary at sunset. Wear warm clothing. Bring a camping chair, torch and binoculars or telescope. Hot drink provided. Minimum age: 12. Led by Scottish Wildlife Trust and ANGUSalive rangers. Non-member £7, member £5, child £4.

- **Sat 10 at 9am-11am**: Bird ringing demonstration. Find out how licensed ringers catch, examine and ring some of the birds that can be found on the reserve. Non-member £7, member £5, child £2.50.

September
- **Sun 22 at 1pm-3pm**: Fungi foray. Meet with Jim Cook and members of the Tayside and Fife Fungal Group for a walk and fungi identification session at the Tayock area of the reserve. Meet at Tayock car park. Non-member £7, member £5, child £2.50.

October
- **Sun 29 at 5pm-7.30pm**: Pink sunset. Join rangers to watch the sunset and see the geese return to roost on the Basin. Wear wellies and warm clothing. Bring a camping chair, torch and hot drink/soup. Meet at Tayock car park. Minimum age: 12. Led by Scottish Wildlife Trust and ANGUSalive rangers. Non-member £6, member £4, child £3.

- **Sun 6 at 6.30am-9.30am**: People’s Postcode Lottery goose breakfast. Enjoy the spectacle of thousands of pink-footed geese on the Basin at dawn. Return to the visitor centre for breakfast and the opportunity to learn about other wildlife on the reserve. Wear warm clothing. Own transport required to travel to watch location. Led by Scottish Wildlife Trust and ANGUSalive rangers. Non-member £10, member £8, child £5.

- **Wed 9 and Wed 16 at 10.30am-12 noon**: Autumn wildlife wander – family fun. Explore the Tayock area of our reserve to discover more about autumnal wildlife! Meet at Tayock car park. Non-member £6, member £4, child £2.

November
- **Sun 13 at 4.45pm-7.15pm**: Optics fair. Choose from a wide selection of telescopes and binoculars in our visitor centre with expert advice from a Viking Optical representative.

- **Sat 26 to Sun 3 Nov at 11am-4pm**: Halloween trail. A suitably spooky trail of clues will be available for families to follow inside and outside the visitor centre.

December
- **Sun 1 at 1.30pm-3.30pm**: Seasonal willow-weaving workshop. Join a willow-weaving expert in our visitor centre to create a decoration for the coming season. Suitable for adults and children. Festive refreshments will be on offer! Non-member £12, member £10.

How much does it cost?
Normal visitor centre charges apply to the events in this programme, unless otherwise stated. Join the Scottish Wildlife Trust today and entry to the visitor centre is free! Children’s activities are suitable for children up to 12 years old.

Come prepared
For all children’s events, outdoor events and guided walks, please wear suitable outdoor clothing. Children under 8 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Meet at the visitor centre unless otherwise stated.

Don’t miss out!
Book your place by phoning Montrose Basin Visitor Centre on 01674 676 336, or visit scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/events. Please note: * advance booking is essential; † not suitable for children under 8. Activities are subject to minimum attendance being met.