

Loch of Lowes Access Guide

Before You Visit

- From March until the end of October the Visitor Centre is open every day from 10.30am until 5pm
- From November until the end of February the Visitor Centre is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10.30am to 4pm.
- Free entry to Scottish Wildlife Trust members.
- Entrance fees for non-members;

	Summer (March-October)	Winter (November-February)
Adult	£4.50	£4.00
Concession	£4.00	£3.50
Child	£1	Free
Family (2 adults, 2 children*)	£8.50	£7.50
Carers	Free	
10% discount for groups of 10+		

- Assistance Dogs Welcome
- Manual wheelchair available during VC opening times. Please contact the centre in advance so we can ensure that a member of staff is available to meet you at your car with the chair. For any other information prior to your visit please contact us by phone or email so we can ensure that you are accommodated to the best of our abilities.

Phone 01350 727337

Email lochofthelowes@swt.org.uk

- SWT will promote and provide, where practical, access to its wildlife reserves for all individuals, irrespective of age and ability in accordance with the location, terrain and nature conservation requirements of the reserve. For further information on the trusts access policy please click on the following link

How to Get Here

- The Visitor Centre address is; Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre

Dunkeld

Perthshire

PH8 OHH

- By Road: The Visitor Centre is located on a minor road just off the A923 Dunkeld to Blairgowrie road, two miles east of Dunkeld. There are brown tourist signs which guide you to the reserve from the A9 just outside Dunkeld and signs at the car park entrance. For Sat Nav enter 'Loch of the Lowes Visitor Centre', OS Ref NO041436
- By Bus: Buses run regularly between Perth & the centre of Dunkeld (about 2 miles from the visitor centre). Full details of bus times can be found at www.stagecoachbus.com
- By Train: The nearest railway station is Dunkeld & Birnam, located on the edge of Birnam, about 2.5 miles from the visitor centre. Trains run from Inverness in the north and Edinburgh or Glasgow (via Perth) in the south, full details can be found at www.scotrail.co.uk

Car Parking

- There is a large tarred surface car park with two designated Blue Badge parking spaces, which are about 90m from the Visitor Centre entrance.
- There are 4 additional Blue Badge parking spaces nearer the Visitor Centre, which can also be used by staff and delivery vehicles when necessary.
- The additional spaces, and the visitor centre, are accessed via a 90m long single track gravel road, which is level but with a slight downslope. There is then a slight incline approaching the additional parking spaces.
- The Visitor Centre is then accessed via a 1.5m wide gravel path that's on a slight downslope.

Visitor Centre

- The visitor centre is accessed via a single 90cm wide inward pushing door.
- The reception desk is situated 10m from the entrance, is at suitable height for wheelchair users and is fitted with a fixed loop hearing system.
- The rest of the Visitor Centre is fully accessible, with all of the visitor facilities situated on the ground floor. The floor is level with a non-slip surface. The viewing area is spacious with lowered windows and benches that can be moved to allow access. There is also a children's area that's fully accessible.

Toilet and Baby Change Facilities

- 4 fully accessible toilets accessed via outside paved pathway.
- 2 of the toilets have 90cm wide doorways whilst the remaining 2 have 80cm wide doorways. Each toilet has 90 cm of right or left hand facing transfer space, grab handles at the sides of the toilet and door and lever taps. There are mirrors in each toilet, placed at a height of 120cm.
- Full baby change facilities are available in each of the toilets.

Events

- The Visitor Centre runs an events programme throughout the year. Events are held both in the Centre and on the reserve. Details can be found in our yearly events leaflet and on the website <http://scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk/visit/loch-of-the-lowes/>

Bird Hides and Walk

- The hides are accessed via 85cm outward pushing door from the Visitor Centre. A gently sloping concrete ramp with handrails on each side then leads to the hides.
- **Main Hide;** The main hide is approximately 10m from the Visitor Centre and has both lower and upper viewing sections. The lower section has level access, with an outward opening 1m wide doorway. There are lowly placed viewing windows (90cm) and shelves (75cm), whilst the benches can be easily moved to allow for wheelchair access. The upper section is accessed via a set of 14 steep steps, with visibility stripes and handrails on each side.
- **Crannog Hide;** The Crannog hide is approximately 20m from the Visitor Centre and is accessed via a level gravel path then wooden walkway with handrails on each side,

leading to a 90cm wide outward opening door. Windows (1m) and shelves (80cm) are again at a good height for viewing whilst the benches can be moved to allow wheelchair access. The telescopes are set at varying heights but are non-adjustable.

- **Walk from Visitor Centre;** There is a short walk that leaves from the Visitor Centre car park, following a 1m wide gravel path, with gentle corners and slopes. At the end of the reserve section of the walk assistance is required. There is a steep slope leading to a kissing gate (narrowest point 60cm). The path then crosses the road before continuing off of the reserve and into Dunkeld.