

Inhabitants of the Reserve



Many different kinds of wildlife live around the Reserve, ranging from a number of rarer plants to several mammals and numerous bird species.

Birds and Mammals

Bank Voles live among the long grass and are often seen crossing the paths or areas of short grass. Look and listen out for Toads, Tawny Owls and various songbirds. Roe Deer can sometimes be spotted hiding among the undergrowth.

Plants

Listed as important for its wildflowers back in 1989, the Reserve supports Bluebells, Sea Lyme Grass and Meadow Saxifrage, among many others. See and smell them at their best in May and June.

Please keep your dog to heel when visiting the Reserve, as many ground nesting birds and other vulnerable wildlife live here. Dogs can be exercised across the Esplanade.



Countryside Ranger Service



In addition to our programme of events, Countryside Rangers provide a number of other services.

EVENING TALKS AND GUIDED WALKS FOR GROUPS

Rangers are available to give talks and guided walks on environmental topics to suit your group.

EDUCATION SERVICES

We are available to give talks to schools and colleges or lead activities in Dundee's many wildlife rich areas.

WORK IN THE COMMUNITY

We assist local initiatives. If you are interested in improving the environment near you or wish to become involved in important conservation projects, we may be able to help.

TRAILS AND ACTIVITIES IN DUNDEE'S PARKS

The Countryside Ranger Service has a selection of trail guides and activity leaflets such as orienteering that can be used for family or group activities. These are free and can be obtained from our office in Camperdown Country Park.



How to find Broughty Ferry Local Nature Reserve



by foot or bicycle...

The Reserve is located just off the Green Circular route. For maps and information contact the Access Officer on 01382 433748.

by car...

Situated just 15 minutes' drive from Dundee city centre on the north side of Broughty Ferry Esplanade.

by bus...

A good bus service runs along Monifieth Road, adjacent to the north of the Reserve. Call Traveline for details on 0870 608 2608 or visit www.dundetravelinfo.com

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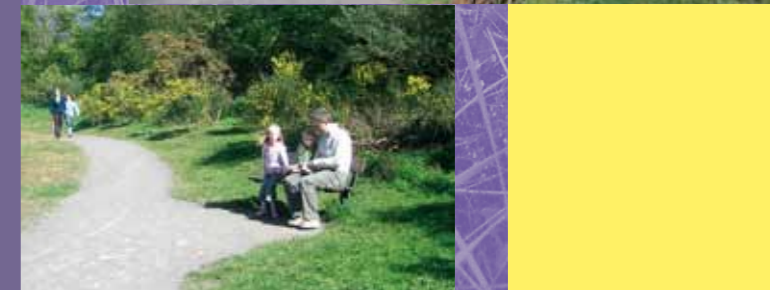
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Origins of the Reserve

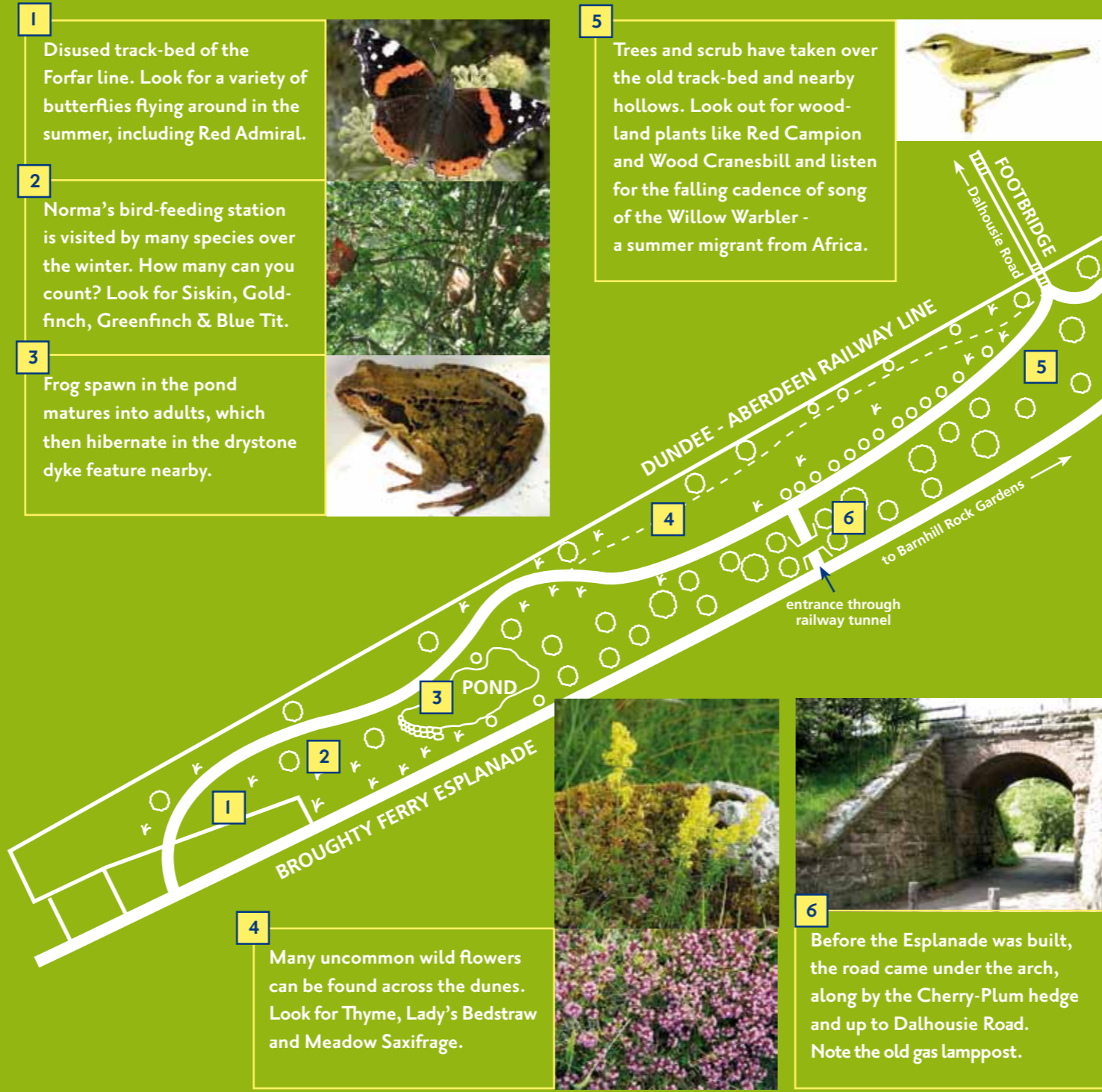
Between 7,000 - 10,000 years ago, Scotland was pushed into the Earth under a mass of ice, in some places more than one mile thick.



Seas inundated previously dry land and formed new beaches as the ice melted, allowing the land to rise again and the River Tay and the North Sea to assume their current positions. This left the new sandy beaches high and dry.

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Broughty Ferry Local Nature Reserve is a good example of a raised beach. Here the sand-dunes lie on top of bedrock composed of Andesitic Lava, which had been pushed up from underground. Look out for lumps of lava as you walk through the Reserve.



1 Disused track-bed of the Forfar line. Look for a variety of butterflies flying around in the summer, including Red Admiral.



2 Norma's bird-feeding station is visited by many species over the winter. How many can you count? Look for Siskin, Goldfinch, Greenfinch & Blue Tit.



3 Frog spawn in the pond matures into adults, which then hibernate in the drystone dyke feature nearby.



5 Trees and scrub have taken over the old track-bed and nearby hollows. Look out for woodland plants like Red Campion and Wood Cranesbill and listen for the falling cadence of song of the Willow Warbler - a summer migrant from Africa.



4 Many uncommon wild flowers can be found across the dunes. Look for Thyme, Lady's Bedstraw and Meadow Saxifrage.



6 Before the Esplanade was built, the road came under the arch, along by the Cherry-Plum hedge and up to Dalhousie Road. Note the old gas lamppost.

The Railways

October 1838 saw the opening of the Dundee to Arbroath Railway. This line still runs along the northern edge of the Reserve and carries trains to Aberdeen.

Another now disused line, and part of the Reserve, once ran 17 miles to Forfar, passing through Barnhill, just north of the Reserve.

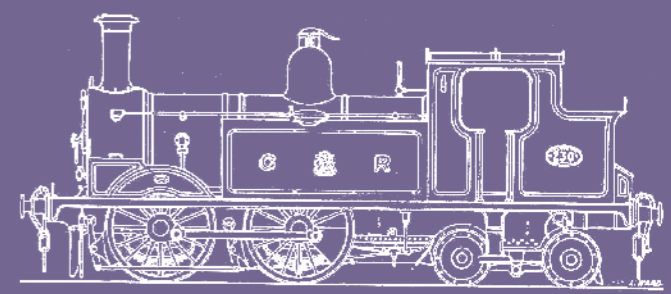
This line opened on 14 November 1871, but lost its passenger service in January 1955 and goods (mainly farm produce and coal for home use) in October 1967.



Known as the Forfar Direct Line, the previous link to Forfar being via Arbroath, this old track-bed is now a great retreat for many varieties of wildlife.



Barnhill Station c1936 ©ARG



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