

# Welcome to Balgay Hill

**Balgay Hill is part of Greater Balgay**, which was purchased by the city council from the estate of Sir William Scott, and developed as a park from about 1870.

The name 'Balgay' comes from the Gaelic '*Baile na Gaoithe*,' which is translated as 'village of the wind.'

The narrow valley (a 'glack' or 'glaik') spanned by an elegant cast iron bridge, used to be a smuggling route.

The hill is thickly forested with a mixture of interesting native and exotic trees, including many outstanding evergreen specimens.

The park is also a refuge for many species of smaller native plants, animals such as bats and owls, and lots of interesting insects.

The network of footpaths around the hill offer pleasant walks and magnificent views across the River Tay.

The top of the main hill, 146 metres above sea level, is home to the city's Mills Observatory. See insert below-right for more information.

In addition to the observatory; there is a 'Planet Trail' which offers a symbolic map of the solar system, spread along an informal walk on the crest of the hill.

For more information about various aspects of Greater Balgay, and many other parks in the city please see: [www.dundee.gov.uk](http://www.dundee.gov.uk)



**Mills Observatory**  
 Gifted to the people of Dundee by linen and twine manufacturer John Mills, a keen amateur scientist, the building opened on 28th October 1935, and is now Britain's only full-time public observatory.

There are a calendar of events to take part in, and **ENTRY IS FREE.**

More information can be found at: [www.dundee.gov.uk](http://www.dundee.gov.uk)

You can also email: [mills.observatory@dundee.gov.uk](mailto:mills.observatory@dundee.gov.uk) or phone: **01382 435967**



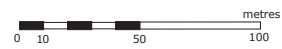
- Key:**
- Entrance / Exit
  - Information
  - Bus Stop
  - Toilets (restricted hours)
  - Parking
  - Path / with steps
  - Road / vehicle access
  - Cycle Network (section)

## Park Guidelines:

We wish your visit to the park to be as enjoyable as possible. Please be responsible; follow these simple guidelines to ensure that others may also enjoy the park. Please see main management rules for details.

**For more information:**  
 Telephone: **01382 434000**  
 or see: [www.dundee.gov.uk](http://www.dundee.gov.uk)

1. Fires are not permitted
2. Cars are limited to the Mills Observatory access route.
3. Consumption of alcohol in the park is an offence. (The Dundee City Council Prohibition of Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Public Places Byelaw 1999)
4. Cyclists: please act responsibly towards other park users.
5. Dogs must be under close control or on a short lead, at all times
6. Dog Waste is a Health Hazard: **NOT cleaning up your dog's mess is an offence.** (The Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003)
7. Littering and dog fouling is punishable by instant fines.



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