Balgay Cemetery is part of Greater Balgay, and was purchased from the Balgay Estate of Sir William Scott in 1869 and developed as a park from about 1871.

The Windy Glack (or 'glaik' - meaning a narrow valley) was a haunt of smugglers and ne'er-do-wells as late as the early 19th century.

In 1871 Balgay Cemetery was opened by the Earl of Dalhousie, with a reported procession of over 5000 people and various local bands from all across the city.

The woodland character of the area was deemed an important aspect of the new cemetery, and was enhanced on the day of opening with the ceremonial plantings of several species of conifers near the northern entrance, including some magnificent redwoods and cedars.

The cemetery is divided into two main areas. The Old section, mostly to the north of Main Drive, and the New section to the south of Main Drive.

Greater Balgay is part of a city-wide cycle network, so please be aware of the dual use of some paths.

Balgay is still a working cemetery, so please be aware of machinery and respectful of funeral ceremonies.

Visitor Guidelines:
We wish your visit to this cemetery to be as pleasant as possible.
Please be responsible, follow these simple guidelines and show consideration for other visitors to the cemetery. Please see main management rules for details.

1. Only vehicles attending funerals are allowed into the cemetery, unless displaying a Cemetery Permit and/or an approved disabled permit. Telephone 01382 431536 for further information.
2. Cars must obey the posted speed limit of 5 MPH.
3. Consumption of alcohol in the cemetery is an offence (The Dundee City Council Public Order of Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Public Places Byelaw 1996).
4. Cyclists: please act responsibly to other park users.
5. Dogs must be 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 are punishable by instant fines.

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