Welcome to Caird Park

Caird Park was formally opened to the public on 27th October, 1920, by Mrs. Marryat, sister of Sir James Caird, the local benefactor who bought the ruined estate in 1912.

Mains Castle, built on the site of much older strongholds, was begun by the grandson and completed by the great-great-grandson of Sir Robert Graham.

The latter – Sir David Graham of Fintry – finished the building of the Castle in 1582, as is shown by a dated stone in the structure.

Den o’ Mains forms the course of the Gelly Burn, which feeds the larger Dighty Burn. This small shaded valley is home to varied wildlife, including kingfishers, orchids, and red squirrels.

Caird Park also contains many fine heritage tree specimens, including an oak avenue and several grand copper-beech.

The park is ideal for active recreation and walking, with 18 and 9 hole golf courses, athletic stadium, velodrome, and various winter sports pitches.

More historical information can be found here:
http://www.leisureandculturedundee.com/library/streetcaird

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

1. Fires are not permitted. (Contained BBQs OK).
2. Cars are not allowed into the park beyond the parking spaces.
3. Consumption of alcohol in the park is an offence.
   (The Dundee City Council Prohibition of Consumption of Alcohol in Designated Public Places Order 1999.
4. Cyclists: please act responsibly to other park users.
5. Golf / golf practice is not permitted in Victoria Park.
6. Dogs must be under close control or on a short lead at all times.
7. Dog Waste is a Health Hazard:
   NOT cleaning up your dog’s mess is an offence. (The Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003).
8. Littering and dog fouling are punishable by instant fines.

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