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#### **Riverside Nature Park**

Created from a landfill site the area has been planted to provide wildlife habitats. The paths and viewpoints wind their way through the park allowing views over the River Tay and Invergowrie Bay. The shoreline is ideal for wading birds and over 130 species of birds have been recorded in the park. In Autumn and Winter watch out for thousands of geese roosting at dusk.

In Spring and Summer look out for Lapwings, Shelduck and Skylarks as well as wildflowers such as Cowslips



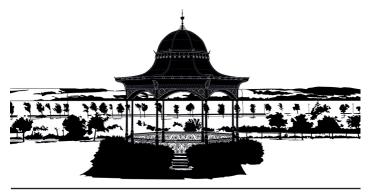
**University Of Dundee Botanic Garden** 

Visit the University of Dundee Botanic Garden and enjoy its wide range of plants, with fine collections of conifers and broad-leaved trees and shrubs, tropical and temperate glasshouses, water garden and herb garden. The Garden features many species of indigenous British plants as well as collections of important plants from all the continents of the world.

The Garden has a café and gift shop with plant nursery, whilst regular art exhibitions are hosted in the Visitor Centre. (For opening times call 01382 381190)

# Magdalen Green

Dundee's oldest park (over 400years old). The bandstand dates from 1890 and often hosts concerts on Sunday afternoons during the summer. Hidden underneath the park are four huge watertanks which hold rainwater during periods of high tide to help avoid flooding in the area. A children's play area can be found at the eastern end of the Green (near the Railway Bridge).



# Green Circular

You're on the Green Circular: A 27 mile route that goes around the edge of the City linking major parks, wildlife areas and places of interest as well as the City Centre. The route is signposted in both directions and avoids major roads where possible.

### National Cycle Network – Route 77

This route forms the eastern end of 54mile long route 77 which connects Dundee with Perth and Pitlochry. It forms part of a national network of routes spanning the entire country. In Dundee Citv Centre it connects with Route 1 which heads northwards towards Aberdeen and South to St Andrews.

More details of the routes can be found on the Sustrans website www.sustrans.org.uk.



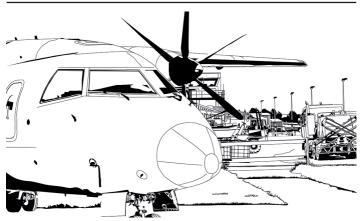


# Tay Rail Bridge

The first Tay Rail Bridge was opened in May 1878. Plagued by issues throughout its construction the Thomas Bouch's designs for the bridge were changed a number of times including changing the elements of the foundation piers from brick to cast iron. The bridge was a great success until a storm raged on the night of 28 December 1879 which resulted in the collapse of the central high girders as a train made its way over. The foundation piers of the old bridge can still be seen.

A much stronger replacement bridge was built and opened in 1887. The spans of the new bridge match that of the old one so that the passage of shipping would be unaffected- but it also allowed some of the undamaged metal girders from the old bridge to be reused.

The current bridge is officially 3,286metres long but being metal it expands and contracts by over a metre depending on the temperature. Temperatures on the bridge have been recorded as high as 29C and as low as a very chilly -17C.



### **Dundee Airport**

Originally opened in 1966 with a grass runway the airport now has a mix of commercial and private flights as well as a training facility; providing light aircraft scholarships for RAF cadets. Being located next to the River Tay – the airport's emergency vehicles include a hovercraft for river rescue work.



### Problems

We hope you enjoy exploring the paths and cycleways of Dundee, however some routes are not regularly inspected. If you find any defects then please help us by reporting it on Dundee City Council's website www.dundeecity.gov.uk or by calling 0800 232323

