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Spier’s School Grounds


Spier’s Old School Grounds consist of 8 hectares (18 acres) of landscaped woodland and lawn areas. The site is owned by the Spier’s Trust and managed in partnership with North Ayrshire Council. The site has unrestricted access, two main entrances, but limited parking. One access is off Barrmill Road and the other off Geilsland Road. Several paths run through the site, however, these at present are of an informal nature and waterproof footwear is advised. One of the paths is circular and three others cut through the woodland areas.


The Scottish Wildlife Trust (SWT) have surveyed the grounds and recorded 19 species of birds and 136 species of plants, including orchid species. The site has a rich fungal flora, partly due to the large quantity of fallen timber. This significant biodiversity and other considerations have resulted in the grounds qualifying as an official SWT Wildlife Site; the grounds are also recognised by Scottish Natural Heritage as a Local Biodiversity Site.


Only very basic site facilities are at present provided. Spier’s is particularly popular with dog walkers and family groups, safety being enhanced by the presence of a wall and railings around the entire site. The North Ayrshire Ranger Service regularly patrol Spier’s and have established links with groups in the Garnock Valley with an aim to further encourage and develop the use of the grounds by the general public, youth groups, schools, visitors etc.


Path No.	Path Name	Path Type	Length
GV1	NCN7 - Woodgreen to Kilbirnie	Road (Part of NCN)	14.5km
GV4	Glen Garnock to Maich Water	Track	3.8km
GV7A	Renfrewshire Link	Road	4.2km

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Points of Interest



Railway Station



Car Park



National Trust for Scotland



Adjacent Map Number



Core Path (Existing)



Core Path (Proposed)