

Stevenston Beach Local Nature Reserve

The sand dune system at Stevenston Beach was declared a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) by North Ayrshire Council in 1998. It was designated as an LNR as the site has the last fully forming sand dune system left in North Ayrshire. An LNR is a place with special local natural interest, set up to protect nature and for people to enjoy and appreciate.

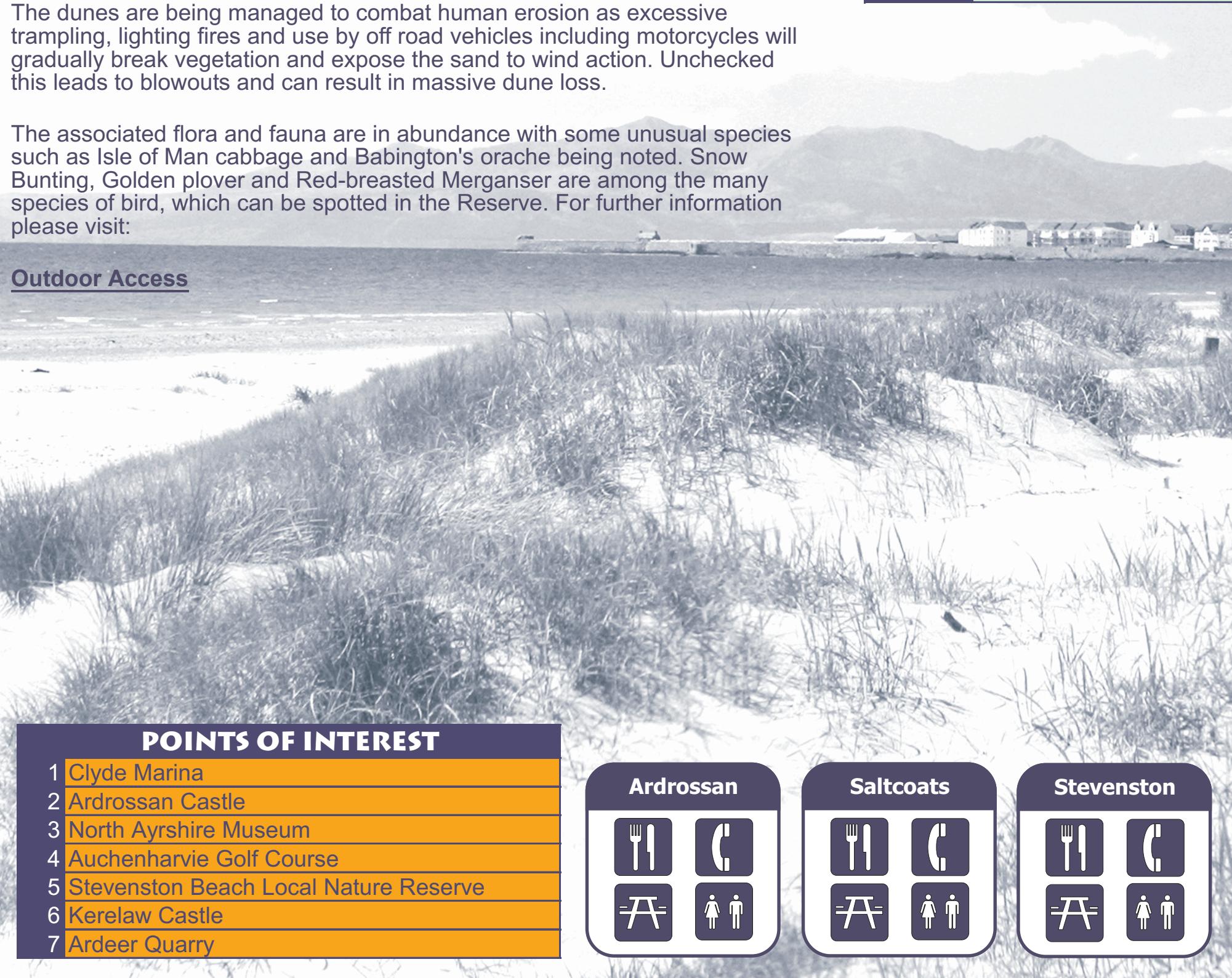
Sand dune systems are fast disappearing throughout the country, partly due to the changes in climate and partly due to human activity. These areas provide a valuable habitat for many species of wildlife. By their nature sand dunes are unstable and prone to erosion if the surface vegetation is disturbed.

The dunes are being managed to combat human erosion as excessive trampling, lighting fires and use by off road vehicles including motorcycles will gradually break vegetation and expose the sand to wind action. Unchecked this leads to blowouts and can result in massive dune loss.

The associated flora and fauna are in abundance with some unusual species such as Isle of Man cabbage and Babington's orache being noted. Snow Bunting, Golden plover and Red-breasted Merganser are among the many species of bird, which can be spotted in the Reserve. For further information please visit:

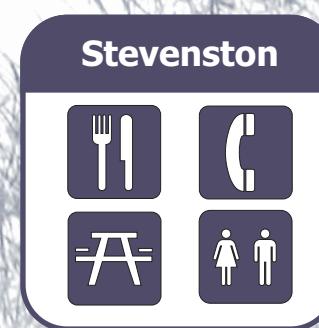
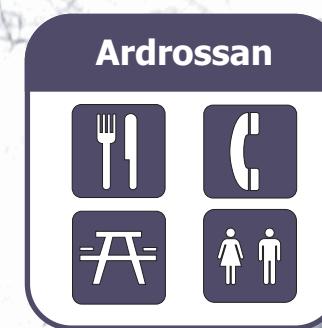
Outdoor Access

Path No.	Path Name	Path Type	Length
IK27	Stevenston to Ardeer	Tarmac and Road (Part of NCN)	3.4km
TT10	West Kilbride Cycle Route	Tarmac and Road	6.0km
TT11	George Street to Ardeer Point	Tarmac	1.3km
TT12	Kerelaw Castle Path	Tarmac	2.3km
TT13	Auchenharvie Playing Fields Path	Tarmac and Aggregate	0.3km
TT14	Old Caley Railway Line Path	Tarmac	1.5km
TT15	Greenacres to Ardrossan Academy	Tarmac and Aggregate	1.1km
TT17	Ardrossan Harbour Route	Not applicable	2.0km
TT23	Auchenharvie Golf Course Path	Tarmac and Aggregate	1.6km
TT24	Stevenston Beach LNR Routes	Tarmac	1.4km



POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Clyde Marina
- 2 Ardrossan Castle
- 3 North Ayrshire Museum
- 4 Auchenharvie Golf Course
- 5 Stevenston Beach Local Nature Reserve
- 6 Kerelaw Castle
- 7 Ardeer Quarry





Points of Interest



Railway Station



Car Park



National Trust for Scotland



Adjacent Map Number



Core Path (Existing)



Core Path (Proposed)