



SWT Reserves

The Scottish Wildlife Trust believes that people should have access to a network of high-quality natural greenspaces no more than 300 metres from their home or workplace. The collection of Wildlife Reserves in the Irvine area contribute to this target. They have been in the care of SWT since, at least, 1996, when the Irvine Development Corporation gave us 9 wildlife-rich sites on ceasing operation. While these Irvine Greenspace Reserves all have wildlife interest, the fact that people can access them easily by foot or bicycle is of equal importance.

Habitat improvements and footpath maintenance is afforded through an endowment fund and various grants, including a significant Forestry Commission award 2005-08. Local volunteers enjoy getting involved in the management and survey activities.



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POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Irvine Sports Club
- 2 Memorial Garden
- 3 Irvine Burns Club
- 4 Seagate Castle
- 5 Irvine Old Parish Church
- 6 Rivergate Shopping Centre
- 7 Cunninghame House
- 8 Maritime Museum
- 9 Riverway Retail Park
- 10 Shewalton Sandpits SWT Reserve
- 11 Glasgow Gailes Golf Club
- 12 Oldhall Ponds SWT Reserve
- 13 Gailes Marsh SWT Reserve

Irvine

Wildfowl & Waders

With the largest expanses of merse and mudflat between the Solway Firth and the Clyde, the common estuary of the Rivers Irvine and Garnock is a hot spot for migrant and wintering wildfowl and waders. Species such as golden plover and redshank can often be seen in large wintering flocks, with other species such as lapwing, dunlin, oystercatcher, shelduck and wigeon regularly occurring.

Path No.	Path Name	Path Type	Length
IK4	NCN73 - Newmoor Industrial Estate - Golffields	Tarmac	2.7km
IK5	Golffields - Queens Bridge	Tarmac	2.6km
IK7	Golffields - Beach Caravan Park	Tarmac	2.1km
IK8	Lowgreen bridge to Irvine Harbour Point	Tarmac	0.4km
IK8	Lowgreen bridge to Irvine Harbour Point	Tarmac	2.5km
IK9	Porthead - Shopping Mall	Tarmac	0.5km
IK10	Harbour St - Gailes Caravan Park	Tarmac	1.7km
IK11A	Marine Drive to Beach	Track and beach	0.3km
IK14	Beechams Bridge - Tarryholm	Tarmac	2.5km
IK15	Tarryholm - Milgarholm Roundabout	Tarmac	0.8km
IK16	Milgarholm - Golffields	Tarmac	0.4km
IK20	Gailes Lodge - Overpass at A78	Tarmac	1.2km
IK21	A78 Overpass - Barassie Gateside Bridge	Tarmac	2.5km
IK42	Meadowhead/Shewalton	Tarmac	2.0km
IK42	Meadowhead/Shewalton	Tarmac	4.5km
IK60	Kirk Vennel to High Street	Cobbles and Paving	0.9km
IK62	NCN 7 - Beachpark	Tarmac	1.4km
IK77	NCN 73 - Merryvale Road to Marress Road	Tarmac	1.0km



Points of Interest



Railway Station



Car Park



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Adjacent Map Number



Core Path (Existing)



Core Path (Proposed)