

## Nature Spotting

As you explore the park you will find that there are lots of different trees, flowers, birds and animals that live here. You don't need to be an expert to spot them - here's a list of some you can expect to see!



**Robin** - look for his red chest

**Blackbird** - usually found hunting for worms in gardens and on the grassy lawns

**Woodpigeon** - listen for their cooing in the woodland areas

**Grey Squirrel** - throughout the park, especially where there is food!

**Holly** - look for the spiky, dark green leaves and then red berries in winter

**Horse Chestnut** - conkers can be collected in autumn, usually from late September

**Snowdrops** - usually the first flowers to be seen in very early spring

**Daffodils** - look for these bright yellow flowers in spring

**Pine needles** - found throughout the park and dropped by various pine trees in autumn

**Cones** - many of our tree species have cones which can be found throughout the park

## Family activities

Throughout the year we also have a range of family activities such as:



- seed and flower planting
- wildlife spotting - minibeasts, butterflies, bumblebees, trees and even dragons!
- pond dipping
- treasure and scavenger hunts

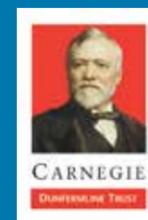
You will find information about these throughout the park and online!



## Pittencrieff Park restoration project

Thanks to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund with match support from the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust and Fife Council, a £1.6 million transformation to return this much loved green space to its former glory began in Autumn 2012.

Producing information on how Pittencrieff Park, or the Glen as it is known locally, became and continues to be a part of local culture and a way of life in Dunfermline is part of this project.



Generations of children have enjoyed spending their free time, weekends and holidays in Pittencrieff Park, or the Glen as it is known by locals.

Children walk through the park to school, ride their bikes, play with friends, visit the locomotive, the play parks and the glasshouse.

When Andrew Carnegie was a boy, Pittencrieff Estate was privately owned and locals were only allowed into the grounds on one day of the year. After making his fortune in America, Andrew Carnegie returned to Dunfermline and purchased the estate in 1902. He said he never forgot the injustice of being kept out of the Glen and so a year later he gifted Pittencrieff Park to the people of Dunfermline.

This gift ensured that local children and their families, friends and visitors would be able to enjoy the Glen for generations to follow.

Schools and youth groups visit the park for sports days, school trips and to learn about their local area. Every year the Dunfermline Children's Gala concludes with a picnic and afternoon of entertainment in Pittencrieff Park.

## Things to do!

There are lots of things to see and do in the park so make sure you explore! We have included a map to help you find your way around and suggested some activities that you can enjoy throughout the year.

## Play Areas

There are three play areas within Pittencrieff Park:



### 1. Centenary

Installed in 2003 to celebrate the centenary of the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust, this is our largest play area. It has a range of equipment for all ages and abilities.



### 2. Young Children

A smaller area with equipment enjoyed by all ages but particularly younger children.



### 3. Nethertown

Refurbished in 2014 with wooden play equipment including poles, logs, swings and slides.



## Rubbings Trail

Throughout the Glen, there are 10 rubbing plaques - each with a different design and marked 1 - 10 on the map. Follow the trail as marked on the map. All you need is one of our specially designed booklets or a blank piece of paper and some crayons or pencils to get you started!



## Can you find?



### The Locomotive

What number is our locomotive?

What fuel was used in this locomotive?

### Pittencrieff House

Can you find the date on Pittencrieff House which marks the year that the upper floors were added to the house by the Forbes family?

### Andrew Carnegie Statue

What town was Andrew Carnegie born in?

What year was he born?

### Louise Carnegie Gates

Can you find the three letter 'M's in the gates?



**Key**

- D Dovecot
- S Andrew Carnegie Statue
- L Locomotive
- GP Glen Pavilion
- IG Italian Garden
- PH Pittencrieff House
- GH Glasshouse
- LG Lairds Garden
- PS Peacock Sanctuary
- WF Waterfall
- W Wildlife Area
- O Lawyers' Orchard
- P Playpark
- P Parking
- Woodland
- Lawn
- Bridge
- Humpback Bridge



## Things to do in autumn



### Find some conkers

- Get to them before the squirrels and enjoy hours of playing conkers or you could even plant them!

### Spot the changes

- Swallows that have been in the park all summer begin to leave for their winter home in Africa.
- Look out for fruits like brambles and apples in the Lawyers' Orchard.
- Mushrooms start popping up in the woodlands and lawns.
- Tree leaves change colour to browns, yellows and reds before eventually falling.



## Things to do in winter



### Snap a winter scene

- Frosty mornings mean wrapping up warm but the park can look magical with a sprinkling of frost! Why not take a picture of the lovely winter scene? Or wrap up extra warm and sketch it?

### Spot some winter flora and fauna

- Most of the wildlife is hibernating for the winter. See if you can spot some popping in and out to find food as quickly as possible!
- Many of our trees are leafless in winter but the evergreens really stand out! Holly is obvious with its spiky leaves and red berries.
- Nosy robins also make themselves seen and heard especially if they are hungry!



## Things to do in spring



### Listen out for different bird songs

- 'teacher-teacher!' (great tit)
- 'to-wit-to-woo' (tawny owl)
- 'chink-chink-chink!' (blackbird)



## Things to do in summer



### See some wildlife:

- Wildflowers, bees and butterflies are all very busy at this time of year so are easy to spot. Why not take part in activities like the 'Wildflower Count', the 'Big Butterfly Count' and 'BeeWalk'?

### Enjoy the outdoors

- Take advantage of our lawns, play a game of handstands, take a walk round the gardens or explore the woodlands.