

# Welcome

## Map and day planner



**Caerlaverock**  
Wetland Centre

-  Toilets
-  Hand washing
-  First aid
-  Disabled toilets
-  Baby changing
-  Restaurant
-  Picnic area
-  Gift shop
-  Disabled access
-  Wildlife viewpoint
-  Bird feeders

 Please wash your hands  
as all animals can carry diseases

Solway firth

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## Don't miss...

**Information boards in the reception area** – check the 'What's on' and 'What's about' boards for up to date information about what to see and do today.

**The farmhouse tower** – fantastic panoramic views across the entire reserve and the Solway estuary.

**The Peter Scott observatory** – in winter this heated observatory gets you closer to wild whooper swans than anywhere else in the country.

**Saltcot loaning and Merse observatory** – a screened path lined with hides overlooking the fields and ponds, leading to the Merse observatory and tower with its views over the Solway tides.

**The avenue and tower** – another screened avenue leading to a three-storey tower looking out over the flood ground and goose grazing fields.

**The Peter Scott centenary walk** – explore the wet woodland habitat with its bird hides and wild bird feeding area.



Caerlaverock meadow

**Wildflower meadow and river walks** – open in summer, these paths meander round the meadow and along the banks of the Lochar Water with butterflies flitting and dragonflies hawking and maybe even a glimpse of an elusive otter.



Triops

**Live CCTV in the cafe** – watch the latest action on the big screen.

Osprey and barn owl nests in the summer and swans and geese in the winter.

**Triops** – one of the oldest species on earth, this crustacean is a 220 million year old living fossil. The only place in the UK that you can see this amazing creature is in the Caerlaverock aquarium.



Whooper swan

## Talks and activities

**Wild swan feed and talk by the warden** – daily at 11am and 2pm from the Peter Scott observatory, September to end of April (free).

**Guided walks** – see 'What's on' board for details (free).

**Pond dipping** – self-guided at the raised pond, daily 10am to 5pm, May to end August (free).

**Pond dip Wednesdays** – guided pond dipping out on the reserve with the warden, every Wednesday in July and August (free).

**Brass rubbings** – upstairs in the tower at the Peter Scott observatory, every day 10am to 5pm (donations).

**Special events** – See 'What's on' board for the wide range of events on throughout the year from dawn flights to badger watches.

**Talks/films in the theatre** – See 'What's on' board for today's details.

## Information

### Fancy a cuppa or a browse in the shop?

Enjoy your tea and cake or find that special gift in the shop knowing that you have helped to support WWT's vital wetland conservation here and around the world.



### Binoculars

Hire binoculars from the admissions desk.

### Accessibility

The site is accessible for wheelchairs and buggies with level paths of compacted stone or mown grass. We have a wheelchair available for visitors to use on request. Refer to the map for the location of the accessible toilets and baby changing facilities. Ask at the admissions desk for further information and advice on areas of limited access.

### Photography

There are great photo opportunities here and it's fine for you to take photos for personal use. For more information, please go to our website.

### Opening times

Centre: 10am-5pm every day except 25 December  
Coffee shop: 11am -4.30pm daily.

### In focus

Binoculars and telescopes are on sale in the visitor centre.

**in focus**  
The Binocular and Telescope Specialists



Barnacle geese grazing

## Take care and help us protect the wildlife here

- Please stay on the marked paths and be careful near water.
- Enjoy your close encounters with wildlife here but remember all animals can carry diseases. Washing your hands is a sensible way to protect yourself, especially before eating.



- Birds have ears too – you'll see more around the reserve and in the hides if you are quiet and approach slowly.
- Please don't pick leaves, flowers and berries - they are important for our wildlife, and some may even be harmful to you.



Dawn barnacle geese

## See you next time

For information on regular and special events, wildlife sightings and webcams, go to **wwt.org.uk/caerlaverock**

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