

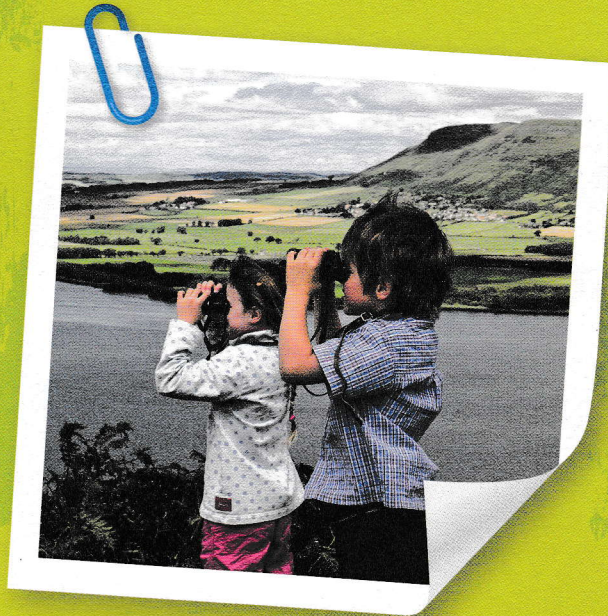


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THE NATURAL CHOICE
FOR A GREAT DAY OUT

RSPB at Loch Leven

Vane Farm nature reserve



• Breathtaking views • Wildlife spectacles all year round
Café and picnic area • For nature lovers of all ages



Scotland's
National Nature
Reserves

RSPB Vane Farm
nature reserve is part
of the Loch Leven
National Nature Reserve

Finding your way around Vane Farm nature reserve



Dogs are allowed on the Loch Leven Heritage Trail in accordance with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code www.outdooraccess-scotland.com. Other than assistance dogs, they are not permitted on the wetland and woodland trails or in the picnic area.

Woodland trail

This 1.6 km (one-mile) trail leads you through birch woods to a viewpoint at the top of Vane Hill. Takes 45 mins – one hour. Fairly steep in some areas. Requires suitable footwear.

Meadow trail

(Open only in the summer)
Why not borrow a bumblebee identification card from the shop and see how many species of bumblebee you can spot as you wander through the meadow?

Wetland trail

The 1 km (just over half-mile) wetland trail, with its three hides, takes you close to wildlife on the pools and lagoons. An easy trail with some steps at the beginning.

Loch Leven Heritage Trail

(13 km/8 miles one way)
Walk it. Cycle it. Jog it! A car-free trail around Loch Leven from Vane Farm to Kinross. Takes you to some of the most attractive parts of the loch so you can experience its remarkable history, nature and beauty first hand.



Have family fun while learning about wildlife.

Bid you know?

A thousand pairs of ducks raise their young on Loch Leven each year. This is one of Europe's most important places for ducks.

Highland cows graze the vegetation, keeping it short for birds.

Damselflies and dragonflies zip and zoom around the ponds in the summer.

In spring broods of ducklings follow their parents.

Garden hide

Waterson hide

Teaching ponds

Gillman hide

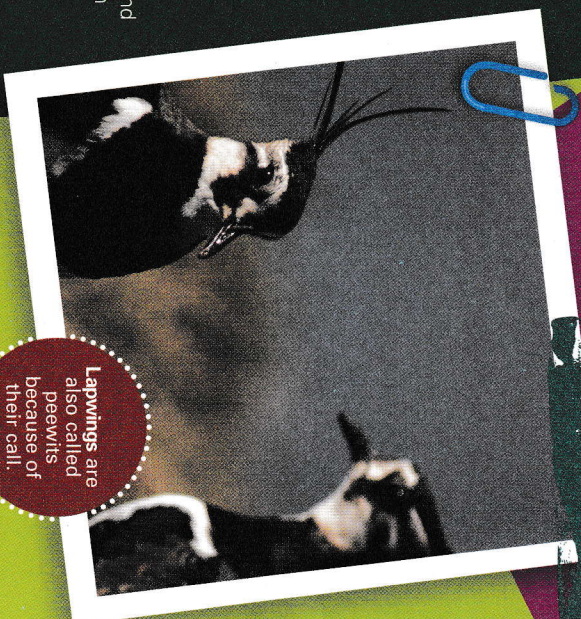
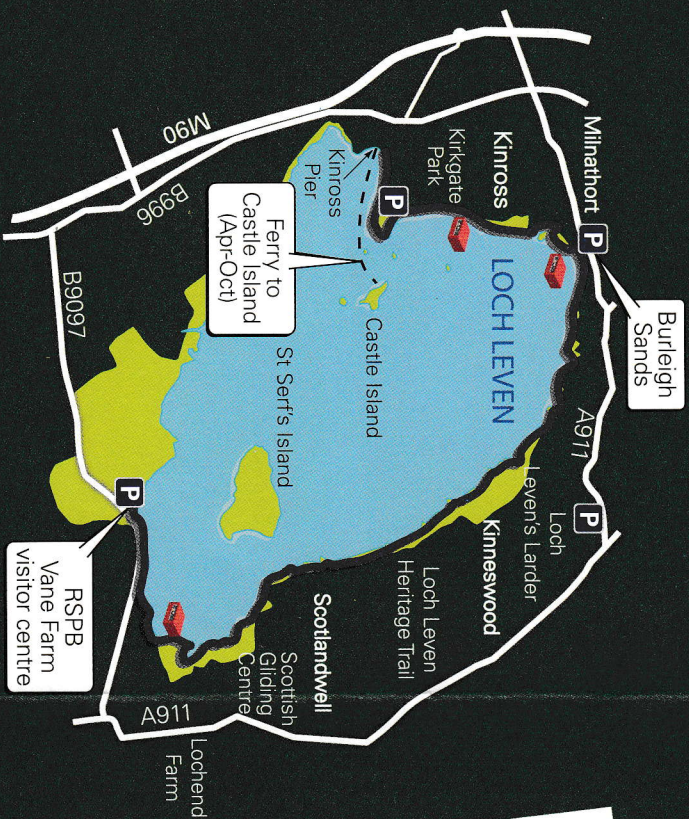
Bus stop

LOCH LEVEN

Enjoy the magnificent views across Loch Leven National Nature

“ We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit. We'll definitely be back! The kids loved the trumpeting swans.”
Clive and Nettie with Finn and Ella, aged 10 and 7

Loch Leven area map



Lapwings are also called peewits because of their call.

Did you know?

The RSPB bought Vane Farm in 1967 to set up its first environmental education centre. Each year around 2,500 schoolchildren explore the reserve with our field teachers.

Key:

-  Water
-  Grassland
-  Woodland
-  Marsh
-  Heathland
-  Visitor centre
-  Hide
-  Parking
-  Viewpoint

The bumblebee sanctuary buzzes with insects from June to August.

Over a scone and a cuppa in the café, watch wildlife spectacles unfold.

As you climb the trail in summer, admire the carpet of blaeberrries and heather.

Top things to do at...

Vane Farm

Spring/summer top 5

Top tips on what to see and do when it's warm and sunny

- 1 Admire the lapwings as they steal the show with their dancing, tumbling display flights.
- 2 Enjoy a picnic and watch the peregrines, buzzards and kestrels soaring above you.
- 3 Duck to avoid the incoming swallows as they career around our 19th century courtyard.
- 4 Lose yourself in the bumblebee meadow and see how many different flowers and bumblebees you can find.
- 5 Climb to the top of Vane Hill to be rewarded with breathtaking views of Loch Leven and beyond.

Autumn/winter top 5

Top tips on what to see and do during the chillier months

- 1 Be amazed at the thousands of pink-footed geese flying in from Iceland.
- 2 Take a virtual tour around Loch Leven with our interactive CCTV cameras; the controls are in your hands!
- 3 Have a warming bowl of soup in our cosy café while admiring the beautiful landscape.
- 4 Watch our feathered friends feasting on the birdfeeders and stock up on bird food for the birds in your own garden.
- 5 Accept the challenge and make it all the way round the Loch Leven Heritage Trail to Kinross.

How to get here



Nearest town: Kinross

The reserve lies half way between Perth and Edinburgh, five minutes from Junction 5 of the M90. Follow signs for the B9097 towards Glenrothes and Scotlandwell. Once on the B9097, drive east for approximately two miles. The car park is on your right.

Walk or cycle the eight-mile (one direction) Loch Leven Heritage Trail from Kinross to Vane Farm, which is relatively flat and even-surfaced. There are regular buses to Kinross from Perth, Edinburgh and surrounding towns. From Kinross buses run to Vane Farm on certain days. To find out more call Traveline: 0871 200 2233.

Opening times

Open from 10 am – 5 pm every day (except Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day and 2 January). The trails and hides are always open.

Admission charges

Adults £3, children (aged 5 – 18) 50p, concessions £2, family £6. RSPB and Wildlife Explorer members are free.

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