

Crombie's Past

The growing population and industrialisation of Dundee in the early 1800s was echoed by the increasing demand for water. By 1854 the works at nearby Monikie reservoir were complete but were found to be inadequate as a principal supply for Dundee and Angus.

In 1866 work began to develop the former quarry and part of Crombie Den as a reservoir, with the construction of an enormous, earthen embankment with puddled clay lining. Completed in 1868 even this supply was soon inadequate and in 1871 work started on the Lintrathen scheme, which today is a key supply for Dundee and a large part of Angus and Perthshire. Crombie was last used to supply water to Carnoustie in 1981.

Crombie Country Park was officially opened in September 1983. Its 102 hectares includes Crombie Loch as well as broadleaf and coniferous Woodlands



The woodlands are home to red squirrels, woodpeckers and roe deer. On the loch you will see Grebes, Heron and a variety of waterfowl.



Nursery, Primary and Secondary classes are welcome all year.

Countryside Rangers are available to lead fieldwork activities and visit schools where Teachers can discuss ideas for Projects.



Picnic & BBQ & Marquee Facilities

Picnic & BBQ areas are available all year, however, large parties should book. Two Marquees, in secluded areas, can be hired between April and September.

Nature Trails

Follow the Discovery Trail to learn more about Crombie's social and natural history. Leaflets about other self-led activity trails such as the Tree Trail are available in the visitor centre. **Pick up one today!**

Ranger Service

We are available for information and advice. Drop in to the Visitor Centre where there are leaflets on many topics. Drinks are available from the vending machine.

Orienteering

Our course is open all year. Try the Junior course or Animalteering for very young children. The Yellow and Orange courses are wheelchair accessible. Maps and instruction are available free in the Visitor Centre.

Events

Pick up our annual Diary, which lists activities for all ages such as crafts and guided walks. During school holidays we run environmental fun days for children.

Woodland Walks

A walk around the loch is approximately 2¾ miles from the main car park. Trails in Peddieston, Eastwood and Fallaws cover shorter, yet scenic, circular routes. (See the map inside.)



Community

Groups and individuals are regularly involved with the Rangers in conservation projects, orienteering or badge work. The Rangers are happy to visit organisations and give illustrated talks.

Discover Crombie Country Park...

...with its scenic loch and woodlands it is a haven for visitors whatever the season



SCOTTISH OUTDOOR ACCESS CODE

Know the Code before you go... Enjoy Scotland's outdoors – responsibly!



Everyone has the right to be on most land and inland water providing they act responsibly. Your access rights and responsibilities are explained fully in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code.

Whether you're in the outdoors or managing the outdoors, the key things are to:

- take responsibility for your own actions.
- respect the interests of other people.
- care for the environment.

www.outdooraccess-scotland.com or phone your local Scottish Natural Heritage office.

Young Naturalists

This children's club for ages five and above meets fortnightly on Saturday mornings between 10.30am - 12.30pm. **New members are always welcome.**

People with Special Needs

Most facilities including the Visitor Centre, Trails, Hides and some Activities are accessible. A small car park is available close to the Visitor Centre.

Dogs

Dogs are permitted under proper control at all times except in the children's play park.

Dogs must be kept on a short lead in picnic areas and when signs are displayed to protect wildlife.

Fly Fishing

Fishing from boats **ONLY**, is available through Monikie Angling Club **contact the bailiff on 01382 370300.**

Water Safety

Swimming or paddling is not allowed in the reservoir.

Bookings

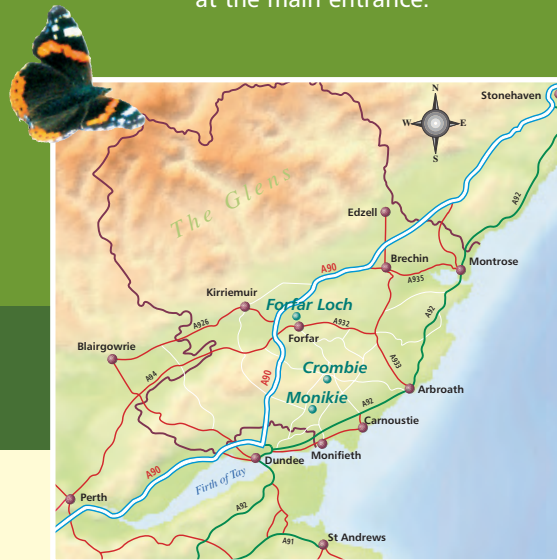
Please telephone the Ranger Service to discuss your plans and requirements prior to booking.

Charges

Parking charges apply from Easter Weekend to September. Weekly and Seasonal Tickets also available.

Opening Hours

Rangers are on duty during the times displayed at the main entrance.



For more Information:

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**Leave nothing but footprints
Take nothing but photographs**



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Crombie COUNTRY PARK

Ranger Service

Scenery

Activities

Fly Fishing

Nature Trails

Picnics

Wildlife

Orienteering

Events

*Explore...
and have a really wild time!*



Finding your way around...

Look out for signs of roe deer, fox and red squirrel.
Also butterflies over the woodland glades.

Follow the Discovery Trail to learn more about Crombie's social and natural history.

There are many walks for you to enjoy, taking in views of the loch and woodlands.

Woodland Trails

Birchwood Trail

Provides a route giving views of Crombie Den, the Loch and Dam.

Discovery Trail

This is the main route around the loch covering 2 miles (4km). You should allow one to two hours for the walk. On your way you will see signposts with a yellow thistle. These will direct you to nearby interpretation points where you can find out more about roe deer, dykes, forestry and local history. You can reach this path via the Birchwood Trail.

Eastwood Trail

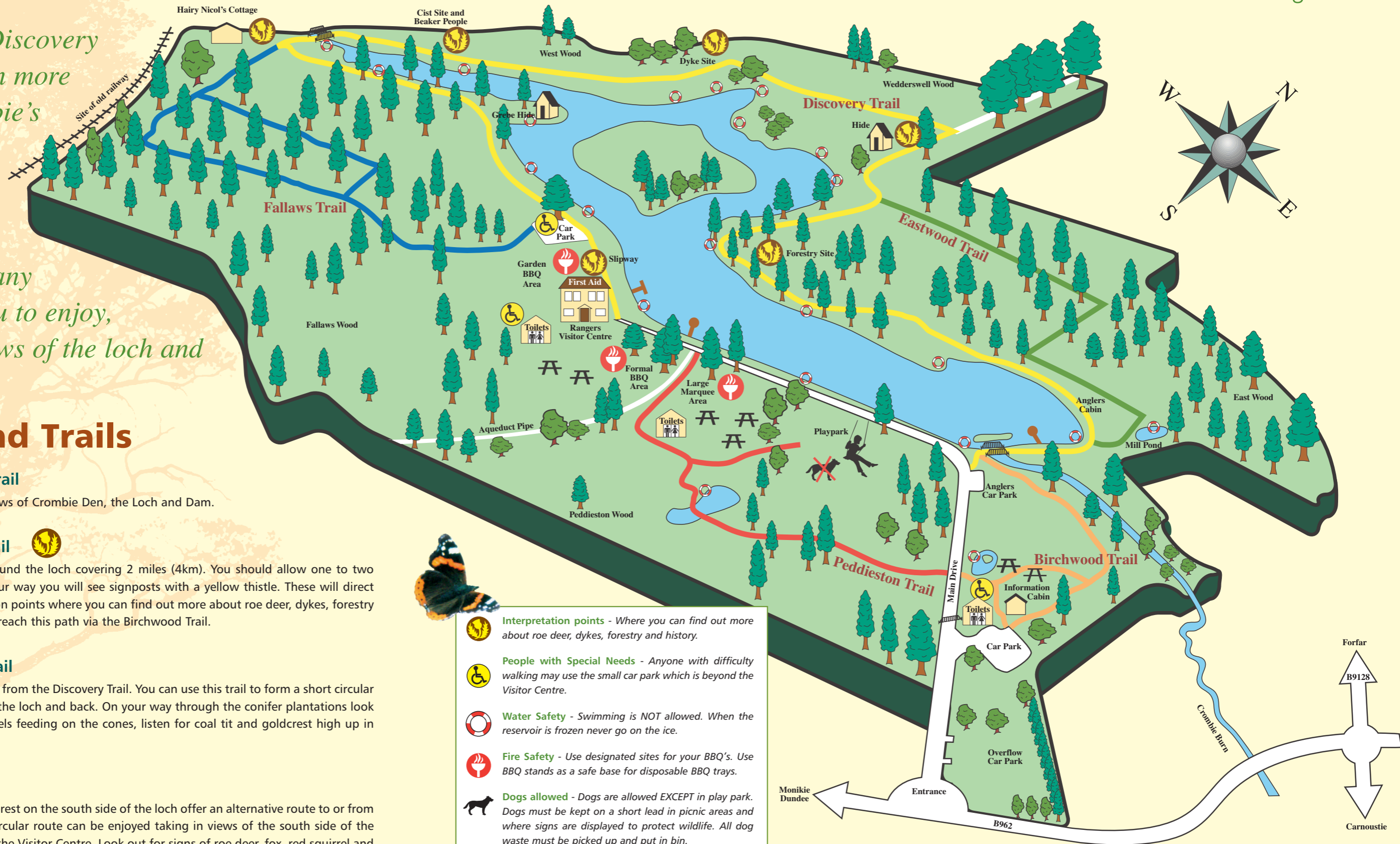
This is a secluded diversion from the Discovery Trail. You can use this trail to form a short circular route to the north side of the loch and back. On your way through the conifer plantations look out for signs of red squirrels feeding on the cones, listen for coal tit and goldcrest high up in the canopy.







Fallaws Trail

These paths through the forest on the south side of the loch offer an alternative route to or from Hairy Nicol's Cottage. A circular route can be enjoyed taking in views of the south side of the loch, birch woodland and the Visitor Centre. Look out for signs of roe deer, fox, red squirrel and butterflies over the woodland glades.

Peddieston Trail

This surfaced path is suitable for wheelchairs and buggies and makes an alternative route to the play park and Visitor Centre. Come back along the drive to enjoy the view of the rhododendrons with their colourful, late spring early summer blooms.



-  **Interpretation points** - Where you can find out more about roe deer, dykes, forestry and history.
-  **People with Special Needs** - Anyone with difficulty walking may use the small car park which is beyond the Visitor Centre.
-  **Water Safety** - Swimming is NOT allowed. When the reservoir is frozen never go on the ice.
-  **Fire Safety** - Use designated sites for your BBQ's. Use BBQ stands as a safe base for disposable BBQ trays.
-  **Dogs allowed** - Dogs are allowed EXCEPT in play park. Dogs must be kept on a short lead in picnic areas and where signs are displayed to protect wildlife. All dog waste must be picked up and put in bin.
-  **Telephone** - For emergency use only (at Visitor Centre).

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