

# Wild Aberdeen

Aberdeen City, with its quirky fishing village, bustling harbour, majestic rivers and beautiful coastline, is an amazing location to live and visit. But what makes it extra special, is the variety of wildlife which can be seen here, from elusive otters, curious seals and cheeky gulls to the charismatic dolphins.

Explore the city with new eyes with this Wild Aberdeen animal trail. Hidden around the city are five wild challenge activity boards to help you discover the incredible wildlife that call Aberdeen their home.



## Wild Challenge Activity: Tracks and Signs

**Location: Seaton Park**

On the banks of the River Don, Seaton Park provides a lovely location to explore the natural world, with mature trees, open green spaces and riverside walks. Keep your eyes open for the elusive otters!

Many areas accessible to all. The riverside routes can be muddy and rough to the east of the park.

**Transport: First Bus 20 and 25. Stagecoach 9U, 60, 61, 62, 63, 67 and 6**



## Wild Challenge Activity: The Big Clean Up

**Location: Esplanade (north end)**

Aberdeen beach provides magnificent views out to the North Sea with Aberdeen Harbour to the south and the beautiful Donmouth nature reserve to the north. Seabirds, seals and even dolphins are often seen, so keep your eyes peeled!

Main path leads onto a slightly sloped, rough grass bank leading to the mouth of the river.

**Transport: First Bus 13 and 15**



## Wild Challenge Activity: Go Birdwatching

**Location: The River Dee and Duthie Park**

The River Dee runs out to the North Sea through Aberdeen Harbour where bottlenose dolphins are often spotted and salmon migrate throughout the year. The banks of the river and Duthie Park are good places to see a variety of birds.

Firm tarmac path along the river, with some step-free access points. Take care if crossing busy roads near Duthie Park.

**Transport: First Bus 17 and 18. Stagecoach X6, X7, X8 and 204**



## Wild Challenge Activity: Rockpooling

**Location: Torry Battery**

At low tide, Torry Beach reveals hidden treasures with rockpools teeming with life. Look closely to discover the secret world of these marine creatures, you might even see wading birds like oystercatchers scrambling around looking for food.

Entrance through a kissing gate to steps leading down to uneven pathway before reaching rocky shore.

Take care crossing the road, check tide times and be aware of slippery rocks.

**Transport: First Bus 12**



## Wild Challenge Activity: Nature WOW

**Location: Torry Battery**

With stunning panoramic views of Aberdeen City, Torry Battery provides the ideal spot to watch the bottlenose dolphins who are regularly seen at Aberdeen Harbour, a popular feeding ground for the dolphins.

Flat path along a quiet road but take care for passing cars.

**Transport: First Bus 12**

This activity is part of the Wild Aberdeen trail brought to you as part of Dolphinwatch, a project led by RSPB Scotland in partnership with Aberdeen City Council and Whale and Dolphin Conservation with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and many others since 2013.

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