

# Caird Park

A hidden gem in Dundee that is not so much a walk, but a gentle stroll. I've seen so much in this park that I honestly never thought was possible. I often spend my lunchtimes there and have been totally amazed with the wildlife that abounds in the heart of Dundee. Who would have thought there were kingfishers in the ponds, or dippers?



Let alone a buzzard bouncing about on the grass picking worms?



Then we have the woodpeckers that I have sought to photograph in my own neck of the woods (sic) and never managed, went to Caird park and they are there by the dozen



I've also seen and been lucky enough to see the Treecreepers and Wrens there



There is also the chance to see the juvenile heron, totally unfazed when you approach it. I thought I was "Erch" when I first saw him, sneaked up to 6ft or so of him and got my pics, only to discover he couldn't give a hoot (as he is not an owl) and was more than happy to chill in my presence. Such easy pics but brilliant all the same (not the pics, the experience)



Jays frequent the park as well, brilliant birds but point a camera or look at them, and they're off!



As it stands just now, the amphibians are making hay and I must admit I have never seen so much spawn for a long time, but the lower pond was just heaving with puddocks having a rare time



So, if you do get the chance, have a wee daunder round Caird Park, it is a brilliant place to go if you have the patience to sit and wait. There is also a herd of Roe Deer and an overly friendly fox (I've not seen the latter) that are also in the ponds at the castle, as well as the usual goosanders, mallards and moorhens.

It is well worth a visit, as is across the road at Trottick.

So,

Unhook the West Port and let us gae free  
For it's up with the bonnets o' Bonnie Dundee