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Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve, the home of the Dyfi Osprey Project is a small nature reserve with a lot to offer both new and regular visitors alike. We work really hard to make sure you have everything you need for a comfortable and enjoyable visit.

Visitor Centre

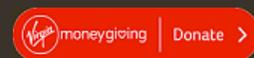
The Visitor centre is located next to the carpark. It is the starting point of every visit and is the place to catch up on the latest Osprey news. The centre is equipped with four screens displaying live pictures from the Osprey nest. There are always knowledgeable staff and volunteers on hand to help you with questions. Our small gift shop is also located in the Visitor Centre.

Car Park

The carpark is located just off the A487 Machynlleth to Aberystwyth road. Space is limited so we do ask you to park considerately and car-share when possible.

Toilets

The fully accessible toilet facilities are located just across the car park from the Visitor Centre. We also have a baby changing station in the toilets. There are no toilet facilities on the reserve or at the 360 Observatory.



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Cafe

There is a small cafe just off the car park, adjacent to the Visitor Centre. The cafe offers a range of hot and cold drinks, filled rolls and home made cakes. There is a small outdoor seating area around the cafe.

Board Walk

The non-slip purpose built board walk is 1.8m wide and runs for 520m from the Visitor Centre to the 360 Observatory. There are extra wide areas and buildout platforms with seating for you to stop along the way and enjoy stunning views of the Dyfi Valley.

The 360 Observatory

The 360 Observatory opened in 2014 and is the centrepiece of the Dyfi Osprey Project. At just 190m from the Osprey nest it provides superb viewing opportunities and is a wonderful place just to soak up the 360° panoramic views of the Dyfi Valley.

In addition to the ospreys you may spot a cuckoo perched nearby or one of the eight species of Warbler flitting through the reeds below. There are always friendly staff and volunteers on hand to point things out or answer questions. The 360 Observatory also has a wealth of reference books for you to use.

Lift

The upper levels of the Observatory are accessed by gentle gradient stairs or by the lift. Full details of the lift can be found [here](#).

Small Hide

Before the 360 Observatory was opened the small hide was once the main Osprey viewing hide on the reserve. Now it has become a peaceful place to watch the small birds on the feeders below. The small hide is accessed via steep stairs, please take care and use the hand rails provided.

Ceri Hide

The Ceri hide offers wonderful views over the pool that was created in 2016. It is a quiet space for enjoying the tranquility of the reserve and all it offers. The pitched roof of the hide creates a loft space that we hope will be used by a number of different species of bats.

Binoculars and Telescopes

There is a telescope and large pair of binoculars available for visitors to use in the 360 Observatory. Please ask a member of staff or volunteer for assistance and we will be happy to help you get the best possible view of the Ospreys and their nest. Please be aware that at busy times there may not be space for individuals to set up their own scopes.

We also operate a binocular hire scheme from the Visitor Centre where you can rent binoculars for your visit.

We sell a range of Opticron binoculars from the Gift Shop, a percentage of each sale goes to support the work of the Wildlife Trust.

Picnic Benches and Seating

There are picnic benches and outdoor seating areas along the boardwalk and in the outdoor areas of the 360 Observatory. You are welcome to picnic in any of these places. All we ask is please take your rubbish home with you and don't feed the wildlife or buffalo.

Wheelchairs

We have two wheelchairs available for loan, please ask on arrival and we will be happy to get one for you. You will need to bring a willing helper to give you a push. At peak times we cannot guarantee it will be available so you may wish to bring your own. Please note our wheelchairs have a weight limit of 17 stone/110kg.

We can also help you to access the reserve in your own wheelchair or on your own mobility scooter if you prefer. Please be aware that not all mobility scooters fit into the lift to access the upper level of the 360 Observatory. There is space to park them on the lower level from where you can access the lift in our wheel chair or standing if you prefer. More information about the lift can be found [here](#).

Outdoor Classroom Area

There is a small woodland teaching area near the visitor centre, car park and toilets. This is primarily used by groups but if it is free you are welcome to take a seat and enjoy this quiet space.

360 Learning Area

There is a large covered learning area on the lower level of the 360 Observatory. Like the outdoor classroom area it is primarily used by groups and for our programme of events. If it is not in use please feel free to take a seat and have a rest.

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