

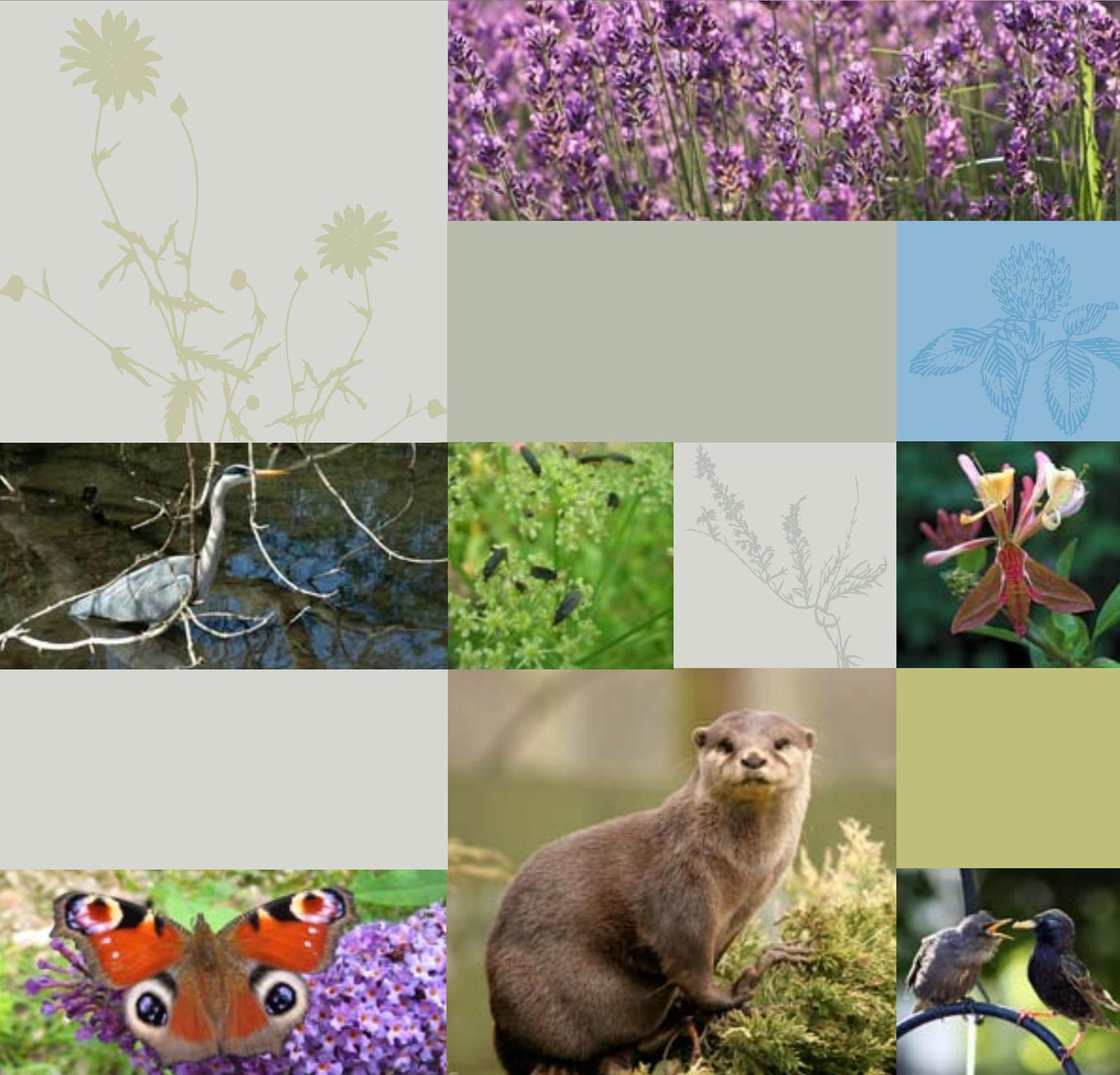
Derry- Londonderry's Local Biodiversity

Bay Road Park

Local Nature Reserve



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Bay Road Park Local Nature Reserve is a 20 ha former landfill site, located on the banks of the River Foyle, which provides impressive scenery of the Foyle Bridge, Foyle catchment and the City. It can be accessed from the Foyle Bridge or behind Da Vinci's Hotel, off the Culmore Road.



This riverside green space is managed by Derry City Council for biodiversity and recreation, with a pedestrian and cycle network.

It was launched as Derry City Council's first Local Nature Reserve in June 2009, for its biodiversity, access, community involvement and educational value.



Members of the local community have formed **The Bay Road Park Steering Group**, a constituted group in 2009, to work in partnership with Derry City Council on the management and future of the local nature reserve.



Bay Road Park supports a wide range of habitats to include woodland, grassland, salt marsh and mudflats. These habitats support a wide range of species, with significant population of wading and wintering birds, including six of Northern Ireland's priority species: redshank, herring gull, song thrush, mistle thrush, starling and bullfinch. Also, international over-wintering birds feast on the eel grass and insects on the mudflats.

The woodlands and wildflower meadows provide a habitat for a range of priority species, including eight species of butterflies, for example, orange tip, tortoiseshell, peacock and painted ladies. Also, the willow trees provide a habitat for the lunar hornet moth, which mimics the behaviour of a wasp. The range of moths provide a valuable source of food for the bats that use the site for feeding. Two bat species have been recorded utilizing the site, Pipistrelle and Daubenton bats.



During your visit you may catch sight of a variety of wildlife in their natural habitats. Look out for:

- Otters;
- Bats;
- Birds (use the interpretation to help with identification);
- Butterflies; and
- Orchids



Bay Road Park is open to the public 24 hrs a day, all year round. Car parking facilities are available at Bay Road or at Da Vinci's Hotel.



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