

CASTLE ESPIE  
WETLAND CENTRE  
**GROUP  
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## GREAT FOR GROUPS

Castle Espie Wetland Centre is a fantastic day out offering groups the chance to get close to amazing wildlife, while enjoying stunning scenery in relaxing and accessible surroundings.

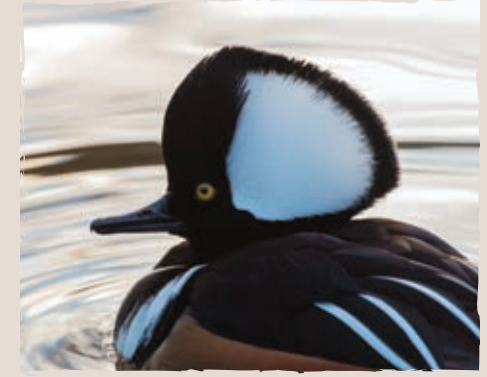
### Seamless service

Castle Espie Wetland Centre has dedicated bookings staff to assist you in planning your unforgettable group day out.

### Exclusive group benefits

We have an extensive range of benefits for your group of 12 or more people including:

- Generously discounted group admission rates.
- Free familiarisation trip for the group organiser.
- Free on the day entry for the group organiser.
- Plentiful free coach and minibus parking very near to the entrance.
- Free entry for the coach driver.
- Free coach driver refreshments.
- Selection of special group catering packages (please pre-book).
- A range of publicity materials to help advertise your trip to our wetland centre to your members.



### Accessible for all

Castle Espie is a fully accessible site with:

- Disabled pick up and drop off zones and good provision of disabled car parking bays and toilets.
- Wide flat paths and plenty of places to sit and relax.
- Friendly staff who are happy to discuss your needs prior to your visit and help during your visit.
- A range of accessible hides.
- Manual wheelchairs and mobility scooters for hire, as well as hearing loops in reception.
- Meet and greet service.
- Fully registered assistance dogs welcome.

### Talks, tours and seasonal events

There is something new to see and do every season at Castle Espie Wetland Centre, add to this a range of talks, tours and animal feeds and your group will have a fascinating time whenever they visit.

# CASTLE ESPIE WETLAND CENTRE

On the shores of stunning Strangford Lough in Northern Ireland, Castle Espie is perfect for your group visit. Enjoy getting close to Ireland's largest collection of native and exotic birds and wonder at our annual arctic arrivals – the Brent geese. Your group can stroll in beautiful woodlands, alongside lagoons and through a magical sensory garden while spotting wetland wildlife along the way.



## Not to be missed!

### Feathered feeding time:

with seed in their hand and a gaggle of ducks and geese at their feet, your group will love our Close Encounters area.

**Bird's eye views:** for fabulous views of Strangford Lough and the wildlife that lives there, it has to be our Lime Kiln Observatory with floor to ceiling windows – perfect for your group to watch huge flocks of Brent geese in the autumn.

### A garden oasis for the senses:

this is herb-scented heaven with birds calling, the splash of a rill pond and an impressive redwood tree as the centre piece.

**Art of conservation:** with beautiful work from local artists, a wander around our light and airy gallery makes a fabulous addition to your group's day.

**Expert knowledge:** your group can go on a fantastic guided tour of the centre to learn more about our history and wildlife.

## Seasonal highlights and events

- **Summer:** exclusive duckery tours
- **Autumn:** Big Brent Event

## Café and shop

Round off your group's day perfectly with delicious food and drink from the wonderful Kingfisher Kitchen while enjoying panoramic views across the reserve to Strangford Lough and have a browse in our fabulous gift shop.



## Opening times

Visit us 363 days a year – that's every day except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

We're open from 10.00am – 5pm. Our last admission is one hour before closing.

## Coach and minibus parking

We have ample, FREE coach and minibus parking which is adjacent to our centre.

## Prices

See insert opposite for our special group admission rates.



To find out more:

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# WHERE WE ARE

- Close to the A22 Castle Espie can easily be combined with close by attractions and a variety of venues in nearby Belfast and the South Antrim Coast.
- For SatNavs our postcode is BT23 6EA.



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