

Recognised as a **World Class Place** for people and nature

Your Biosphere offers new opportunities

For **Growth** where communities and businesses prosper.

To **Live** where we celebrate the best of our area and the way it supports our health and well being.

For **Sustainability** where we work together to tackle climate change.

For **Nature** where people and wildlife can flourish together.

For **Learning** where we encourage better understanding of our environment.

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Wildness



Production



Wildlife



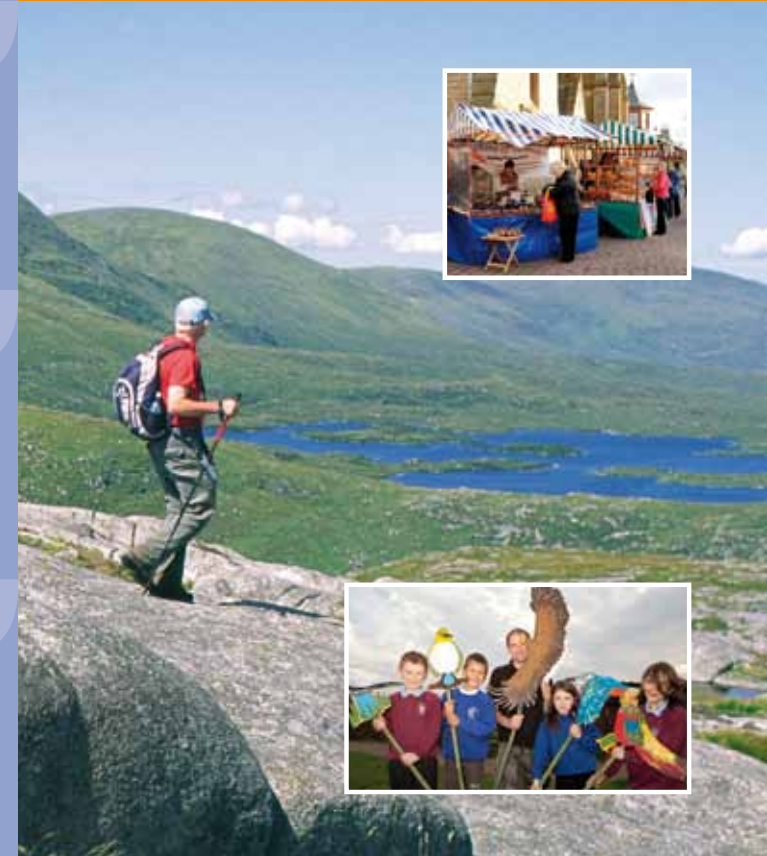
Activity



Community

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere

Scotland's **First**



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Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere

is a **first** for Scotland

Hosting an amazing combination

of landscape, wildlife and culture with communities that care about and for their environment.

Putting a global spotlight

on south-west Scotland as a special place and one of only 580 Biosphere Reserves worldwide.

Providing a catalyst

for new economic opportunities, environmentally sustainable development, nature conservation and education.

Offering a unique

marketing opportunity through the global UNESCO brand.

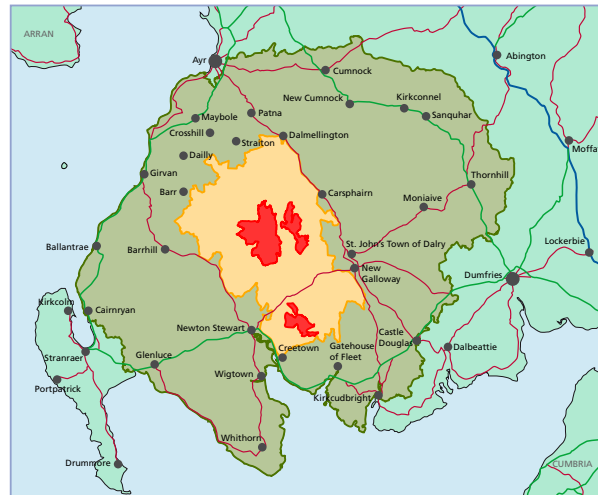
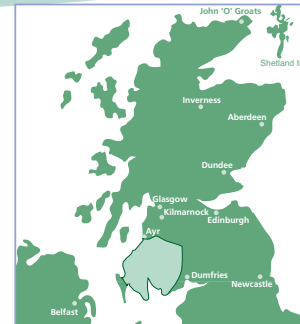
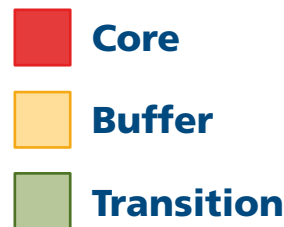
Aspiring

to make the area World Class for people and nature

The Biosphere is led by a broad

partnership made up of representatives of communities, organisations, businesses, local councils and public agencies which are together committed to working to the 14 principles of the Biosphere Charter.

Scotland's **First** Biosphere is an exciting new way to demonstrate good nature conservation and environmentally sustainable development.



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UNESCO requires every Biosphere to be made up of three zones:

The Core areas lie at the heart of the Biosphere and include extensive areas of mountain, moorland, freshwater lochs and rivers. They are home to a wide range of scarce wildlife including iconic species like golden eagle, red deer and wild goats.

The Buffer zone made up principally of the Galloway Forest Park is a working landscape managed to protect the natural heritage of the core areas. The area offers tremendous recreational opportunities in dramatic landscapes. Activities compatible with good ecological practices are encouraged and include facilities like the 7Stanes mountain bike routes and the Dark Sky Park viewing areas.

The Transition area is the part of the Biosphere where people live and can work together to make the best use of local resources such as the development of low energy housing, environmentally friendly farming, and nature based tourism.



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