

The Black Swans  
and Ornamental Waterfowl

Dawlish Water is home to a large selection of waterfowl as well as the famous Black Swans. Species include: Lesser white-fronted geese; Whistling Tree ducks; African geese; Barnacle geese; Carolina ducks; Bantam ducks; Red Crested Pochard; Call ducks; Pintails; Shield ducks; Mandarin ducks and Chinese geese.

There are records of Black Swans being on the brook in the early 1900's. However, at some point between the two World Wars, the line was lost. In the late 1940's Captain G.R.S. Pitman, employed as a game warden in Uganda, presented a pair of Black Swans to the Town of Dawlish in memory of his late parents. His father, Charles Pitman, had been a County Councillor and Chairman of the County Education Committee. Charles Pitman and his wife resided at 'Greystoke', Dawlish. Black Swans have inhabited the brook ever since.



The Black Swan has been the emblem of the Town for over forty years.

Adopt one of the waterfowl on Dawlish Water and you will be making a very real contribution to the care and well-being of them all.

If you would like to help, pick up an application form from the Tourist Information Office or the Town Council Offices.

**INJURED BIRD?**



If you see a bird in distress or injured please contact one of the following numbers:

*For swans and ornamental waterfowl (not mallard):*

Contact The Waterfowl Warden on: 07979 836300

*For mallard, pigeons, seagulls, etc:*

Contact the RSPCA on 0870 555999

*For oiled seabirds*

Contact the South Devon Seabirds Trust  
on 01626 770999



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## Dawlish

Dawlish is a very pretty resort with a quiet relaxing atmosphere and a town centre alive with seaside shopping, friendly cafés, pubs and restaurants.



The Lawn, running through the Town Centre, is an ideal place to sit and admire the colourful floral displays and the many species of waterfowl which have made their home on Dawlish Water.



Nearby, secluded coves and beaches offer perfect spots for sunbathing, swimming and sandcastle building!

Dawlish is an ideal base for visiting numerous attractions throughout Devon and don't forget to sample a delicious cream tea in one of the many local cafés. Afterwards, take a relaxing walk—the Town Council, in association with the local Ramblers Society, has produced a *'Walks Around Dawlish'* booklet, priced £2.00, which includes seven local walks ranging from just under one mile to a little over ten miles. Pick up a copy from the Town Council Offices or from the Tourist Information Centre on the Lawn.



Whatever you choose to do, Dawlish will not disappoint you.



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1. Tourist Information Centre
2. Toilets
3. Car parking—long term at the Railway Station (9) or at the Barton Hill Car Park
4. Car parking—short stay (TDC) and roadside parking
5. The Lawn and Bandstand
6. Dawlish Brook and The Waterfowl Compound
7. Waterwheel (awaiting restoration)
8. Post Office
9. Railway Station
10. Coach drop-off and pick-up point
11. Bus stops to Exeter
12. Bus stops to Teignmouth, Torquay and Newton Abbot
13. Dawlish Museum
14. Shops and Cafes
15. Amusements and crazy golf
16. Banks—NatWest HSBC Lloyds
17. Beach—please abide by warning flags and note tide conditions before entering the water.
18. Manor Gardens (open to public) and Town Council Offices
19. Hospital