



## AROUND THE WORLD

**Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere** is a special designation which joins over 600 Biosphere reserves around the world. The global Biosphere network encourages sharing of experiences and knowledge to help us take better care of our surroundings locally, nationally and internationally.

GALLOWAY AND SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE BIOSPHERE IS A FIRST FOR SCOTLAND TO DEMONSTRATE OUR PASSION FOR LIVING IN A WAY THAT BENEFITS PEOPLE AND NATURE.

BIOSPHERE VISION

## HOW IT WORKS

The Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere is for you, it brings no new regulations, so its aims are achieved by people working together. The Biosphere Partnership is a charity made up of representatives from communities, businesses, organisations and agencies. The Partnership is working towards ambitious goals by encouraging people to share an enthusiasm for their special place and sign the Biosphere Charter.



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# GALLOWAY AND SOUTHERN AYRSHIRE BIOSPHERE

## SCOTLAND'S FIRST

Covering an area of 5,268 square kilometres the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere is a status given in recognition of its special natural qualities. It is home to 95,000 people who want to make life better while caring for the natural environment.

### A Biosphere has three goals:

**Conservation:** promoting the preservation of wildlife, habitats and landscape.

**Learning:** supporting a better understanding of nature and global issues.

**Development:** fostering a sustainable economy and society.

Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere is a place where continued cooperation and collaboration will show that a sustainable way of living is not only possible but already happening.

## THE BIOSPHERE IS HERE

The Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere boundary embraces diverse countryside surrounding the Galloway Hills. The rivers radiating out from the hills provide water as a common theme connecting the cultural identity and natural environment with everyone living and working in the area.

“A BIOSPHERE RESERVE, SIMPLY KNOWN AS A BIOSPHERE, IS A SPECIAL DESIGNATION AWARDED BY THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO) TO AREAS RENOWNED FOR THEIR SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTS WHICH ARE VALUED BY LOCAL PEOPLE.”

