

Flora and fauna

A significant part of the golf course is within the Dyfi National Nature Reserve providing golfers with the opportunity of experiencing the flora and fauna of this unique habitat. Dyfi NNR was designated as a UNESCO BIOSPHERE Reserve in the 1970's, and the designated area was extended in 2009 to include the whole of the Dyfi Valley, bounded by Aberystwyth, Llanbrynmair, Llanymawddwy, Corris Uchaf and Aberdyfi.

The sand dunes of Ynyslas are a feature of the north part of the golf course. The dunes are still growing, day by day, millimetre by millimetre, providing a home for many rare plants and insects. Stonechats, linnets and larks can be found in the older dunes.

In the summer, the sand dunes and parts of the golf course are transformed into a colourful carpet of wild flowers and are especially renowned for their rare orchids. Marsh and bee orchids appear in the early summer in the dune slacks (the wet areas of the dunes) followed by pyramidal orchids. There are also colourful saltmarsh flowers, sea pink, sea aster, sea spurrey and, in late summer, marsh helleborine. Further details on the area can be found at (<https://www.first-nature.com/waleswildlife/sw-ndyfi.php>)

