

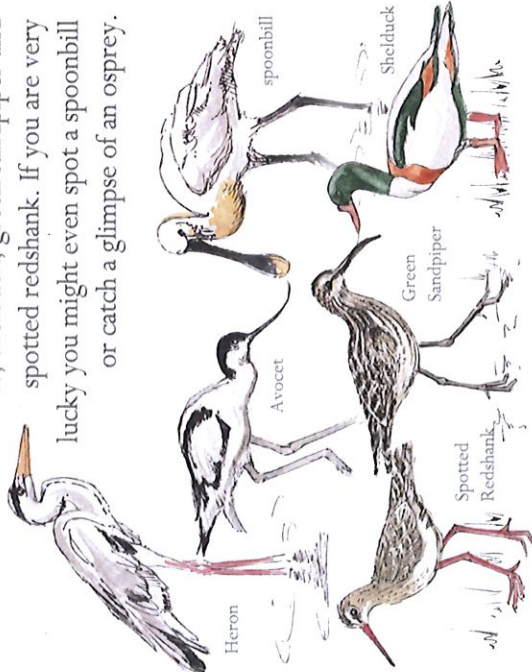
Wildlife

The Lynher estuary is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and with wildlife in abundance you will regularly see herons, and little egrets, and winter populations of wildfowl and waders such



Osprey

as, shelduck, green sandpiper and spotted redshank. If you are very lucky you might even spot a spoonbill or catch a glimpse of an osprey.



Heron

Avocet

Spotted Redshank

Green Sandpiper

Shelduck

spoonbill

The woodland is host to a variety of interesting trees and creatures.



The mudflats and salt marshes provide habitats for all kinds of plants.



Bulbous fox-tail

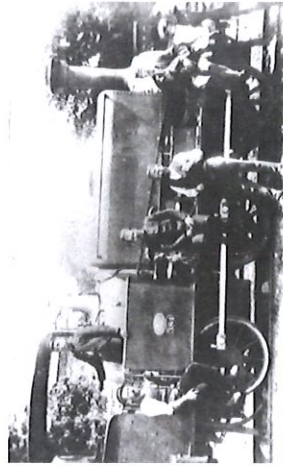
Samphire

Grass-leaved Orache

Staff Saltmarsh Grass

History

Wacker Quay is likely to have been in use from the late 18th century, possibly for unloading limestone from barges brought in from Plymouth, for a nearby limekiln, and also perhaps associated with a tidal corn mill to the south. At this time the quay would have been a wooden jetty, and further to the east than the present concrete structure. It was in 1850 that the quay was at its busiest, as it was used to bring in material for the building of Scraesdon and Tregantle Forts from 1859.



This in turn brought the requirement of a railway, to move goods from the quay up to the fort sites. This was initially for construction materials, but later in the century armaments and supplies were needed at the forts. The Wacker Quay Military Railway was constructed between 1886 and 1893 by the Royal Engineers, using the track and trucks originally designed for the Sudanese Campaign, shipped home after the fall of Khartoum in 1885. Goods could be moved directly from ships to railway trucks and then transported efficiently to the incline railway, which passed under the main road, for which a new bridge was specially constructed. It is thought that in the Great War, training exercises were carried out here, and you can see ditches and banks near the incline. The present quay was used in WW2 to load tanks before D-Day.



Foxglove



Map and guide to the permissive trail from

Wacker Quay to Antony

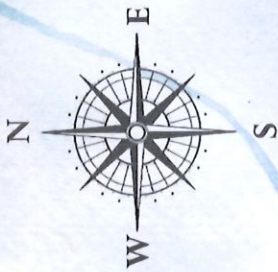
in South East Cornwall



Situated in the Tamar Valley AONB, Wacker Quay and the former military railway, now a permissive trail, is steeped in history and rich in wildlife. The main attraction is its riverside location, where you can picnic, launch a canoe or kayak, or take in a spot of fishing. We hope that this leaflet gives you just a glimpse of the many things to see along the trail.



Lynher River



Wacker Quay



The permissive path from Wacker Quay to Antony was opened in June 2012, and follows the route of a 19th-century military railway. The trail was cleared and developed by local volunteers, and it continues to be managed by them through the Tamar Community Trust. If you would like to volunteer, or for more information about the site please visit their website.

www.tamarcommunitytrust.org.uk

Volunteers at the old railway turntables.



Look North across the river to see Ince Castle.



Look NNE to see Landrake Church



Look NE, in the distance you can see Jupiter Point and HMS Brecon.



Abbotscourt Lane

Torpoint A374
Plymouth via Ferry

Antony



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