

## Out and about

Tehidy offers a wide range of activities, from wildlife spotting to sporting events and cultural walks.

The paths around the lake and along the pink trail are easily accessible by wheelchairs and pushchairs.

A number of facilities in the park can be booked, including a barbeque area and the Camping/Education Field. Maps for the orienteering course are available from the Rangers Office or Visitor's Centre/Cafe.

Lots of local groups use Tehidy for events and schools regularly visit the park to discover the woods or simply have fun.

**Whether you visit on your own or with a group, walking the dog or orienteering, we hope you will enjoy the tranquil setting and abundant wildlife at Tehidy.**

## Getting involved

There is always something happening in Tehidy, from the arrival of spring and our carpet of bluebells, to the varied events held throughout the year. You can also volunteer to work in the park. Look out for posters or ask one of the Rangers for information. You can always find us on the Cornwall Council website, [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk) or telephone **0300 1234 202**.

## How to find us







### Public Transport Times and Fares

Train: **08457 484950**

Bus: **0845 6001420** (There is a stop at East Lodge.)

At Tehidy, please remember to:

-  **Take your litter home**
-  **Be a responsible dog owner** - clean up after your dog and keep it under control
-  **Stick to the paths and don't damage the trees or plants**
-  **No fires or overnight camping**

If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:

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## A pocket guide

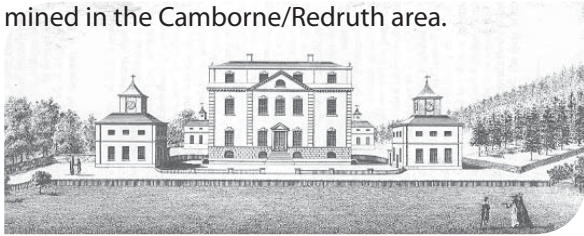




## The Basset family

At Tehidy history is all around you. The country park once belonged to the Bassets, a leading mining family who created gardens, plantations and hunting grounds as part of their estate.

The Basset family has been linked to Tehidy since the 11th century and Tehidy House was built in 1734. They also developed the port of Portreath so that it could export the tin and copper ore mined in the Camborne/Redruth area.



Basset Mansion

You can still see evidence of the Bassets in the prominent 90 foot monument built in memory of Sir Francis Basset in 1836 on top of Carn Brea, as well as in many local place names.

**The main house was destroyed by fire in 1919, but was rebuilt and used as a hospital until 1988.**

Cornwall Council purchased Tehidy in 1983, and it has been managed as a country park since then.



Basset Memorial



Marsh Orchid

## Tehidy today

The park is crisscrossed by paths and trails that lead you into the woods, around the lake and along the stream.

The formal gardens of the Basset Estate have faded into the past. Now a country park, Tehidy is open to everyone to enjoy and explore.

As you discover Tehidy you will notice a wide range of different trees, from stunted, wind blown specimens on the North Cliffs to majestic beeches near Otter Bridge.

Around the Rose Garden you can see a wide variety of exotic tree species including a monkey puzzle tree and some beautiful Japanese maples. Elsewhere in the park, where trees are being planted, Cornwall Council takes care to only use native tree species.



## Wildlife

Tehidy is home to a wide variety of plants and animals which can be seen throughout the seasons.

Come in the springtime and you will see an amazing display of bluebells and hear a chorus of nesting birds. Summer brings an abundance of flowers and plants. Swans and ducks can be seen nesting around the lake and this is also the best place to see bats hunting at night.

Autumn sees the ground and trees covered in fungi of all sorts of shapes and colours as well as the beauty of autumnal leaves. Winter is a quiet time when the woods are light and bright and the shapes of trees can be admired. Management always endeavours to enhance the environment for wildlife and create habitats for important species.

