

**CITATION****BOGSIDE FLATS  
SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST  
North Ayrshire**

Site code: 239

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NS 305394

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger Series 70  
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer Series 333

AREA: 254.72 hectares

**NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES****Biological: Intertidal marine habitats: Mudflat  
Biological: Coastlands: Saltmarsh****DESCRIPTION**

Bogside Flats, situated around the common estuary of the Rivers Irvine and Garnock, contains the only extensive expanse of saltmarsh and mudflats between the Solway Firth and the Inner Clyde Estuary.

The biologically productive saltmarsh and mudflats are the best example of this habitat type in Ayrshire and displays a variety of plant and animal communities representative of different degrees of tidal inundation. The upper, middle, and lower saltmarsh habitat zones are present, which is unusual as lower saltmarsh is not common in Scotland. Transitions from saltmarsh to terrestrial habitats are also present and intact.

**NOTIFICATION HISTORY**

First notified under the 1949 Act: 1978

Re-notified under the 1981 Act: 30 January 1987 with a 31ha net increase in area

Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 4 February 2011

**REMARKS**

Measured area of site corrected from 253.8 hectares