You are very welcome to explore and enjoy Vogrie for 365 days of the year from dawn until dusk. There are walks, adventure play, golf, BBQ sites, a café & miniature railway as well as a wealth of countryside paths and wildlife to discover.

From Country Estate to Country Park
Vogrie (boggy place) lands were purchased by James Dewar in 1719. His descendant Lt Colonel Alexander Cumming Dewar built Vogrie House in 1876. The Royal Hospital for Nervous Disorders owned the Estate from 1923-1963. Vogrie House was then used as the base of the Civil Defence Force until 1972. Vogrie was designated Scotland’s second country park in 1982.

Exploring the Park
There are 11.5 miles of signed paths passing through sweeping parkland, woodlands and the River Tyne valley. With a choice of routes available there is something to suit all needs. Short and level trails lead to and from the car park to Vogrie House, avoiding the main entrance road. North Walk routes are leisurely and also form part of the Tyne Esk horse trail which takes in a 13 mile loop of Midlothian Countryside.

For a walk on the wild side take one of the steeper paths to the River Tyne Valley and grasslands. Here you will find quieter places, with sweeping views of the woodlands and surrounding countryside.

Woodlands, Water and Wildlife
Habitats found at Vogrie include a mixture of woodlands, ponds & streams, grassland and parkland. Midlothian Ranger Service wildlife records show that this variety of habitats supports a diverse range of species.