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THREAVE

Off A75, 1m west of Castle Douglas. DG7 1RX

Threave Garden might be best known for its magnificent display of nearly 200 different varieties of springtime daffodils, but this is very much a garden for all seasons. Highlights of the 64-acre garden are the rose garden, the impressive walled garden, stunning herbaceous borders and water features. The principal rooms of the Scottish Baronial-style Threave House are now open to visitors.

The Countryside Centre features interactive displays and a live video link to one of the many nesting boxes on the wider estate, with its waymarked trails, bird hides and wildfowl sanctuary.

- Licensed restaurant • Shop • Plant sales centre with plants grown at Threave on sale • Picnic area

Estate: all year, daily.

Garden, Visitor & Countryside Centres, Restaurant, Gift Shop, Plant Centre and Glasshouses: 1 Feb to 23 Dec, daily 10–5.

House: 1 Apr to 31 Oct Wed–Fri and Sun 11–3.30. Visit by guided tour only and visitors are advised to book in advance.

BROUGHTON HOUSE & GARDEN

12 High Street, in Kirkcudbright town centre. DG6 4JX

Broughton House was the home of Scottish artist E A Hornel, best known as one of the 'Glasgow Boys'. This fine 18th-century town house was bought by Hornel in 1901 and became his home and studio. Today, visitors can admire many of his paintings, and those of his fellow artists, throughout the house and gallery. From the studio, gaze out to the enchanting garden.

- Shop • Picnic area

Garden only: 1 Feb to 31 Mar, Mon–Fri 11–4.

House and Garden: 1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 12–5.



THOMAS CARLYLE'S BIRTHPLACE

The Arched House, in the village of Ecclefechan.

Off M74, 5½m south-east of Lockerbie. DG11 3DG



Thomas Carlyle, the influential writer and historian, was born here in 1795. It is furnished in contemporary style and contains a fascinating collection of portraits and Carlyle's belongings.

1 Jun to 30 Sep, Fri–Mon 1–5.

GREY MARE'S TAIL NATURE RESERVE

On A708, 10m north-east of Moffat

The centrepiece of this site is the dramatic waterfall cascading into the Moffat Water Valley. The area is a paradise for walkers, botanists and wildlife enthusiasts who come to admire the rare upland plants and spot peregrines and ring ouzels, feral goats and, occasionally, mountain hares.

All year, daily.



ROCKCLIFFE

One of Scotland's prettiest stretches of coastline, with a network of paths giving access to most of the area. Enjoy the variety of birds, flowers and butterflies throughout the year but, to avoid disturbance, please avoid the bird sanctuary, Rough Island, during May and June.

All year, daily.





PRIORWOOD GARDEN & DRIED FLOWER SHOP

In Melrose town centre, beside the Abbey. TD6 9PX

Priorwood Garden flourishes with herbaceous borders, an orchard and the famous dried flower garden. Visitors can watch the experts as they prepare the flowers for drying and can learn more about the craft here themselves. A unique range of dried flowers is available for purchase.

• Shop • Picnic area • Plant sales

Gift Shop: 5 Jan to 31 Mar, Mon–Sat 12–4; 1 Apr to 24 Dec, Mon–Sat 10–5, Sun 1–5.

Garden: 1 Apr to 24 Dec, same opening times as shop.

HARMONY GARDEN

In Melrose town centre, opposite the Abbey. TD6 9LJ

Harmony, in keeping with its beautiful name, has an atmosphere of peace and serenity. Surrounded by high walls and screened by trees, Harmony is a perfect spot to wander in, perhaps stopping to enjoy the colourful borders, the fruit and vegetable areas or the stunning springtime blooms.

1 Apr to 31 Oct, Mon–Sat 10–5, Sun 1–5.



ROBERT SMAIL'S PRINTING WORKS



High Street, Innerleithen, 6m east of Peebles. EH44 6HA

Discover at this fascinating restored printing works how the industry worked at the beginning of the 20th century. See the printing presses in action and try your own hand at old-fashioned typesetting! Shop with authentic replicas of Victorian printed goods.
2 Apr to 31 Oct, Thur–Mon 12–5; Sun 1–5.

ST ABB'S HEAD

Off A1107, 2m north of Coldingham. TD14 5QF

A National Nature Reserve, and important site for cliff-nesting sea-birds, which can be seen in countless numbers wheeling and diving below the high cliffs here on the edge of the North Sea. Car park, exhibition and ranger guided walks.

• Tearoom (not run by the Trust)

Nature Reserve: daily, all year.

Visitor Centre: 1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 10–5. The lighthouse car park is reserved for people with walking difficulties.





BRODICK CASTLE, GARDEN & COUNTRY PARK

Isle of Arran. Ferry from Ardrrossan to Brodick (connecting bus to castle) and Claonaig, Kintyre to Lochranza (ferry enquiries: 01475 650100)

Situated on the beautiful island of Arran, Brodick Castle's history can be traced back as far as the Vikings. Today, the Castle and Country Park offer a wonderful combination of heritage, nature and relaxation. In the Castle, enjoy the impressive collection of sporting pictures and trophies and some fine 17th-century furniture.

The surrounding gardens and Country Park contain a stunning diversity of plants, shrubs, woodlands and wildlife, a scene completed by the rugged, dramatic slopes of Goatfell. The woodland garden, with its internationally acclaimed rhododendron collection, has a fascinating history. The Country Park features delightful waymarked trails, waterfalls, wildlife ponds, a nature room and a wildlife garden.

- Tearoom • Shop • Plant sales centre • Picnic area



Country Park: all year, daily 9.30–sunset.

Castle: 1 Apr to 31 Oct, Sun–Thurs 11–4 (3pm in Oct).

Reception Centre, Shop and Walled Garden: 1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 10–4.30, 1 Nov to 21 Dec, Fri–Sun 10–3.30.

Tearoom: 1 Apr to 31 Oct, Sun–Thurs 11–5 (4pm in Oct).

Castle and Tearoom available on Fri and Sat for pre-booked groups and special functions only.

Goatfell: All year, daily.

BACHELORS' CLUB

Sandgate Street, Tarbolton, off A77 south of Kilmarnock and off A76 at Mauchline. KA5 5RB



Find out more about Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns, in this 17th-century thatched house where he and his friends hotly debated topics of the day – then drank their fill at the inn next door.

1 Apr to 30 Sep, Fri–Tue 1–5.



BURNS NATIONAL HERITAGE PARK

In Alloway, 2½m south of Ayr. KA7 4PQ



Humanitarian, national hero, poet and musician, lover and international icon, Robert Burns is Scotland's most remarkable and best-loved son. His legendary artistic legacy contains more than 600 poems and songs gathered over a short lifetime.

His song, *Auld Lang Syne*, is sung by people around the world, and he has been translated into almost every written language. Yet, for all his international

appeal, Burns's work was firmly rooted in the language, people and traditions of the Scottish countryside. The folklore and landscape of Alloway, in particular, inspired some of Burns's best-loved works, such as the comic ghost story *Tam o' Shanter* and the romantic *Ye Banks and Braes o' Bonnie Doon*.

Burns National Heritage Park connects Burns Cottage and Museum, Burns Monument and Gardens, Alloway Auld Kirk, Brig o' Doon and the Tam O'Shanter Experience, all within easy walking distance of each other. Here, visitors can experience the rich heritage of Burns in the very place that inspired his imagination.

Travel back in time in the atmospheric cottage where Burns was born, walk in the footsteps of Tam o' Shanter to the Auld Kirk and Brig o' Doon – immortalised in Burns's much-loved tale and brought to life in the audio-visual presentation at the Tam O'Shanter Experience.

A major redevelopment of Burns National Heritage Park is due to start in 2009, which will include the creation of a new museum – Robert Burns Birthplace Museum – to house the most important Burns collection in the world.

- Shop • Visitor centre
- Restaurant
- Indoor/outdoor play areas

3 Jan to 31 Mar, daily 10–5;
1 Apr to 30 Sep, daily 10–5.30;
1 Oct to 31 Dec, daily 10–5
(closed 25/26 Dec).





CULZEAN CASTLE & COUNTRY PARK

On A719, 4m west of Maybole, 12m south of Ayr. KA19 8LE

A remarkable vision of turrets and battlements, Culzean is surrounded by surging seas, lush forests and secret gardens just waiting to be discovered. The final masterpiece of the most famous architect of his day, Robert Adam, Culzean Castle is set in nearly 600 acres of stunning countryside, peppered with manicured and wild gardens, charming follies and miles of woodland trails. The Castle itself boasts a spectacular Oval Staircase, the impressive Armoury and the Circular Saloon, with its panoramic views over the Firth of Clyde.

- Licensed restaurant • Shops • Plant sales centre • Picnic area



Country Park: all year, daily 9.30–sunset.

Walled Garden: all year, daily 9.30–5 or sunset, if earlier.

Castle: 1 Apr to 1 Nov, daily 10.30–5. Last entry 4pm.

Visitor Centre and Other Facilities: 1 Apr to 1 Nov, daily 10–5; 2 Nov to 29 Mar, Sat/Sun 11–4.

SOUTER JOHNNIE'S COTTAGE

Main Road, Kirkoswald, on A77, 4m south-west of Maybole. KA19 8HY

The souter (shoemaker) who inspired the character Souter Johnnie in Robert Burns's famous poem *Tam o' Shanter*, lived and worked in this thatched cottage. The much-loved poem comes to life in the garden, where life-sized stone figures of the characters sit in the restored ale-house.

- Picnic area

1 Apr to 30 Sep, Fri–Tue 11.30–5.



POLLOK HOUSE

In Pollok Country Park, 2060 Pollokshaws Road (follow signs for Burrell Collection). 3m south of Glasgow city centre. Off M77 junction 1. G43 1AT



Pollok House is one of Glasgow's most elegant family homes. Built by successive generations of the Maxwell family, known to have been established at Pollok since 1269, the house really came into its own at the end of the 19th century. Today, visitors can enjoy Pollok's most beautiful rooms – from the sumptuous mahogany and marble entrance hall to the striking Library – with their stunning collections of paintings, silver and ceramics.

Afterwards, don't miss a wonderful lunch or afternoon tea in the Edwardian Kitchen Restaurant.

- Licensed restaurant • Shop • Picnic area

Country Park: all year, daily.

House, Shop, Restaurant and Garden: all year, daily 10–5 (closed 25/26 Dec and 1/2 Jan).

Entry to the Servants' Corridor, all shops and the Edwardian Kitchen Restaurant is free throughout the year.

GREENBANK GARDEN

Flenders Road, off Mearns Road, Clarkston. Off M77, A726 and A727, 6m south of Glasgow city centre. G76 8RB



A unique walled garden with plants and designs of special interest to suburban gardeners. Fountains, woodland walk and special area for disabled visitors. Gardening demonstrations and social events throughout the year.

- Shop • Tearoom
- Plant sales • Picnic area

Garden: all year, daily 9.30–sunset.

Shop and Tearoom: 1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 11–5; 1 Nov to 29 Mar, Sat/Sun 2–4.

House: 1 Apr to 31 Oct, Sun 2–4.

HOLMWOOD

61-63 Netherlee Road, Cathcart, Glasgow; signposted from Clarkston Road, B767, 4m south of Glasgow city centre. G44 3YU

Possibly the finest domestic design by Alexander 'Greek'

Thomson, Glasgow's greatest Victorian architect, this villa was built in 1857-8 for a local mill owner. Inside, visitors can see restoration work on Thomson's rich neo-classical ornamentation and decoration. Attractive riverside grounds, audio tour, exhibition and study rooms.



- Shop • Tearoom • Picnic area
- Plant sales (herbs)

1 Apr to 31 Oct, Thur–Mon 12–5. Morning visits available for pre-booked groups.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF RURAL LIFE (NMS)

Wester Kattochside, Stewartfield Way, East Kilbride, Glasgow. Between A726 and A749: from M74, turn off at junction 5; from M77, turn off at junction 3. G76 9HR

This living museum illustrates changes in Scottish farming over the last 300 years. The farm is worked using techniques and equipment of the 1950s, and special events illustrate life in the countryside.

- Café • Shop • Picnic area

All year, daily 10–5 (closed 25/26 Dec and 1/2 Jan).

Managed by NMS. Please note there may be a charge to Trust members for some events. Please telephone for details.



DAVID LIVINGSTONE CENTRE

165 Station Road, Blantyre, just off M74, junction 5. G72 9BY

Scotland's most famous explorer and missionary was born in this one-room tenement home in 1813. Today his birthplace commemorates his life with exhibits including fascinating personal belongings. Outside is a breathtaking sculpture of Livingstone and the Lion.

- Shop • Tearoom • Adventure playground • Picnic area

1 Apr to 24 Dec, Mon–Sat 10–5, Sun 12.30–5.

Managed on behalf of the Governors of the Scottish National Memorial to David Livingstone Trust in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council and Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire.



THE TENEMENT HOUSE

145 Buccleuch Street, Garnethill (third left off Rose St or Cambridge St. NW of Sauchiehall Street pedestrian shopping area), Glasgow city centre. G3 6QN

A typical Victorian tenement flat of 1892, this was the home of a shorthand typist for over 50 years, and little has changed since the early 20th century. It retains many original fittings, including the splendid kitchen range, and fascinating family items. Exhibition on tenement life.

- Shop

1 Mar to 31 Oct, daily 1–5.

WEAVER'S COTTAGE

Shuttle Street at The Cross, Kilbarchan. Off M8 junction 28a, A737, follow signs for Kilbarchan. 12m south-west of Glasgow. PA10 2JG

This typical handloom weaver's cottage, built in 1723, houses the last of the 800 looms that once worked in this village. The clack, clack of a weaver at work now brings the cottage to life again, and visitors can try weaving, pirn winding and spinning. Plants and herbs used to make natural dyes are a feature of the attractive cottage garden.

- Shop • Picnic area

1 Apr to 30 Sep, Fri–Tue 1–5. Morning visits available for pre-booked groups.



N^o 28 CHARLOTTE SQUARE

In Charlotte Square, Edinburgh city centre, just off the west end of Princes Street. EH2 4ET

Often described as the finest Georgian square in Europe, Charlotte Square was designed by master architect Robert Adam, and is the crowning glory of Edinburgh's New Town.

Now, N^o 28 houses an elegant drawing room gallery with a fine collection of work by 20th-century Scottish artists, and visitors can relax in the Coffee House in a truly Georgian atmosphere.

Coffee House, Restaurant and

Bookshop: 3 Jan to 24 Dec, Mon–Sat 9.30–5.

Drawing Room Gallery: 3 Jan to 24 Dec, Mon–Fri 11–3.



THE GEORGIAN HOUSE

No 7 Charlotte Square, Edinburgh city centre, just off the west end of Princes Street. EH2 4ET

The Georgian House is a vivid re-creation of life in late 18th-century Edinburgh. Experience a real taste of high society – and the fascinating 'below stairs' life of the servants who made this elegant lifestyle possible.

2 to 29 Mar, daily 11–4; 30 Mar to 30 Jun, daily 10–5; 1 Jul to 30 Aug, daily 10–6; 31 Aug to 31 Oct, daily 10–5; 1 to 29 Nov, daily 11–3.

Last admission 30 mins before closing.



GLADSTONE'S LAND

At 477B Lawnmarket, on Edinburgh's Royal Mile, near the castle. EH1 2NT

Gladstone's Land was the home of a prosperous merchant in the 17th century. It is authentically decorated and furnished to evoke Edinburgh's Old Town some 300 years ago. Remarkable painted ceilings, reconstructed shop booth and bar parlour.

• Shop

1 Apr to 30 Jun, daily 10–5; 1 Jul to 30 Aug, daily 10–7; 31 Aug to 31 Oct, daily 10–5. *Last admission 30 mins before closing.*

HOUSE OF THE BINNS

Off A904, 4m east of Linlithgow, 15m west of Edinburgh. EH49 7NA

Home of the Dalryell family since 1612, the house contains a fascinating collection of portraits, furniture and porcelain revealing their lives and interests through the centuries. In the grounds, enjoy panoramic views over the River Forth.

• Picnic area

Estate: all year, daily.
House: 1 Jun to 30 Sep, Sat–Wed 2–5.





INVERESK LODGE GARDEN

In Inveresk Village, near Musselburgh, 6m east of Edinburgh. EH21 7TE

This sunny hillside garden in the historic village of Inveresk entices visitors with its colourful herbaceous beds, attractive shrubs and old roses selected by Graham Stuart Thomas. Restored Edwardian conservatory with aviary.

- Picnic area

All year, daily 10–6 or dusk, if earlier.

MALLENY GARDEN

In Balerno, 6m west of Edinburgh city centre. EH14 7AF

A peaceful walled garden with a collection of old-fashioned roses and fine herbaceous borders. Special features are the 400-year-old clipped yew trees.

All year, daily 10–6 or dusk, if earlier.



NEUHAILES

In Musselburgh, off Newhailes Road (A6095). EH21 6RY

This fine house, set in a fascinating 18th-century designed landscape, is something of a time capsule. Newhailes contains a fine collection of paintings, including portraits by Medina and Ramsay and its library played host to many famous figures of the Scottish Enlightenment. Much original decoration and furnishing has survived intact, though worn, and visitors will see a mellow rather than immaculately restored house.

- Coffee House • Shop • Picnic area • Plant sales (not run by the Trust)

Estate: all year, daily.

House and Visitor Centre: 10 to 13 April and 1 May to 28 Sep, Thur–Mon 12–5.

Tours last approx 1¼ hours, starting every 30 mins from Visitor Centre. First tour departs 12.30; last tour departs 4pm. Please allow 15 minutes prior to tour departure to collect tickets and view introductory film.

Reservation line: 0844 493 2125.

Reservations are not always necessary, though advised for holiday weekends and in order to avoid disappointment.



PRESTON MILL & PHANTASSIE DOOCOT

In East Linton, 23m east of Edinburgh off A1, 7m south of North Berwick, EH40 3DS

A water-driven meal mill has existed here for four centuries, and these attractive stone buildings date from the 18th century. Watch the still-intact mechanism at work, and learn about milling in the exhibition. Picturesque millpond and doocot.

- Shop • Picnic area

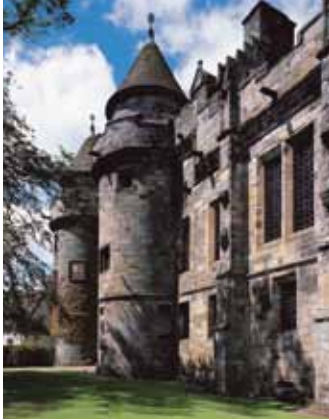
1 Jun to 30 Sep, Thur–Mon 1–5.



FALKLAND PALACE & GARDEN

In the village of Falkland, on A912, 11m north of Kirkcaldy. 10m from M90, junction 8. KY15 7BU

The favourite country retreat of the Stuart dynasty, Falkland Palace was the scene of Mary, Queen of Scots' happy childhood years. Set in a charming village amid the gentle scenery of the Royal Kingdom of Fife, the palace is the country's most stunning example of Renaissance architecture. Parts date from the reigns of James IV and V between 1501 and 1541 and contain some of the most sumptuous rooms of their day.



The Palace is famous for its beautiful gardens, and for the Real Tennis court, built in 1539 and still hosting international championships.

• Shop • Plant sales centre • Picnic area

Palace and Garden: 2 Mar to 31 Oct, Mon–Sat 10–5, Sun 1–5.
Shop: same dates as Palace, plus 1 Nov to 24 Dec and 5 Jan to 28 Feb, Mon–Sat 11–4, Sun 1–4.

ROYAL BURGH OF CULROSS

Off A985 6m west of Dunfermline, 12m west of Forth Road Bridge and 4m east of Kincardine Bridge. KY12 8JH



Relive the domestic life of the 16th and 17th centuries amid the old buildings and cobbled streets of this Royal Burgh on the River Forth. Explore the beautiful refurbished palace and garden, dating from 1597.

• Shop • Tearoom • Picnic area
• Plant sales

Garden: all year, daily 10–6 or sunset, if earlier.

Palace, Study and Town House: 2 Apr to 31 May, Thur–Mon 12–5; 1 Jun to 31 Aug, daily 12–5; 3 to 29 Sep, Thur–Mon 12–5; 1 to 31 Oct, Thur–Mon 12–4.

Access to The Study and Town House is by guided tour only. Tours depart from palace reception every hour. First tour departs 1pm, last tour departs 4pm (3pm in October). Tours last approx. 1 hour.

Bessie Bar Tearoom: same dates as Palace, but open until 5.30 (4.30 in October).



HILL OF TARVIT MANSIONHOUSE & GARDEN

Off A916, 2m south of Cupar. KY15 5PB

This fine house was rebuilt in 1906 by the renowned Scottish architect Sir Robert Lorimer, for a Dundee industrialist, whose superb collection of furniture is on view, along with paintings by Raeburn and Ramsay and eminent Dutch artists.

• Shop • Tearoom • Plant sales • Picnic area

Garden and Grounds: all year, daily, closing at dusk.

House: 2 Apr to 31 May, Thur–Mon 1–5; 1 June to 31 Aug, daily 1–5; 3 Sep to 31 Oct, Thur–Mon 1–5.

Tearoom and Shop: same dates as house, but open 12–5.

KELLIE CASTLE & GARDEN

On B9171, 3m north of Pittenweem. KY10 2RF

This superb 14th-century castle was sympathetically restored by the Lorimer family in the late 19th century. It contains magnificent plaster ceilings and painted panelling, fine furniture designed by Sir Robert Lorimer, and a long-concealed mural by Phoebe Anna Traquair. The late Victorian garden has a selection of old-fashioned roses and herbaceous plants, cultivated organically.

• Shop • Tearoom • Plant sales
• Picnic area

Estate: all year, daily.

Castle: 3 Apr to 31 May, Fri–Tue 1–5; 1 Jun to 31 Aug, daily 1–5; 1 Sep to 31 Oct, Fri–Tue 1–5.

Tearoom and Shop: same dates as castle, but open 12–5.

Garden: same dates as castle, but open 10–5.





BANNOCKBURN

Off M80/M9 at junction 9, 2m south of Stirling. FK7 0LJ

Here in 1314, in one of the defining moments in Scottish history, King Robert the Bruce routed the English forces of King Edward II to win a much longed-for freedom for the Scots.

Now, in the Heritage Centre close to the Borestone, Bruce's command post for the battle, you can experience the epic encounter in an exciting audio-visual show and exhibition. You can also get a glimpse of the world through Bruce's eyes when you try on a wonderful reproduction of his famous battle helmet.

• Shop • Refreshments • Picnic area • Exclusive gift shop

Site: all year, daily until dusk.

Heritage Centre: 2 Mar to 31 Oct, daily 10–5.30.



ALLOA TOWER

In Alloa, Off A907, 6m east of Stirling. FK10 1PP

Fully restored and furnished, and containing a superb collection of family portraits, this ancestral home of the Earls of Mar is one of Scotland's largest surviving medieval towers. Original dungeon and roof-beams contrast with the elegant Italianate staircase, added in the 18th century.

• Refreshments

1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 1–5. Last admission 4.15. Morning visits available for pre-booked groups.

Managed in partnership with Clackmannanshire Heritage Trust.



BEN LAWERS NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Off A827, 6m north-east of Killin



The views from the summit of Ben Lawers, the central Highlands' highest mountain, are fantastic at 1,214m (3,984ft). The area offers a variety of walking routes for experienced walkers and families, and is renowned for its wildlife.

All year, daily.

Please note: The mountain visitor centre and shop have been closed. No toilets are available at the car park.

MOIRLANICH LONGHOUSE

Off A827, on Glen Lochay Road, 1m north-west of Killin

Get a glimpse of 19th-century Scottish village life in this cottage, which retains many of its original features.

Easter Sunday and 1 May to 30 Sep, Wed and Sun 2–5.



KILLIECRANKIE

On B8079, 3m north of Pitlochry. PH16 5LG

Here, where the Highlands and Lowlands meet, you can enjoy one of Scotland's finest oak and mixed deciduous woodlands, and discover the amazing story of a significant Jacobite victory at the Battle of Killiecrankie. See for yourself the spot where a government soldier, fleeing for his life, made a spectacular 18-ft leap over the River Garry.



The Visitor Centre features exhibitions on the battle and the outstanding natural beauty of this famous Perthshire gorge. See, also, nesting birds at close range, via a remote camera link from the Centre to the treetops.

• Shop • Open-air snack bar • Picnic area

Site: all year, daily. **Visitor Centre:** 1 Apr to 1 Nov, daily 10–5.30.

BRANKLYN GARDEN

116 Dundee Road, near the centre of Perth. PH2 7BB

This enchanting little garden was first established in 1922. It contains outstanding collections of rhododendrons, alpines, herbaceous and peat-garden plants, which attract gardeners and botanists from all over the world.

• Shop • Plant sales

Garden and Shop: 1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 10–5. *Shop opening times may vary.*



DUNKELD & THE HERMITAGE

On A9, 12m north of Perth. PH8 0AN

The Trust owns 20 restored houses here, most dating from the rebuilding after the Battle of Dunkeld in 1689. Visitors can enjoy the Ell Shop, which takes its name from the weaver's measure fixed to the wall.

At The Hermitage, half a mile north, a woodland walk leads to Ossian's Hall, an 18th-century folly overlooking the dramatic Black Linn Falls. Don't miss the exciting installation of contemporary art re-interpreting Ossian's Hall.

Dunkeld (The Ell Shop): 1 Apr to 31 Oct, Mon–Sat 10–5.30, Sun 12.30–5.30; 1 Nov to 23 Dec, Mon–Sat 10–4.30, Sun 12.30–4.30. *Closed for 30 mins at lunchtime.* **The Hermitage:** all year, daily.



ARDUAINE GARDEN

On A816, 20m south of Oban and 19m north of Lochgilphead. PA34 4XQ

Arduaine boasts spectacular rhododendrons and azaleas in late spring and early summer, but its perennial borders are magnificent throughout the seasons. Stroll through the woodland to the coastal viewpoint, or relax by the water garden.

• Picnic area

Garden: all year, daily 9.30–sunset.

Reception Centre: 1 Apr to 30 Sep, daily 9.30–4.30.

GEILSTON GARDEN

At west end of Cardross, off A814, 18m north of Glasgow. G82 5HD

A delightful garden, typical of the small country estates on the banks of the Clyde purchased by merchants and industrialists in the 18th and 19th centuries. Enjoy the attractive walled garden and follow the burn as it winds through the wooded glen.

• Picnic area • Refreshments

1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 9.30–5.





CRARAE GARDEN

On A83, 10m south of Inveraray. PA32 8YA

Crarae, on the banks of Loch Fyne, is a beautiful woodland glen tumbling with waterfalls. Trees and shrubs from all over the temperate world thrive here including, in spring, an intoxicating array of rhododendrons. This entrancing garden was threatened with neglect and eventual extinction until the Trust stepped in to save it.

- Shop • Refreshments • Picnic area
- Plant sales

Garden: all year, daily 9.30–sunset.
Visitor Centre: 1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 10–5.

THE HILL HOUSE

Upper Colquhoun Street, in Helensburgh. Off B832, between A82 and A814, 23m north-west of Glasgow. G84 9AJ

The finest of Charles Rennie Mackintosh's domestic creations, this inspiring house was commissioned in 1902 by publisher Walter Blackie, and still looks startlingly modern. Mackintosh and his wife Margaret also designed the interior fittings and decorative schemes.



- Shops with exclusive craft products • Tearoom • Picnic area
- 1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 1.30–5.30. Morning visits available for pre-booked groups.

BEN LOMOND

B837 at Rowardennan, 11m beyond Drymen

Rising from the east shore of Loch Lomond to a height of 974m (3,193ft), Ben Lomond offers exhilarating walking for all levels of experience and ability, combined with spectacular views across Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park.

All year, daily.



HOUSE OF DUN, GARDEN & ESTATE

On the A935, 3m west of Montrose. DD10 9LQ

Built by William Adam in 1730, this handsome house contains glorious and historically important plasterwork by Joseph Enzer, a particular feature of the Saloon. The interiors were modernised in the early 19th century.

Visitors can enjoy wonderful views over the Montrose Basin Nature Reserve, which is accessible from the house. Extending to some 800 acres, the estate contains delightful restored courtyard buildings, a beautiful meandering woodland walk and a re-created Victorian walled garden.

- Tearoom • Shops • Picnic area

Garden and Estate: all year, daily 9–sunset.

House: 1 Apr to 28 Jun, Wed–Sun 12–5; 29 Jun to 30 Aug, daily 11–5; 2 Sep to 31 Oct, Wed–Sun 12–5. Last admission 45 mins before closing. House also open on Bank Holiday weekends from Friday to Monday inclusive.

ANGUS FOLK MUSEUM

In Kirkwynd, Glamis. Off A94, 5m south-west of Forfar. DD8 1RT

A group of 18th-century buildings containing one of Scotland's finest folk collections. The restored 19th-century 'Glenisla' hearse is one of the fascinating exhibits providing a vivid insight into how the local rural workforce used to live.



4 Apr to 28 Jun, weekends only 12–5; 29 Jun to 30 Aug, daily 12–5; 5 Sep to 1 Nov, weekends only 12–5. Also open Bank Holiday Mondays.

J M BARRIE'S BIRTHPLACE

9 Brechin Road, Kirriemuir. A90/A926, 6m north-west of Forfar. DD8 4BX

The creator of Peter Pan – novelist and dramatist J M Barrie – was born here in 1860, one of a handloom weaver's ten children. The outside wash-house was his first theatre. Imaginative exhibition, garden with living-willow crocodile and 'Pirates' Workshop' for children.

- Picnic area

4 Apr to 28 Jun, Sat–Wed 12–5; 29 Jun to 30 Aug, daily 11–5; 31 Aug to 1 Nov, Sat–Wed 12–5.



KIRRIEMUIR CAMERA OBSCURA



Signposted from Kirriemuir town centre, A90/A926

This fascinating camera obscura, one of only three in the country, was gifted to the town by J M Barrie. Sited in the cricket pavilion on Kirriemuir Hill, it commands superb views.

- Picnic area

Good Friday to 30 Sep, Mon–Sat 12–5, Sun 1–5. Last viewing 4.40.

BARRY MILL

North of Barry village, between A92 and A930, 2m west of Carnoustie. DD7 7RJ

Enjoy the splash of the waterwheel, and the sound and smell of grinding corn in this early 19th-century working mill. Exhibition on the historical role of the mill, and delightful walkway along the mill lade.

- Picnic area

2 Apr to 31 Oct, Thur–Mon, 12–5, Sun 1–5.



CRATHES CASTLE, GARDEN & ESTATE

On A93, 3m east of Banchory and 15m west of Aberdeen. AB31 5QJ



This late 16th-century castle is sure to provide a memorable experience with its intriguing round towers and overhanging turrets. The land was gifted to the Burnett family by Robert the Bruce and you can still see their badge of office, the ivory Horn of Leys, hanging in the High Hall. Some rooms retain the magnificent original painted ceilings.

Situated at the heart of Royal Deeside, Crathes is ideal for a family day out. The famous gardens feature great yew hedges and a colourful double herbaceous border. Further afield, the 595-acre estate offers six separate trails to enjoy.

- Tearoom and courtyard restaurant • Shop • Plant sales • Picnic area
- Adventure play area

Garden and Estate: *all year, daily 9–sunset.*

Castle: *1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 10.30–5.30 (4.30 in October); 1 Nov to 20 Dec, Sat/Sun 10.30–3.30. Last admission 45 mins before closing.*

Courtyard Catering and Shop: *5 Jan to 9 Apr, daily 10.30–4.30; 10 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 10–5.30; 1 Nov to 24 Dec, daily 10.30–4.30.*

Plant Sales: *10 Apr to 30 Sep, daily 12–5.30; 1 to 31 October, Sat/Sun 12–5.30.*

To help you enjoy your visit, and for safety reasons, admission to the castle is by timed ticket (limited numbers: entry may be delayed).





CRAIGIEVAR CASTLE

On A980, 6m south of Alford and 15m north of Banchory. AB33 8JF

This fairytale castle, a fine example of Scottish Baronial architecture, seems to have grown naturally out of the rolling hills. The great tower stands just as it did when completed in 1626. Enjoy the grounds and waymarked trails while the castle is closed.

- Picnic area

Grounds: all year, daily

Castle closed during 2009 for conservation work.

DRUM CASTLE, GARDEN & ESTATE

Off A93, 3m west of Peterculter, 8m east of Banchory and 10m west of Aberdeen. AB31 5EY

The late 13th-century tower, fine adjoining Jacobean mansion house and the additions of Victorian lairds make Drum unique. Superb furniture and paintings, Garden of Historic Roses and woodland trails.

- Shop • Tearoom • Plant sales • Picnic area • Adventure play area

Grounds: all year, daily.

Castle: 10 Apr to 30 Jun, daily (but closed Tue and Fri) 11.30–5; 1 Jul to 31 Aug, daily 11.30–5; 1 to 30 Sep, daily (but closed Tue and Fri) 11.30–5; 1 to 31 Oct, weekends only 11.30–4.30.

Last admission 45 mins before closing.

Garden of Historic Roses: 1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 10–6.



FYVIE CASTLE

Off A947, 8m south-east of Turrieff and 25m north-west of Aberdeen. AB53 8JS

The charm of Fyvie ranges from its 13th-century origins to its opulent Edwardian interiors. Superb collection of arms and armour and paintings, including works by Raeburn and Gainsborough. Stroll around the picturesque loch, or visit the restored 1903 racquets court and bowling alley.

- Shop • Tearoom • Picnic area

Garden: all year, daily 9–sunset. **Grounds:** all year, daily.

Castle: 1 Apr to 30 Jun, Sat–Wed 12–5; 1 Jul to 31 Aug, daily 11–5; 1 Sep to 31 Oct, Sat–Wed 12–5. Last admission 4.15.

Property open on Bank Holiday weekends from Friday to Monday inclusive.



HADDO HOUSE

Off B999, near Tarves, 10m north-west of Ellon and 19m north of Aberdeen. AB41 7EQ

This elegant mansion house boasts sumptuous Victorian interiors beneath a crisp Georgian exterior. Noted for fine furniture and paintings, Haddo also has a delightful terrace garden, leading to a country park with lakes, walks and monuments.

- Shop • Tearoom • Picnic area

Garden and Grounds: all year, daily 9–sunset.

House and Shop: 10 Apr to 30 Jun, Fri–Mon 12–5; 1 Jul to 31 Aug, daily 11–5; 1 Sep to 8 Nov, Fri–Mon 12–5. Last admission to house 4.15.

Tearoom: Same dates as house but opens at 11. Also open 9 Nov to Easter 2010, weekends 11–4.



LEITH HALL, GARDEN & ESTATE

On B9002, 1m west of Kennethmont, 7m from Huntly and 34m north-west of Aberdeen. AB54 4NQ

This mansion house was the home of the Leith family for almost 300 years, and the elegantly furnished rooms reflect their lifestyle. Outside, wander among the glorious herbaceous borders or explore the estate trails.

- Picnic area • Tearoom

Garden: all year, daily 9–sunset. **Grounds:** all year, daily.

House and Tearoom: 10 Apr to 30 May, weekends only 12–5; 1 to 30 Jun, Thur–Mon 12–5; 1 Jul to 31 Aug, daily 12–5; 1 to 30 Sep, Thur–Mon 12–5. Last admission 4.15.



PITMEDDEN GARDEN

On A920, 1m west of Pitmedden village and 14m north of Aberdeen. AB41 7PD

In the stunning Great Garden, thousands of colourful annual bedding plants make up the elaborate re-creations of the original parterre designs of the 17th century. The adjoining Museum of Farming Life brings the agricultural past to life. Woodland walks, herb and wildlife gardens.

- Picnic area • Shop • Tearoom • Plant sales

Grounds: all year, daily. **Garden, Museum of Farming Life, Shop and Tearoom:** 1 May to 31 Oct, daily 1–5.30. Last admission 5pm.



MAR LODGE ESTATE

3m west of Braemar. Access from A93, via unclassified road to Linn Of Dee

Located in the heart of the Cairngorms National Park, the 29,380ha estate (72,598a) is recognised as one of the most important nature conservation landscapes in the British Isles and is home to a vast array of wildlife including red deer, red squirrels and pine martens. Exceptional walking opportunities.



Estate: all year, daily. **Open Days at Lodge on Easter Sunday and first Sunday of July and September, 10–4.**

CASTLE FRASER, GARDEN & ESTATE

Off A944, 4m north of Dunecht and 16m west of Aberdeen. AB51 7LD

One of the grandest Castles of Mar, this magnificent building was completed in 1636 by two master mason families. It contains an evocative Great Hall, fine furniture and paintings. In the grounds, enjoy the beautiful secluded walled garden, extensive woodland walks with fine views of the castle, and children's adventure playground.

- Courtyard tearoom • Shop • Plant sales • Picnic area
- Adventure playground



Garden and Grounds: all year, daily.

Castle: 1 Apr to 30 Jun, Wed–Sun 11–5; 1 Jul to 31 Aug, daily 11–5; 1 Sep to 31 Oct, Wed–Sun 12–5. Last admission 45 mins before closing.

Shop: same times as castle and also open 1 Nov to 21 Dec, Sat/Sun 12–4.

Property also open on Bank Holiday weekends from Friday to Monday inclusive.



GLENCOE & DALNESS

Off A82, 17m south of Fort William. PH49 4LA

Glencoe is famed for its majestic mountains and stunning geological formations. But it is as the site of the most notorious massacre in British history that the glen has acquired its dramatic atmosphere.

Find out all about the glen's remarkable history, landscape and wildlife in an exciting exhibition, *Living on the Edge*, in the Trust's eco-friendly Visitor Centre.

Outside, the glen is a paradise for walkers, from gentle strolls amid breathtaking scenery to challenging climbs for experienced mountaineers. An easy walk is to Signal Rock, by tradition the spot where the signal was given for the massacre of 1692 to begin.

• Café • Shop • Picnic area • Plant sales

Site: all year, daily.

Visitor Centre, Shop, Café and Exhibition: 3 Jan to 28 Feb, Thur–Sun, 10–4; 1 Mar to 31 Oct, daily 9–6; 1 Nov to 13 Dec, Thur–Sun 10–4; 27 Dec to 31 Dec, 10–4. Last entry to exhibition 45 mins before centre closes.

GLENFINNAN MONUMENT

On A830, 18m west of Fort William. PH37 4LT

Set in superb scenery at the head of Loch Shiel, this monument in tribute to the Jacobite clansmen stands near the spot where Prince Charles Edward Stuart's Standard was raised in 1745. Exhibition and multi-lingual commentary on the Jacobite campaign.

• Shop • Refreshments

Site: all year, daily.

Visitor Centre, Shop and Snack-Bar: 1 Apr to 30 Jun, daily 10–5; 1 Jul to 31 Aug, daily 9.30–5.30; 1 Sep to 31 Oct, daily 10–5.



CULLODEN

On B9006, 5m east of Inverness. IV2 5EU

The battle lines have been redrawn at the new Culloden battlefield experience. The site has been restored as close as possible to that seen by the forces on that fateful day in April 1746, when the Jacobite army was crushed by Government forces.

With over 1,200 dead in just one hour Culloden was a short but bloody battle – the last to be fought on British soil. Now all the family can experience and understand so much more about the events leading up to, during and after the battle. Follow characters who were actually involved in the battle around the interactive exhibition, experience the true horror of the battle in the 360° immersive film, take a battlefield tour, and watch the daily Living History presentations which bring the battle to life.

Culloden has always been a memorable place – and is now even more so.

• Visitor centre • Licensed restaurant • Shop
• Dedicated education and group facilities

Site: all year, daily.

Visitor Centre, Restaurant and Shop: 3 Jan to 31 Mar, daily 10–4; 1 Apr to 31 Oct, daily 9–6; 1 Nov to 31 Dec, daily 10–4 (closed 24–26 Dec). Last entry to exhibition 30 mins before closing.





INVEREWE GARDEN

On A832, by Poolewe, 6m north-east of Gairloch. IV22 2LG

One of the most beautiful places in Scotland, this 50-acre garden was created by Osgood Mackenzie in 1862. It is an oasis of exotic plants, bursting with vibrant colour – thanks to the warm currents of the Gulf Stream that flow along the west Scottish coastline.



Rhododendrons from the Himalayas, eucalypts from Tasmania, Olearia from New Zealand, and other species from such far-flung places as Chile and South Africa all flourish here, in a display that changes with the seasons, so repeat visits are always rewarded.

- Licensed woodside restaurant •
- Extensive shop • Plant sales
- Picnic area

Garden: 1 Jan to 31 Mar, daily 10–3; 1 Apr to 3 May, daily 10–9 or sunset, if earlier; 4 May to 31 Aug, daily 9.30–9 or sunset, if earlier; 1 Sep to 31 Oct, daily 10–sunset; Nov and Dec daily 10–3.

Visitor Centre and Shop: 1 Apr to 3 May, daily 10–5; 4 to 31 May, daily 9.30–5.30; 1 Jun to 31 Aug, daily 9.30–6; 1 to 30 Sep, daily 10–5.30; 1 to 31 Oct, daily 10–4.

Restaurant: 1 Apr to 30 Sep, daily 10–5; 1 to 31 Oct, daily 10–4.



KINTAIL AND WEST AFFRIC

North of A87, 16m east of Kyle of Lochalsh

The Five Sisters of Kintail and the Falls of Glomach are part of this magnificent walking country, which contains ten Munros. Red deer, eagles and other wildlife can be seen in profusion.

Estate: all year, daily.

Countryside Centre at Morvich (unstaffed): 1 Apr to 30 Sep, daily 9am–10pm.

BALMACARA ESTATE & LOCHALSH WOODLAND GARDEN

On A87, adjoining Kyle of Lochalsh. IV40 8DN



A crofting estate of 6,795 acres with superb views of Skye and Applecross. The beautiful village of Plockton is an Outstanding Conservation Area, and the old steadings in Balmacara Square have been restored to provide workshops for local crafts and an interactive interpretation centre. Lochalsh Woodland Garden offers quiet sheltered walks by the lochside.

- Picnic area

Estate: all year, daily.

Woodland Garden: all year, daily 9–sunset.

Reception Kiosk: 1 Jul to 30 Sep, daily 9–5.

Balmacara Square Visitor Centre: 1 Apr to 30 Sep, daily 9–5 (Fri 9–4).



CORRIESHALLOCH GORGE

**Between A835 and A832,
12m south-east of Ullapool**

Enjoy one of the natural wonders of the Highlands from the suspension bridge and gaze down at the torrents of water plunging 46m (150ft) over the Falls of Measach.

All year, daily.

HUGH MILLER MUSEUM & BIRTHPLACE COTTAGE

Church Street, Cromarty, 22m north-east of Inverness. IV11 8XA



Hugh Miller rose to international acclaim as a geologist, church reformer, editor and writer. His story is told here in the cottage where he was born in 1802, and his love of nature is reflected in a 'wild garden' of native plants. Browse at leisure among Miller's works in a new reading room.

• Shop • Plant sales • Picnic area • Refreshments

*1 Apr to 30 Sep, daily 1-5;
1 to 31 Oct, Sun-Wed 1-5.*

BRODIE CASTLE

Off A96 4½m west of Forres and 24m east of Inverness. IV36 2TE

A 16th-century tower house with 17th- and 19th-century additions, Brodie has unusual plaster ceilings, a major art collection, porcelain and fine furniture. In springtime the grounds are carpeted with the daffodils for which the castle is rightly famous.

• Shop • Tearoom • Picnic area • Plant sales • Adventure playground



Grounds: *all year, daily.*

Castle, Tearoom and Shop: *1 to 30 Apr, daily 10.30-5; 1 May to 30 Jun, Sun-Thur 10.30-5; 1 Jul to 31 Aug, daily 10.30-5; 1 Sep to 31 Oct, Sun-Thur 10.30-5. Last tour starts 4.15.*



TORRIDON

A896, 10m south-west of Kinlochewe, Wester Ross

Some of Scotland's finest mountain scenery is found in this 16,000-acre estate, which attracts climbers, geologists and naturalists from all over the world. Countryside Centre with audio-visual presentation, Deer Museum and, nearby, herds of red deer and Highland cattle.

• Shop

Estate, Deer Enclosure and Deer Museum (unstaffed): *all year, daily.*
Countryside Centre: *1 Apr to 30 Sep, daily 10-5.*

FAIR ISLE

Regular summer sailings from Grutness, Shetland: tel (01595) 760222

One of the most isolated inhabited islands in Britain, home of the world-famous knitwear and many other traditional crafts. A superb site for the study of birds, flora and fauna, archaeology, traditional crofting methods and conservation of the environment.

All year, daily.

Bird Observatory: *1 May to 31 Oct.*



ST KILDA NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE

Western Isles

Located 41 miles west of North Uist, St Kilda is home to the largest colony of seabirds in northern Europe. The majestic scenery adds to the fascinating human and cultural history of the islands. Britain's first dual World Heritage Site.

All year, daily.

WEST COAST ISLANDS

The Trust owns a number of islands off the west coast including Canna, Staffa, Mingulay, Berneray and Pabbay, and much of Iona.

