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# MEMBERS' HANDBOOK 2019–20

Enjoy great days out, all year round



# WELCOME

...to your Historic Scotland Membership Handbook and welcome to a whole host of special historic places just waiting to be discovered. Why not make 2019 your year to visit somewhere new, or attend one of our exciting events across the country?

Your handbook can be used alongside the Historic Scotland app, which is continually updated with a wealth of seasonal and topical information on the people and stories of our nation. If you haven't already done so, download today!



## TRACK YOUR VISITS

We've added boxes to each site listing in the index pages at the back of the handbook, for you to **mark off** when you've visited one of our sites.

From walks with the Orkney Rangers in the north, to spectacular knights and their jousting tournament at Caerlaverock Castle in the south, there's plenty to keep your diary busy.

[historicismenvironment.scot/member](http://historicismenvironment.scot/member)

## KEY

	Car parking		Green Tourism award level
	Bus parking		Quality Assurance grade
	Toilets		
	Disabled toilets		
	Visitor Centre		
	Mobility scooter available		
	Accessible by public transport		
	Guided tours		
	Display on history		
	Picnic area		
	Restaurant/café		
	Self service tea/coffee		
	Shop		
	Strong footwear recommended		
	Bicycle rack		
	Children's quiz		
	Dogs not permitted		
	Site or parts of site may be closed at lunch time - please call in advance		
	Water refill scheme		

## OPENING TIMES

**Summer** (1 Apr 2019 to 30 Sept 2019)

Mon to Sun 9.30am to 5.30pm

**Winter** (1 Oct 2019 to 31 Mar 2020)

Mon to Sun 10am to 4pm

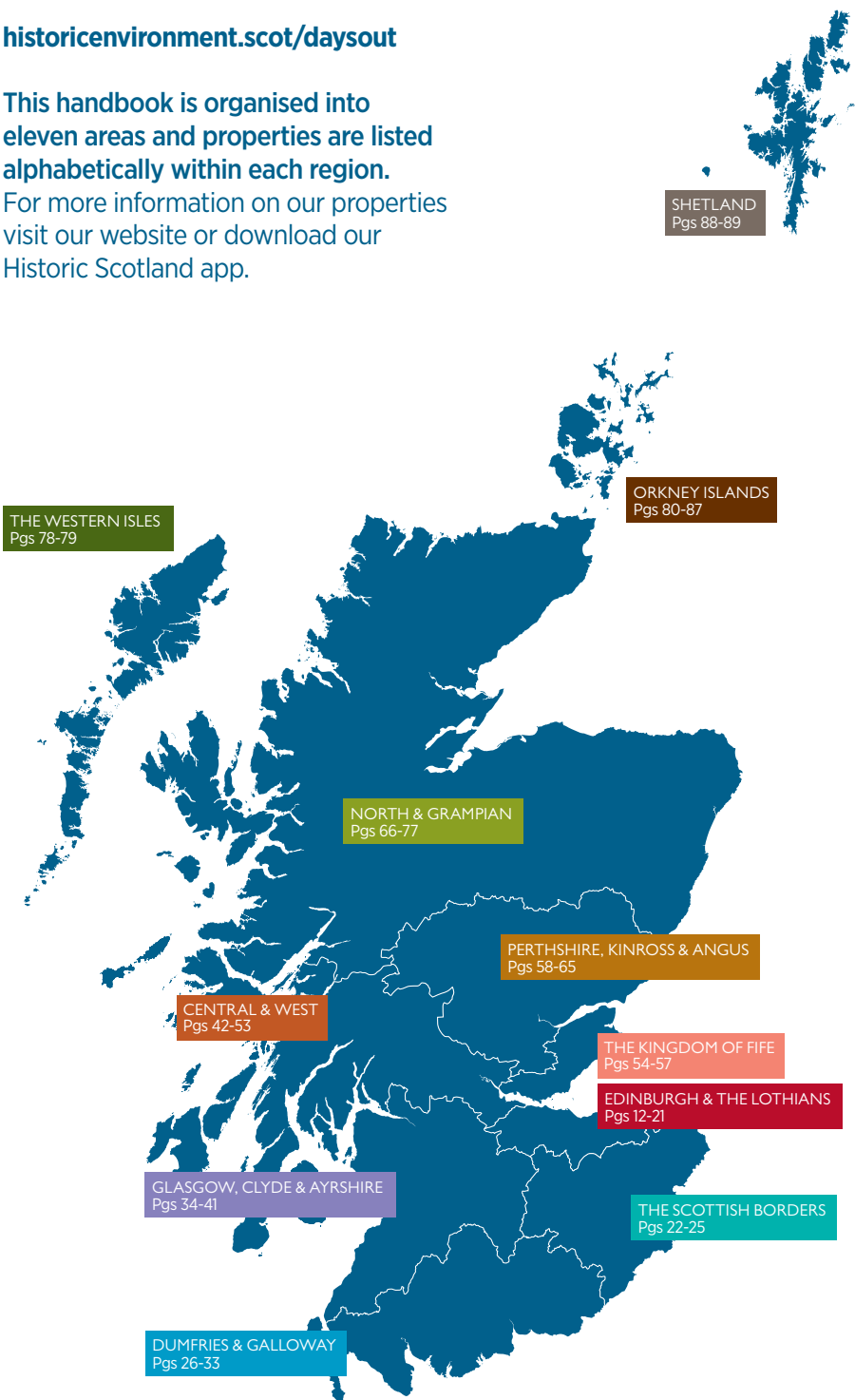
Last entry 30 mins before closing (5pm in summer and 3.30pm in winter), except at Dumbarton Castle, Fort George, Linlithgow Palace and Skara Brae where it is 45 mins before closing (4.45pm in summer and 3.15pm in winter). Last entry to Stirling Castle is 45 mins before closing (5.15pm in summer and 4.15pm in winter). Last entry to Urquhart Castle is 45 mins before closing (5.15pm, 1 Apr to 31 May; 7.15pm, 1 Jun to 31 Aug; 5.15pm in Sept; 4.15pm in Oct and 3.45pm 1 Nov to 31 Mar). Last entry to Stanley Mills is 4.30pm in Summer and 3pm in Oct and last entry to Edinburgh Castle is 1 hour before closing (5pm in Summer and 4pm in Winter).

Some of our sites may close for a short period over lunch. This will be marked next to their entry in the handbook.

Opening times and admission prices are correct at time of publishing, but may be liable to change. See page 10 for further information.

Very occasionally in the case of adverse weather conditions a property may need to close at short notice. In these instances please call the site before setting off to confirm that it is safe to visit or check [historicismenvironment.scot/closures](http://historicismenvironment.scot/closures) **#hsclosure**

This handbook is organised into eleven areas and properties are listed alphabetically within each region. For more information on our properties visit our website or download our Historic Scotland app.



# MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

## FREE ENTRY

Show your valid membership card for free entry to all staffed Historic Scotland properties. There is fast-track entry for members visiting Edinburgh and Stirling castles. Members should go straight to the scanning area at the respective property.

## HISTORIC SCOTLAND EVENTS

Members get free entry to over 400 Historic Scotland daytime events, which form an exciting year-round programme. See page 7 for more details.

## 20% RETAIL DISCOUNT

Save money in Historic Scotland shops at our properties and online at [historicenvironment.scot/shop](http://historicenvironment.scot/shop)

- Your online discount code will be issued in your quarterly magazine and monthly emails
- The discount does not apply to certain products including alcohol, phone cards, stamps, discounted items, promotions, U-Star photos and single-use bags
- The discount does not apply at Broughty Castle, Calanais Standing Stones, Dundonald Castle, Kinnaird Head Castle and Lighthouse and the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses, Skail House, Torphichen Preceptory or The Whithorn Story Exhibition

There's also 20% discount on prints and high-resolution digital images on online orders for personal/non-commercial use from Canmore, the National Record of the Historic Environment. Visit [canmore.org.uk](http://canmore.org.uk) and enter the discount code **HES1118** at the checkout.

## QUARTERLY MEMBERS' MAGAZINE

Keeps you informed with features on history, heritage, conservation and places to visit. The magazine will also keep you up to date with events throughout the year.

**Right.** Meet characters from the past at one of over 400 daytime events across the country.

For more information visit [historicenvironment.scot/member](http://historicenvironment.scot/member)

## 10% CAFÉ DISCOUNT

Members enjoy an exclusive discount at all Historic Scotland cafés. Simply show your membership card and get money off our scrumptious sandwiches, light meals, homemade cakes and hot and cold drinks.

- The discount does not apply at the cafés at Calanais Standing Stones, Dundonald Castle, Kinnaird Head Castle and Lighthouse and the Museum of Scottish Lighthouses or The Whithorn Story Exhibition
- Please note some of our smaller cafés may not accept credit/debit cards. Call before visiting

## 20% DISCOUNT ON ANNUAL GIFT MEMBERSHIP

Historic Scotland membership makes a great gift for Christmas, birthdays or any special occasion. For more details see page 9, visit [historicenvironment.scot/member](http://historicenvironment.scot/member) or call **0131 668 8999**

## 20% DISCOUNT ON AUDIO GUIDES

Available at Edinburgh Castle on production of a valid membership card.





## ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR LIFE MEMBERS


Each life member can take 2 adults or up to 6 accompanying children (aged 5-15 years) or a combination of 1 adult and up to 3 accompanying children as guests to Historic Scotland properties free of charge.

Life members get free entry to English Heritage, Cadw and Manx National Heritage sites immediately on joining. At English Heritage and Cadw sites, the guest allowance is 1 adult or 6 children. At Manx National Heritage sites the allowance is for 6 accompanying children.


## DATA PROTECTION

All information that we hold concerning you as an individual will be held and processed by Historic Environment Scotland as part of our contract with you. This is in accordance with the provisions in current data protection legislation. Visit [historicenvironment.scot/member-privacy](http://historicenvironment.scot/member-privacy) for full details about how we use your data, and to find out more about your rights under the legislation.





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# MEMBERSHIP CARD

Tel: 0131 668 8999  
[historicenvironment.scot/member](http://historicenvironment.scot/member)

Simply sign your card(s) to validate, and be aware of the following conditions:

- Cards must be shown on entry at staffed properties and at the till before making any purchases
- Anyone without a valid card will be charged normal prices, which are non-refundable
- For joint memberships, each adult member must show their card for entry and other benefits
- For membership categories including children, each card admits one adult/concession plus 6 children aged 5-15 years
- Cards are only valid for the member named on card
- Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult
- You may be asked to provide proof of identification for entrance
- Membership is a consumer product and cannot be used for commercial purposes
- If you lose your card, call **0131 668 8999** or email us at [members@hes.scot](mailto:members@hes.scot) and we will send you a replacement
- Please let us know if you change address and we can keep your membership record up to date

**Note** Historic Environment Scotland reserves the right to vary the terms and conditions and benefits of membership at any time. Any changes will be notified in your quarterly magazine. To view our full terms and conditions, visit [historicenvironment.scot/member](http://historicenvironment.scot/member)

# TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FURTHER

Take your membership card on holiday with you and enjoy discounted entry to English Heritage, Cadw and Manx National Heritage properties.

Renewal and life members can enjoy free entry while new annual members get in for half price.



ENGLISH HERITAGE

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From great family day trips with the children to inspirational visits for the real history buff, days out with English Heritage will stay with you long after you've visited. With over 400 historic places to visit including abbeys, castles, ruins, stately homes and palaces, there's something for everyone.

**The Engine House, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon SN2 2EH**  
Telephone **0370 333 1181**  
[english-heritage.org.uk](http://english-heritage.org.uk)

### Properties include:

- Stonehenge (timed ticketing applies)
- Dover Castle
- Audley End House and Gardens
- Belsay Hall Castle and Gardens
- Lindisfarne Priory
- Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden
- Carlisle Castle
- Hadrian's Wall plus hundreds more...



**Above.** Kenilworth Castle and Elizabethan Garden.

For more information visit  
[historicenvironment.scot/member](http://historicenvironment.scot/member)



## CADW

Cadw is the Welsh Government's historic environment service, working for an accessible and well-protected historic environment for Wales. Magnificent monuments such as castles, abbeys, historic houses and ancient burial chambers are just a few of the things you can see in Wales. Cadw's aims are to conserve Wales's heritage, and to help people understand and care about their local history.

**Plas Carew, Unit 5/7 Cefn Coed, Parc Nantgarw,  
Cardiff CF15 7QQ**  
Telephone **0300 0256 000**  
[gov.wales/cadw](http://gov.wales/cadw)

### Over 130 sites including:

- Caerphilly Castle
- Castell Coch
- Raglan Castle
- Strata Florida Abbey
- Tintern Abbey

### World Heritage sites:

- Beaumaris Castle
- Caernarfon Castle
- Conwy Castle
- Harlech Castle
- Blaenavon Ironworks



**Above.** Harlech Castle.



**Manx National Heritage**  
*Eiraght Ashoonagh Vannin*

## MANX NATIONAL HERITAGE

The Isle of Man is ideal for a peaceful short break. The island's national heritage sites operated by Manx National Heritage range from Viking ruins to medieval castles and the world's largest working waterwheel. All Historic Scotland members will receive free entry to all Manx properties on presentation of a valid membership card. N.B. Entry to special events may incur an additional charge.

**Kingswood Grove Douglas, Isle of Man IM1 3LY**  
Telephone **01624 648 000**  
[manxnationalheritage.im](http://manxnationalheritage.im)

### Historic sites include:

- The Laxey Wheel
- Rushen Abbey
- Castle Rushen
- The Old Grammar School
- Manx Museum
- Grove Museum
- Peel Castle
- House of Manannan
- Cregneash Village
- Nautical Museum
- The Old House of Keys



**Above.** The Laxey Wheel.

# DISCOUNTED ENTRY FOR MEMBERS

The following visitor attractions offer discounted entry to members. To qualify for the discount simply show your membership card on entry.

Please note that Life Member guest allowances do not apply at these sites.

Discounts are valid until 31 March 2020. For opening times and further information please contact the organisation directly.

## PALACE OF HOLYROODHOUSE AND THE QUEEN'S GALLERY

Her Majesty The Queen's official residence in Scotland and the purpose-built gallery with state of the art facilities. Visit the 17th century royal apartments, Mary, Queen of Scots' chambers, the ruins of the Abbey and exquisite works of art from the Royal Collection. **20% discount on admission to the Palace of Holyroodhouse and The Queen's Gallery.**

**Canongate, Royal Mile, Edinburgh**  
Telephone **0303 123 7306**

## NATIONAL MINING MUSEUM SCOTLAND

This A-listed complex is recognised as one of the finest surviving examples of a Victorian colliery in Europe. Now a five-star visitor attraction, the museum tells the story of coal for Scotland through guided and/or self-guided tours, exhibitions, recreated underground roadway and coalface and *Big Stuff – Massive Mining Machinery* tour. **2 for 1 on admission.**

**Lady Victoria Colliery, Newtongrange**  
Telephone **0131 663 7519**

## DUMFRIES HOUSE

This grand property situated within 2,000 acres of scenic Ayrshire countryside is widely acknowledged as one of the most architecturally-significant stately homes within the UK. **25% discount on the House tour.**

**Cumnock, Ayrshire**  
Telephone **01290 425 959**



For more information visit  
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**Left.** The Darnley Jewel. Image courtesy of Royal Collection Trust/  
© Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2019.  
**Right.** Spectacular Jousting event, Linlithgow Palace.



# OUR EVENTS

This year experience an events programme like no other, from Easter trails across the country to the returning spectacle of jousting knights at two of our iconic properties.

We'll have hundreds of events taking place across the country at castles, palaces and other fantastic properties.

To receive the members' monthly events email, please register for the members' only website at [historicismenvironment.scot/member](http://historicismenvironment.scot/member)

## 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

### Unicorn, Stirling Castle

6 and 7 Apr

### The Rock of Ages, Dumbarton Castle

8 and 9 Jun

### Spectacular Jousting, Linlithgow Palace

29 and 30 Jun

### Spectacular Jousting, Caerlaverock Castle

27 and 28 Jul

### Festival at the Fort, Fort George

10 and 11 Aug

## FREE ENTRY FOR MEMBERS TO OVER 400 DAYTIME EVENTS

Pick up an Events Guide at any Historic Scotland property. Check out your quarterly magazine, sign up to our email newsletter for more information on events in your area, or visit [historicismenvironment.scot/whats-on](http://historicismenvironment.scot/whats-on)

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[historicismenvironment.scot/whats-on](http://historicismenvironment.scot/whats-on)



# CARING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT

## QUALITY ASSURANCE



Visitor facilities at Historic Scotland staffed properties are assessed by VisitScotland and graded on a five star scale.

## GREEN TOURISM

Historic Environment Scotland is committed to protecting the historic and natural environment. Many of our properties in care are assessed in sustainability through the Green Tourism Business Scheme.



Look out for this symbol beside the properties.

Some of the main elements considered within the scheme include transport, bicycle use and recycling and waste. See [green-tourism.co.uk](http://green-tourism.co.uk)

## RECYCLING/WASTE

All goods are recycled where possible at Historic Scotland's properties. Please be considerate to the environment when visiting our properties and recycle any rubbish you may have at the closest facilities. Please ask staff about this.

## TRANSPORT

We encourage the use of public transport for trips to Historic Scotland's properties, please consider alternative means of transport when planning your visit.



Properties which are accessible by public transport are indicated by the symbol shown.

For more information about transport providers visit [travelinescotland.com](http://travelinescotland.com) or follow the link on our website.

For local transport information, please call the site and our staff will do their best to help.

## BICYCLE

Call the Sustrans information line on **0845 11 30 065** or go to [sustrans.org.uk](http://sustrans.org.uk)

## WATER REFILL SCHEME



We are partnered with the Refill scheme in a bid to help tackle plastic pollution and promote hydration by allowing people to fill up their water bottles for free at our sites and cafés. Look out for the icon shown for participating properties.



For more information visit  
[historicenvironment.scot/member](http://historicenvironment.scot/member)

Above. Broch of Gurness, Orkney.

# LOOKING FOR A GIFT

## GIFT MEMBERSHIP

Membership makes a great gift for Christmas, birthdays, retirement or any special occasion. A special gift pack can be sent directly to you or we can send your gift to the recipient complete with your personal message.

Existing members get a 20% discount on all new annual memberships purchased as a gift.

To order your gift visit our website [historicenvironment.scot/member](http://historicenvironment.scot/member) or call us on **0131 668 8999**

Make sure you are registered and logged into our website to get your 20% discount.

Please note gift memberships are not available at our properties. Terms and conditions apply, see our website for details.

## INTRODUCE FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Spread the word about how great Historic Scotland membership is. Introduce family and friends to Historic Scotland membership and they will get 20% off a new annual membership.

New members can join at any staffed Historic Scotland property if you are there to show your membership card, or they can call us on **0131 668 8999** quoting your name and membership number.

Terms and conditions apply, see our website for details: [historicenvironment.scot/member](http://historicenvironment.scot/member)



**Above.** Display on history, Stirling Castle.

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# USING THIS GUIDE

## AREAS

Scotland has been divided into areas ranging from the Scottish Borders in the south to Shetland in the north. See the map on page 1. A full alphabetical index of all sites can be found on pages 92-95.

Each property in this guide has been allocated a unique map reference number. You can view the regional maps at the start of each section for more information about specific property locations.

## WORLD HERITAGE SITES

Properties with World Heritage recognition feature a UNESCO logo. The ranger service for the Orkney WHS can be reached on **01856 841 732**



## ROAD DIRECTIONS

Directions to all properties are included. We include postcodes for our staffed properties or Ordnance Survey grid references for those without postcodes. These will enable you to locate properties using either web-based route-finder sites or Ordnance Survey maps.

## SAFETY

Visiting some properties can involve a fair amount of walking over uneven ground. Sensible footwear is recommended. Watch out for wet grass and wet wooden footbridges.

Some of our rural properties are located in farmland and may include access through areas with livestock.

## OPENING TIMES

**Summer** (1 Apr 2019 to 30 Sept 2019)

Mon to Sun 9.30am to 5.30pm

**Winter** (1 Oct 2019 to 31 Mar 2020)

Mon to Sun 10am to 4pm

These are general times and some properties have special opening times shown against their entry. Last entry 30 mins before closing, except at Stirling, Urquhart and Dumbarton castles, Fort George, Skara Brae and Linlithgow Palace where it is 45 mins before closing. At Edinburgh Castle and Stanley Mills, last entry is 1 hour before closing.

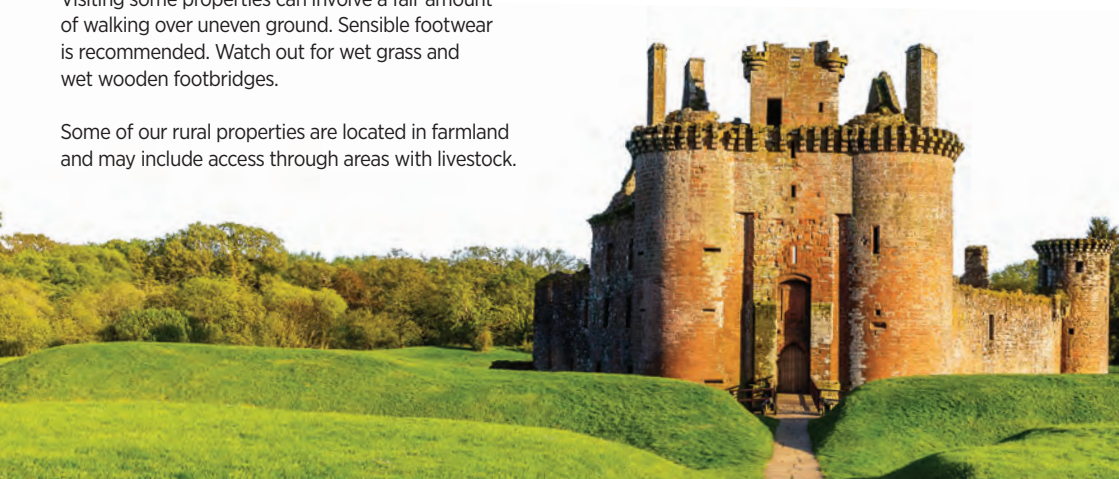
All properties are closed on 25th and 26th December.

All properties are closed on 1st and 2nd Jan with the exception of Edinburgh, Stirling and Urquhart castles which will remain open. Please call for opening hours or check online.



Some of our properties may close for a short period over lunch. This will be marked next to their entry in the handbook.

Properties run by organisations in partnership with Historic Environment Scotland may not offer Historic Scotland members' retail and café discount or accept Euro notes.





## ADMISSION PRICES

Valid between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020.  
Prices may vary for major events.

The concession rate applies to over 60s, and visitors receiving state benefits. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Children under 5 admitted free.

Opening times and admission prices are correct at the time of publication, but may be liable to change.

## CAR PARKING

Car parking is free to visitors at most properties for the length of your visit. Please note parking is for individual use when visiting the property.

- Parking is not available at Edinburgh Castle. We do provide limited parking for drivers with a Blue Disabled Badge. Please call **0131 225 9846** prior to your visit
- £2 charge applies to car parking at Stirling Castle in summer (£4 for non-members). Parking in winter is free for members, just show your membership card to our car park staff on arrival. Please note we do not have space to accommodate vehicles with trailers, caravans or mobile homes
- Charges are also made at Holyrood Park and Melrose Abbey. Members are not exempt from this charge

**Below.** Caerlaverock Castle.

## VISITORS WITH DISABILITIES



This symbol indicates that mobility scooters are available for use at the property.



This symbol indicates where there are toilets suitable for wheelchair users.

Hearing induction loops are available at most sites. Other facilities for people with a disability are indicated in the property descriptions. For fuller, regularly updated descriptions of the facilities available at sites please view our Access Guide online: [historicenvironment.scot/access](https://www.historicenvironment.scot/access)

## DOGS

Dogs on leads are permitted at some but not all properties. Dogs must be kept on a lead and should not be left unattended (including in vehicles on site). Where dogs are allowed, they are not permitted into roofed areas such as gift shops, cafés, some castles or visitor centres. If you are unsure of access, please call the property in advance of your visit. Assistance dogs are permitted at all sites and are permitted in all parts of the property.



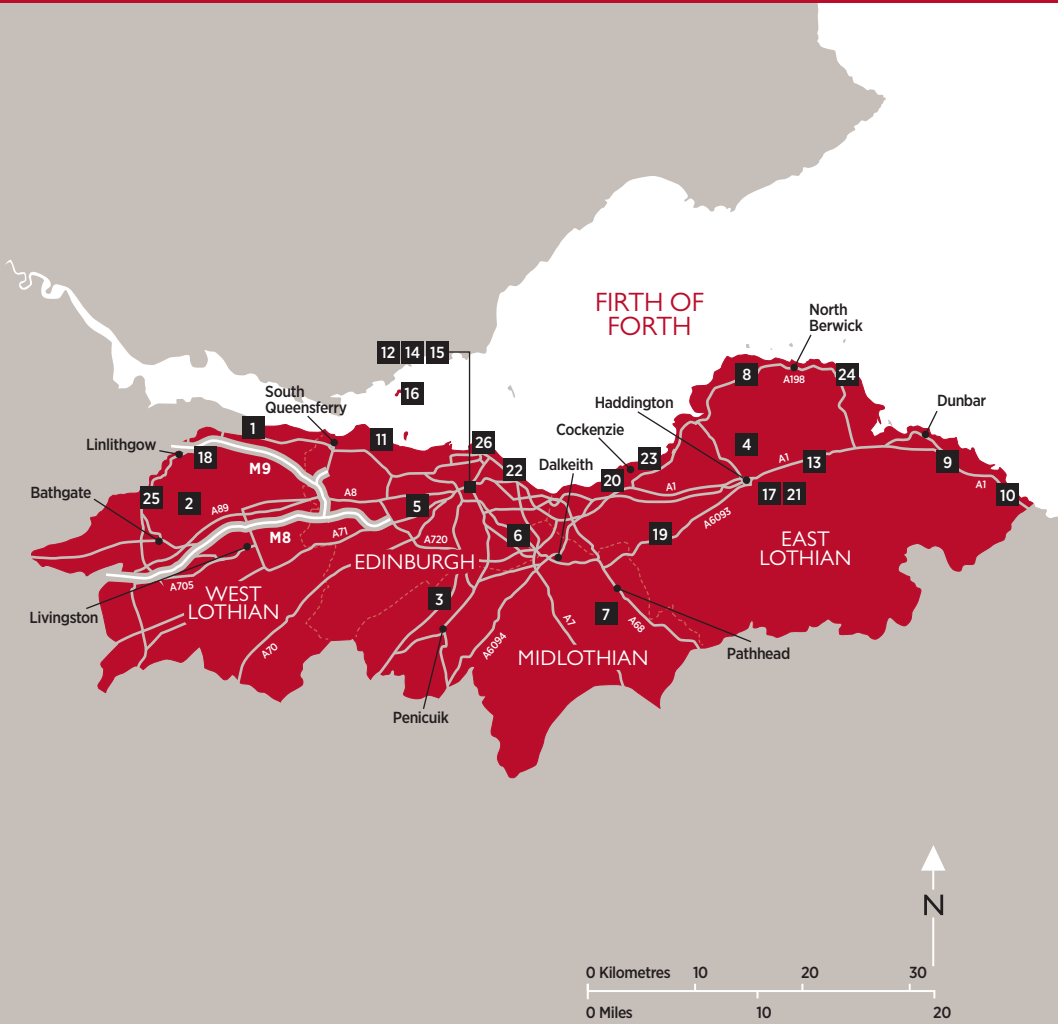
This symbol indicates properties where dogs are not permitted.

## SECURITY

We would like to make members aware that random bag searches may be in place at Edinburgh and Stirling castles as well as some of our other properties or events. Bag size restrictions may also be in place. Members are asked to check online for further information at [historicenvironment.scot/daysout](https://www.historicenvironment.scot/daysout) and we would like to thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our properties are safe and secure for all.



# EDINBURGH & THE LOTHIANS







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## CRAIGMILLAR CASTLE

Admire city views from the high ramparts of Edinburgh's 'other castle', play hide-and-seek in its labyrinth of chambers, or picnic in its grounds. Begun in the late 1300s or 1400s by the powerful Prestons (and once featuring a P-shaped fishpond) Craigmillar Castle was later acquired and extended by the Gilmour family.

In 1479, Craigmillar was a prison for John Stewart, Earl of Mar, younger brother of James III. But the castle is famous above all as a retreat for Mary, Queen of Scots, and the focus of a plot to murder her husband Darnley. Its profile is dominated by its remarkably complete inner curtain wall. In recent years Craigmillar has appeared on the big and small screen in *Outlander* and *Outlaw King*.

- 2.5m SE of Edinburgh off the A7
- Grid **NT 289 709** Postcode **EH16 4SY**
- Telephone **0131 661 4445**
- Open all year
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80



## CRICHTON CASTLE

Overlooking the beautiful Tyne valley, Crichton has been home to medieval lords and Renaissance noblemen. Its sturdy tower of the late 1300s stands by a sophisticated façade created 200 years later.

Crichton hosted a spectacular wedding attended by Mary, Queen of Scots. The castle's ruins, framed by a secluded valley, were celebrated by writer Sir Walter Scott and artist J.M.W. Turner.

- 2.5m SSW of Pathhead off the A68
- Grid **NT 380 611** Postcode **EH37 5XA**
- Telephone **01875 320 017**
- Access is over agricultural land
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80



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## DIRLETON CASTLE AND GARDENS

Discover a long and eventful history in these well-preserved medieval ruins. Cross the moat guarded by high walls and an imposing tower, glancing up at the 'murder hole' above your head. Look for the vaulted ceiling inside the tower of the 1240s, the grim prison and pit and the 1550s 'beehive' dovecote. Discover stories of sieges, nobility and witchcraft.

Dirleton is celebrated for the beauty of its grounds. Enjoy the Arts and Crafts garden, at its peak in the summer, and the Victorian formal garden, particularly impressive in early autumn.

- In Dirleton village, 3m W of North Berwick on the A198
- Grid **NT 516 839** Postcode **EH39 5ER**
- Telephone **01620 850 330**
- Open all year
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80





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## DOON HILL

This hillside site has proved an archaeological puzzle since its televised excavation in the 1960s. We now know that Scotland's first farmers raised a great timber hall here some 6,000 years ago. Its outlines and other features are marked out on the site.

- 2m S of Dunbar off the A1, walk 200 metres up hillside from farm track
- Grid NT 686 755

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## DUNGLASS COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Admire the surprisingly well-preserved sculptures inside this stone-vaulted medieval church. Built for Sir Alexander Home in about 1443, it later survived being on the front line during the War of the Rough Wooing in the 1540s.

- 1m NW of Cockburnspath off the A1
- Grid NT 766 718

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## EAGLE ROCK, CRAMOND

A weather-worn carving of a Roman eagle on a beachside rock, thought to date from the 2nd or 3rd century AD. Nearby Drum Sands is internationally important for waders and winter fowl.

- On the shore of the Forth about 0.25m W of Cramond off the A90. Access via pathway from South Queensferry (under rail bridge) into Dalmeny Castle estate
- Grid NT 184 774





**Fast track entry**

Members get fast track entry to Edinburgh Castle. Simply make your way into the castle and your membership card will be scanned.







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## EDINBURGH CASTLE

A mighty fortress, the defender of the nation and a world-famous visitor attraction – Edinburgh Castle has dominated the skyline for centuries. And the high volcanic rock on which it stands has been occupied for thousands of years. The castle's powerful stone walls have endured more sieges than any other in Europe, and its sumptuous apartments were an important residence of Scottish kings and queens.

Today it is home to the Honours of Scotland (Crown Jewels), the Stone of Destiny, three military museums, the National War Memorial, the *Fight for the Castle 1286–1356* exhibition, the *Prisons of War* exhibition and much more besides.

With more than 2 million visitors a year, from across the globe, the castle offers a fabulous day out – an experience not to be missed.

- In Edinburgh, at the top of the Royal Mile
- Postcode EH1 2NG
- Telephone 0131 225 9846
- Open all year. 1 Apr to 30 Sept 9.30am to 6pm, 1 Oct to 31 Mar 9.30am to 5pm. Last entry 1 hour before closing. Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Visit the website for New Year opening times. Please note that opening times for independent museums may vary
- Adult £19.50 (£17.50 advance) Child £11.50 (£10.50 advance) Concession £16 (£14 advance)
- Visit our website: [edinburghcastle.scot](http://edinburghcastle.scot)



### Top 10 highlights

- 1 **The Crown Room** – where the nation's treasures are kept, including the Stone of Destiny
- 2 **The Great Hall** – a huge venue built for James IV in the 1500s for feasts and state occasions, with the original hammerbeam roof, decorated corbels and a fabulous display of arms and armour
- 3 **Royal Palace** – birthplace of James VI
- 4 **St Margaret's Chapel** – the oldest building in Edinburgh, built by David I to commemorate his mother
- 5 **Prisons of War** – an atmospheric recreation of the life of prisoners at the end of the 18th century
- 6 **Mons Meg** – could fire a 150kg stone for up to 3.2km (2 miles)
- 7 **The One o'Clock Gun** – the famous time signal has been fired daily since 1861 except on Sundays, Christmas Day and Good Friday
- 8 **The Scottish National War Memorial** – a sombre and beautiful shrine to those who gave their lives in conflicts from the First World War onwards
- 9 **The National War Museum** – and individual regimental museums
- 10 **Panoramic views** – stunning views across the capital

### Visit

- Take a tour of the castle with one of our experienced guides
- Entertain the kids with our special children's quiz available in 14 languages
- Enjoy lunch or a traditional afternoon tea in our Redcoat Café or Castle Tea Rooms using your 10% members' discount. Taste the best of Scotland's produce prepared by our award-winning caterers
- Visit the castle's shops and bring home some lovely gifts, taking full advantage of your 20% members' discount
- Limited parking for drivers with blue disabled badge – call site for availability and to book
- Steep inclines and steps – mobility vehicle available, call 0131 225 9846 prior to visiting
- For reasons of ease of movement, visitor safety and general security, suitcases and large rucksacks are not permitted in the castle. We may carry out random bag searches at the castle entrance as part of our security screening process

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## HAILES CASTLE

This beautifully-sited ruin incorporates a fortified manor built in the 1200s, and later extended. Mary, Queen of Scots stayed here briefly before her marriage to Bothwell.

- 1.5m SW of East Linton, off the A199 (exit A1 from Haddington [E-bound] or Dunbar [W-bound])
- Grid NT 574 757

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## HOLYROOD ABBEY

The nave of the abbey church, built in the 1100s and 1200s for Augustinian canons and later adapted. Other parts of the abbey survive in the palace garden.

- At the foot of the Canongate, Edinburgh, in the grounds of the Palace of Holyroodhouse
- Charge for entrance to the Palace of Holyroodhouse and The Queen's Gallery (20% discount for members on production of your membership card)

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## HOLYROOD PARK

Enjoy wild and dramatic countryside in the heart of the city. As well as abundant and varied wildlife, this former royal park has many human stories to tell: of holy visions and royal celebrations, of radical protestors and grisly murders, of hidden treasure and Jacobite troops. It offers great walking routes, providing superb views over the city, as well as extraordinary rock formations, four Iron Age hillfort sites, two holy wells and the enigmatic ruin of St Anthony's Chapel.

Our ranger service is on hand to help you enjoy your visit, and you can find helpful information in our visitor centre and shop.

- In Edinburgh, E of Holyrood Palace and Abbey
- Grid NT 277 733
- Telephone 0131 652 8150
- Visitor Centre and shop located opposite the Scottish Parliament and Palace of Holyroodhouse
- Look out for our ranger events happening throughout the year. Visit [historicenvironment.scot/ranger-service](http://historicenvironment.scot/ranger-service) for details

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## INCHCOLM ABBEY AND ISLAND

Escape by boat to an island in the Firth of Forth, home to one of the most complete medieval abbeys in Scotland. It was founded by King David I after his elder brother Alexander I was stranded here in 1123.

Explore the near-complete cloisters and chapter house and drink in views from the bell tower. Elsewhere on the island are wartime fortifications. Look out for seals from the ferry. Access to parts of the island may be restricted between May and August when some seabirds aggressively protect their young.

- On Inchcolm in the Firth of Forth
- Grid NT 189 826
- Postcode EH30 9TB (Hawes Pier, South Queensferry)
- Telephone 01383 823 332 / 07836 265 146
- Access by ferry: Forth Tours on 0870 118 1866, [forthtours.com](http://forthtours.com) or Maid of the Forth on 0131 331 5000, [maidoftheforth.co.uk](http://maidoftheforth.co.uk)
- Open 1 Apr to 31 Oct
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- No water supply for drinking. Hand sanitiser available for hand-washing
- The ferries are not operated by HES and a charge will apply. Please show membership card when purchasing tickets to ensure the abbey entrance fee is deducted
- When booking online, please only book the boat





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## LAUDERDALE AISLE, ST MARY'S CHURCH

The former sacristy of a great parish church, built in the 1400s, containing a splendid marble monument of the early 1600s with alabaster effigies.

- In **Haddington on the A1**
- Grid **NT 518 736**
- Open 1 May to 30 Sept and Easter Weekend, Sun to Fri 1.30pm to 4pm and Sat 11am to 4pm

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## LINLITHGOW PALACE

One of Scotland's most spectacular ruins, where visitors walk in the footsteps of royalty. This was the birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots, and of her father James V. Visit the great hall where monarchs hosted banquets, tour James IV's suite of chambers or say a prayer in the private oratory of James V. You can see the elaborate, restored fountain in action every Sunday in July and August – it reputedly flowed with wine when Bonnie Prince Charlie visited.

The high towers look down over the palace's grounds – the Peel – and Linlithgow Loch, an important refuge for wildlife. You can explore both on well-surfaced paths. A statue of Mary, Queen of Scots stands close to the palace. The palace has recently been in the spotlight as a film location for TV's *Outlander* and the film *Outlaw King*.

Our ranger service operates on site. Our popular Jousting event takes place here on 29 and 30 June 2019.

- In **Linlithgow off the M9**
- Postcode **EH49 7AL**
- Telephone **01506 842 896**
- Open all year
- Adult £9 Child £5.40 Concession £7.20
- Last ticket sold 45 mins before closing
- Toilets may not be available if function in progress

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## ORMISTON MARKET CROSS

A fine free-standing cross, constructed in the 1400s to signify the right of the inhabitants to hold a market.

- In the **village of Ormiston, 2m S of Tranent off the A1**
- Grid **NT 414 692**

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## PRESTON MARKET CROSS

Constructed in the 1600s, this is the only surviving cross of its kind on its original site. Surmounted with a stone unicorn, it also houses a prison.

- **0.5m S of Prestonpans off the Coast Road or 0.5m NE of the B1361 near the railway station**
- Grid **NT 391 740**

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## ST MARTIN'S KIRK, HADDINGTON

The ruined nave of a once splendid Romanesque church, altered in the 1200s. Associated with the Cistercian nunnery St Mary's, near Haddington.

- **On the eastern outskirts of Haddington off the A1**
- Grid **NT 521 739**

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## ST TRIDUANA'S CHAPEL, RESTALRIG COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Part of a chapel built for James III, housing the shrine of St Triduana, an early Christian saint. The hexagonal vaulted chamber is almost unique.

- **Off Restalrig Road South, on the east side of Edinburgh**
- Grid NT 283 743
- Access can be arranged Mon to Sat 9am to 5pm, or after worship on a Sun 12.30pm to 5pm, by contacting St Margaret's Parish Church, Restalrig on 0131 554 7400

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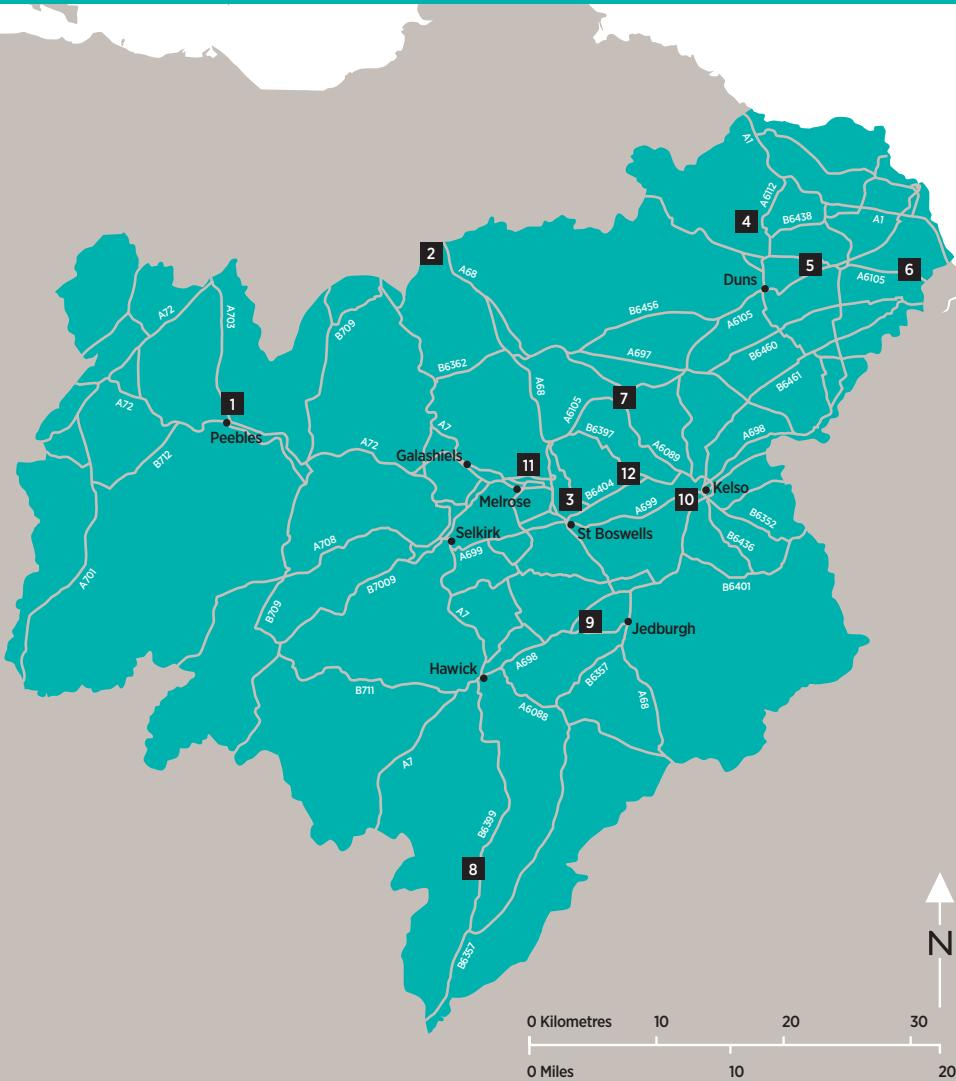
## SETON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

An enchanting medieval church at the end of a pretty woodland path. Seton also has ruined domestic quarters, allowing a rare glimpse into the lives of the priests employed to pray here. There are stories of murdered stonemasons and royal visits: James VI attended a funeral here on his journey south to become James I of England.

- **1.5m W of Longniddry on the A198**
- Postcode **EH32 0PG**
- Telephone **01875 813 334**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80



# SCOTTISH BORDERS





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## CROSS KIRK, PEEBLES

Visit the site where King Alexander III reputedly witnessed the unearthing of the bones of St Nicholas – the inspiration for Santa Claus. This impressive ruin was once the home of Trinitarian friars, and later a parish church.

- In Cross Road, Peebles on the A703
- Grid NT 250 40
- Open all year

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## DERE STREET ROMAN ROAD, SOUTRA

Follow the footsteps of Roman legionaries who marched into Scotland from Hadrian's Wall, 1,900 years ago. You can still see drainage ditches on either side of this stretch of road, and the quarry pits from which the road-builders extracted gravel.

- SW of Soutra Aisle, just off the A68 on the B6368
- Grid NT 452 580

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## DRYBURGH ABBEY

The tree-shrouded ruins of a beautiful abbey beside the River Tweed. It has been ravaged by fire and war but stone carvings and painted plasterwork have survived to provide a glimpse of its once-magnificent decoration.

Look for the graves of Sir Walter Scott and Field Marshall Douglas Haig, as well as the Dryburgh Yew, reputedly one of Scotland's oldest trees.

- 8m SE of Melrose on the B6404, near St Boswells (turn left onto the B6356)
- Public transport as far as St Boswells – 20 min walk to Abbey
- Grid NT 591 316 Postcode TD6 0RQ
- Telephone 01835 822 381
- Open all year
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

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## EDIN'S HALL BROCH

One of the very few Iron Age brochs in lowland Scotland. Unusually large, it sits in a fort defended by ramparts and ditches, partially overlain by a settlement of the Romano-British period. Nearby is the nationally important Abbey St Bathans Woodland.

- On the NE slope of Cockburn Law about 4.5m from Grantshouse, 1m walk from the A6112 Duns Road. Cross the suspension bridge then follow a footpath for 2m across fields
- Grid NT 772 603
- Access is over agricultural land



## EDROM CHURCH

- In Edrom, 3.5m NE of Duns just off the A6105
- Grid NT 827 558

## FOULDEN TITHE BARN

- In Foulton, 4m SE of Chirnside on the A6105
- Grid NT 931 558

## GREENKNOWE TOWER

- 0.5m W of Gordon on the A6105 Earlstoun Road
- Grid NT 639 428



## HERMITAGE CASTLE

- 5.5m NE of Newcastleton, B6399
- Postcode TD9 0LU
- Telephone 01387 376 222
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80



EDBURGH ABBEY

You can explore the grand abbey church, cloisters and herb garden. The abbey museum houses many precious artefacts, including an ivory comb from the 1100s. There are also history displays, a virtual tour and dressing-up clothes.

- In **Jedburgh** on the **A68**
- Grid **NT 650 204** Postcode **TD8 6JQ**
- Telephone **01835 863 925**
- Open all year
- Adult **£6** Child **£3.60** Concession **£4.80**
- Audio guide available

## KELSO ABBEY

- In Kelso
- Grid NT 728 338
- Open all year. Winter closed Thurs and Fri



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Trace the lives and beliefs of medieval monks in one of Scotland's largest and richest medieval abbeys, founded by David I in 1136 in a fertile valley near the River Tweed. Explore the extensive ruins to discover remarkable sculptures of saints, demons and the famous bagpipe-playing pig. Treasures displayed in the museum include medieval spectacles, a scribe's ink-pot and a carved Green Man.

The Cistercian monks of Melrose – and their lay brothers – created an influential spiritual centre at the abbey – as well as a prosperous business founded on wool exports. King Alexander II is buried here, as is the mummified heart of Robert the Bruce.

- In Melrose off the A7 or A68
- Grid **NT 548 341** Postcode **TD6 9LG**
- Telephone **01896 822 562**
- Open all year
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Audio guide available

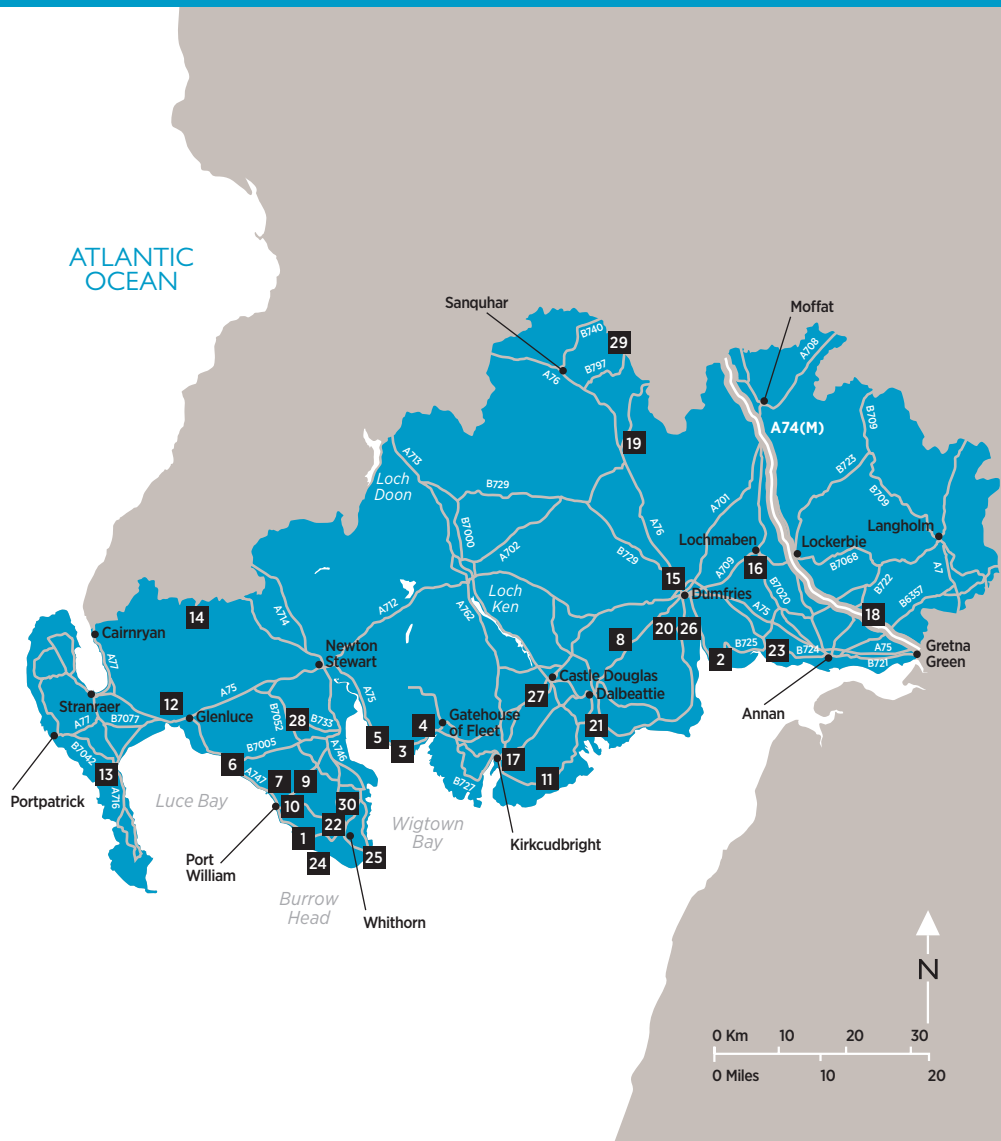
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This 20-metre-high stronghold, built in the 1400s, dominates the skyline. On a clear day you can see as far as Bamburgh Castle in Northumberland. The author Sir Walter Scott spent much of his childhood on a nearby farm, where he first heard the stories that made up his *Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border*, the subject of a permanent exhibition in the tower.

- Near Smailholm village, 6m W of Kelso on the A6089, then follow the B6397 before turning on to the B6404
- Grid **NT 638 346** Postcode **TD5 7PG**
- Telephone **01573 460 365**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

# DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY



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### BARSALLOCH FORT

An Iron Age fort, built on a rocky promontory, and defended by a deep U-shaped ditch. A steep climb.

- **On the edge of a promontory above Barsalloch Point, 0.75m W of Monreith on the A747**
- Grid NX 347 412



### CAERLAVEROCK CASTLE

The epitome of the moated, medieval stronghold, Caerlaverock's great triangular defences guard the Solway Shore.

This site has had a turbulent past. In 1300, its 60-strong garrison was defeated by Edward I's vast English army in a siege commemorated in verse.

Despite the castle's rugged appearance, its walls conceal a stunning Renaissance residence of the 1630s. Today, visitors can enjoy a siege warfare exhibition, a children's play area and a trail through the woodland to the remains of an older castle. See bluebells in spring, dragonflies and wild flowers in summer and barnacle geese in winter. Spectacular Jousting returns on 27 and 28 July 2019.

- **8m SE of Dumfries on the B725**
- Grid NY 025 656 Postcode DG1 4RU
- Telephone 01387 770 244
- Open all year. Café may have restricted opening hours in winter
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Video presentation
- Download our new Castle Quest app: [historicensevironment.scot/castle-quest](http://historicensevironment.scot/castle-quest)

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### CAIRN HOLY CHAMBERED CAIRNS

Two remarkably complete Neolithic burial cairns, of a type characteristic of Galloway, on a hill giving fine views over Wigtown Bay.

- **6.5m SE of Creetown on the A75**
- Grid NX 518 540



### CARDONESS CASTLE

Climb to the top of this impressive tower house for panoramic views over Fleet Bay. Cardoness was built in the 1400s by the McCullochs. It declared their high status, but did not improve their reputation, which included accusations of violence and murder. The prison shows how unwelcome guests were treated.

- **1m SW of Gatehouse of Fleet on the A75**
- Grid NX 590 553 Postcode DG7 2EH
- Telephone 01557 814 427
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Disabled access to the shop only

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### CARSLUITH CASTLE

A delightful L-shaped tower house of the 1500s, with many intriguing details, including a water-spout in the form of a human face.

- **3.5m S of Creetown on the A75**
- Grid NX 494 541



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## CHAPEL FINIAN

The foundations of a small chapel, probably built for pilgrims on their way from Ireland to the shrine of St Ninian at Whithorn.

- 5m NW of Port William on the A747
- Grid NX 278 489

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## DRUCHTAG MOTTE

This 6.5-metre-high conical mound was once the base for an early-medieval timber castle and is still surrounded by the castle's wide ditch.

- At Mochrum village on the A747
- Grid NX 349 466

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## DRUMCOLTRAN TOWER

A roofed, sturdy and well-preserved tower house, built in the mid-1500s by the powerful Maxwells. It now sits in a busy farmyard.

- 7m NE of Dalbeattie, among farm buildings off the A711
- Grid NX 869 682

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## DRUMTRODDAN ROCK ART

Three groups of well-defined cup-and-ring marks on bedrock, probably carved in the Bronze Age.

- 2m NE of Port William on the B7085
- Grid NX 362 447

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DRUMTRODDAN  
STANDING STONES

An alignment of three stones, one of which still stands about 3 metres tall. They date from Neolithic times and were probably part of a ceremonial site.

- 0.25m S of the Cup and Ring Marked Stones on the B7085
- Grid NX 364 443

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## DUNDRENNAN ABBEY

Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere at this ruined medieval abbey, set in tree-fringed pastures. There is a particularly fine medieval chapter house. You can also find the effigy of a murdered abbot, with his executed assassin at his feet. Mary, Queen of Scots spent her last hours in Scotland here in May 1568, after the disastrous Battle of Langside.

- 6.5m SE of Kirkcudbright on the A711
- Grid NX 749 475 Postcode DG6 4QH
- Telephone 01557 500 262
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

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## GLENLUCE ABBEY

Tucked in a tranquil valley is one of Scotland's best-preserved medieval monasteries. Its highlight is the magnificent chapter house, with its central pillar, ornate windows and grotesque stone carvings. Visitors can also trace the abbey's remarkable plumbing system, which supplied the Cistercian monks who lived here with running water.

- 2m NW of Glenluce village off the A75
- Grid NX 185 586 Postcode DG8 0AF
- Telephone 01557 331 856
- Open summer only, Sun to Tue
- Restricted access Wed to Sat
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80







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## KIRKMADRINE EARLY CHRISTIAN STONES

Three of the earliest Christian memorial stones in Britain, dating from the 5th or early 6th century, displayed in the porch of a former chapel.

- In the Rhinns of Galloway, 2m SW of Sandhead on the A716
- Grid NX 080 483

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## LAGGANGAIRN STANDING STONES

Two prehistoric stones from a Neolithic or Bronze Age setting of at least seven. They were later carved with early Christian crosses.

- Difficult access is signposted through Forestry Commission land on the Southern Upland Way
- Grid NX 222 716

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## LINCLUDEN COLLEGIATE CHURCH

A collegiate church founded on the site of an earlier nunnery by Archibald 'the Grim', 3rd Earl of Douglas. The splendid chancel was probably added by the 4th Earl, and houses the exquisite monumental tomb of his wife, Princess Margaret, daughter of Robert III.

- On the western outskirts of Dumfries in Abbey Lane on the A76
- Grid NX 966 779

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## LOCHMABEN CASTLE

The remains of a stronghold originally built by the English in the 1300s, but extensively rebuilt during the reign of James IV (1488–1513). A rectangular 'peel' (timber palisaded enclosure), built about 1300 by Edward I of England, is visible around the castle. View exterior only.

- Stands on the Castle Loch 1.5m from Lochmaben on the B7020
- Grid NY 088 811



## MACLELLAN'S CASTLE

Explore the impressive residence of a powerful family in the heart of Kirkcudbright, and the vaulted ground-floor rooms in which their servants once worked. The castle was built in about 1570 by Sir Thomas MacLellan of Bombie. Look for the laird's lug, a spy hole in the great hall through which he could eavesdrop on his guests.

- In Kirkcudbright on the A711
- Grid **NX 682 510** Postcode **DG6 4JD**
- Telephone **01557 331 856**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80 – reduced prices may be in place through 2019 for partial closures



## MERKLAND CROSS

A 3-metre-tall standing cross, with fleur-de-lis carvings on each of its four arms, suggesting a date in the 1400s. It may have been a village market cross.

- **At Woodhouse Farm, 1m N of Kirkpatrick Fleming on the B7076**
- **Grid NY 250 721**
- Access is over agricultural land



## MORTON CASTLE

A fine hall-house of the late 1200s, once a stronghold of the Douglases.

- Situated on a promontory overlooking Morton Loch. Take the second turning on the right, 1.5m E of Carronbridge off the A702
- Grid NX 891 992
- Not signposted
- Access is over agricultural land



## NEW ABBEY CORN MILL

See a beautifully-restored, water-powered village mill in action and discover the whole process of milling oats, once a staple food for both people and livestock. A mill was probably built here by the monks of nearby Sweetheart Abbey in the 1200s. Most of the present building dates from the 1800s, but parts of it may have been constructed in the 1700s.

- **7m S of Dumfries on the A710**
- **Grid NX 962 662 Postcode DG2 8BX**
- **Telephone 01387 850 260**
- **Open all year. Winter closed Thurs and Fri**
- **Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80**



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## ORCHARDTON TOWER

A unique tower house built around 1460 by the Cairns family. It conforms to standard tower house design, except that it is circular in plan.

- 6m SE of Castle Douglas on the A711
- Grid NX 817 551
- Open all year. Winter closed Thurs and Fri

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## RISPAIN CAMP

A rectangular settlement defended by a bank and ditch. It dates from the 1st or 2nd century AD.

- 1m W of Whithorn, behind Rispain Farm on the A746
- Grid NX 429 399

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## RUTHWELL CROSS

This Anglian cross, sculpted in high relief, dates from the end of the 7th century AD and is one of the major monuments of early medieval Europe. Open by arrangement only.

- At Ruthwell, 8.5m SE of Dumfries, sited within the parish church on the B724
- Grid NY 100 682
- Telephone 0131 558 9326

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## ST NINIAN'S CAVE

A beachside cave traditionally associated with St Ninian. Early crosses found here are housed at Whithorn Priory Museum, but crosses carved on the cave walls are still visible.

- Physgill, on the coast 4m SW of Whithorn on the A747
- Grid NX 421 359
- Access is over agricultural land

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## ST NINIAN'S CHAPEL

Restored ruins of a chapel, probably built in the 1200s, on the site of an earlier church. It may have been used by pilgrims on their way to Whithorn.

- At Isle of Whithorn on the A747
- Grid NX 479 362
- Access is over agricultural land

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## TORHOUSE STONE CIRCLE

A stone circle of 19 granite boulders, dating from the late Neolithic or Bronze Age, in a landscape that was once rich with ritual monuments.

- 4m W of Wigtown on the B733
- Grid NX 382 565

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## WANLOCKHEAD BEAM ENGINE

A wooden water-balance pump for draining a lead mine, dating from the early 1800s, with the track of a horse engine beside it.

- In Wanlockhead village off the A76
- Grid NS 869 130

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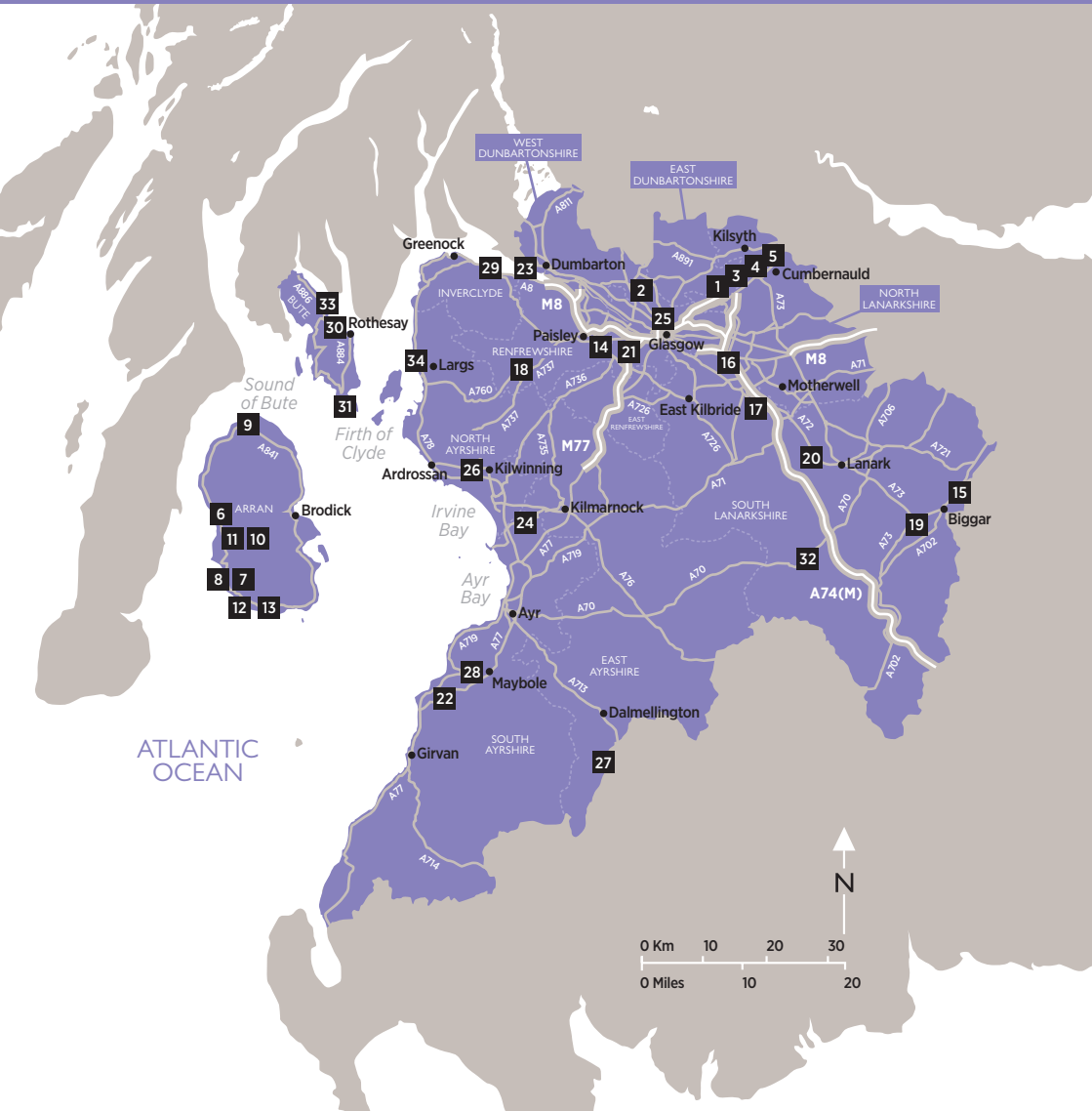
## WHITHORN PRIORY AND MUSEUM AND THE WHITHORN STORY EXHIBITION

This small monastery was founded at a place where some of Scotland's earliest Christians worshipped about 1,500 years ago. According to legend, it was established by St Ninian in the early 400s. The Latinus Stone, displayed here, was raised soon after and remains Scotland's oldest Christian monument. There is also an outstanding collection of intricately-carved stone crosses. Whithorn is still a place of pilgrimage.

- At Whithorn on the A746
- Grid NX 444 402 Postcode DG8 8PY
- Telephone 01988 500 700 (Whithorn Trust)
- Open 1 Apr to 31 Oct 10.30am to 5pm
- Admission to the museum and priory is free for HS members
- Admission to The Whithorn Story Exhibition: Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80 – members receive a 20% discount on admission
- Historic Scotland members' retail and cafe discount does not apply at The Whithorn Story Exhibition



# GLASGOW, CLYDE & AYRSHIRE



## ANTONINE WALL MONUMENTS

The Antonine Wall was the Roman Empire's north-west frontier. It ran for 37 miles (60km) from Bo'ness to Old Kirkpatrick. It consisted of a turf rampart fronted by a ditch, with forts about every two miles (3km) and a road running for the entire length of the frontier. The Wall was built in the 140s AD and was occupied for about 20 years.

See also Antonine Wall entries in Central & West section. All of the Antonine Wall Monuments are part of a World Heritage Site.



### ANTONINE WALL: BAR HILL FORT

Explore the highest fort on the Wall, where foundations of the Roman army headquarters and bath-house are still visible. A small Iron Age fort stands close by, overlooking the rock-cut ditch that marks the frontier. There are superb views over the Kelvin Valley.

- **0.5m E of Twechar**
- Grid **NS 706 759 - 714 762**
- Signposted from village
- Access is over agricultural land from B8023 Kirkintilloch to Kilsyth Road



### ANTONINE WALL: BEARSDEN BATH-HOUSE

The well-preserved remains of a bath-house and latrine, built in the 2nd century AD to serve a small fort.

- **On Roman Road, Bearsden, Glasgow**
- Grid **NS 546 720**
- Signposted from Bearsden Cross on A810
- Approximately 600 metres down Roman Road



### ANTONINE WALL: CROY HILL

The deep, rock-cut ditch of the Wall, and traces of turf rampart, climbing along a ridge. Nearby are the site of a fort, a fortlet and two beacon platforms.

- **Between Croy and Dullatur. Access from B802**
- Grid **NS 725 762 - 739 769**
- Access is over agricultural land



### ANTONINE WALL: DULLATUR

A section of the Wall's deep ditch, cutting through woodland and fields. To the north is Dullatur Marsh, an important habitat for birds.

- **0.5m E of Dullatur off the A803**
- Grid **NS 751 772 - 756 773**
- Access along farm road



### ANTONINE WALL: WESTERWOOD TO CASTLECRY (GARNHALL DISTRICT)

Follow the ditch that ran alongside the Wall as it crosses farmland close to Cumbernauld.

- **W of Castlecary off the B816**
- Grid **NS 769 777 - 783 782**
- Access from minor road



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## ARRAN: AUCHAGALLON CAIRN

A Bronze Age cairn surrounded by a circle of 14 standing stones, looking out over Kilbrannan Sound towards Kintyre.

- **4m N of Blackwaterfoot on the W side of Arran off the coastal route (formerly A841)**
- Grid NR 893 346

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## ARRAN: CARN BAN

Take a four-mile walk up a wooded hillside to discover a 5,000-year-old chambered cairn, where Arran's Neolithic farmers probably staged rituals for their dead.

- **3.5m NE of Lagg on the W side of Arran off the coastal route (formerly A841)**
- Grid NR 990 262

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## ARRAN: KILPATRICK DUN (OR CASHEL)

The ruins of a circular drystone building of unknown date, with a more recent enclosure wall. The walk to the site is half a mile.

- **1m S of Blackwaterfoot on the W side of Arran off the coastal route (formerly A841)**
- Grid NR 906 262
- Not signposted
- Visitors should park at the bottom of the road and walk to site on foot

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## ARRAN: LOCHRANZA CASTLE

A fine L-shaped tower house, adapted in the 1500s from a hall house of the late 1200s or 1300s.

The mountains to the south of the castle are home to many birds, and the castle is a good vantage point for watching seals.

- **At the northern coast of Arran off the coastal route (formerly A841)**
- Grid NR 931 506
- Open summer only

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## ARRAN: MACHRIE MOOR STONE CIRCLES

The remains of six prehistoric stone circles, including one with double concentric rings, in an ancient landscape rich with archaeology. This is one of the most important sites of its kind in Britain.

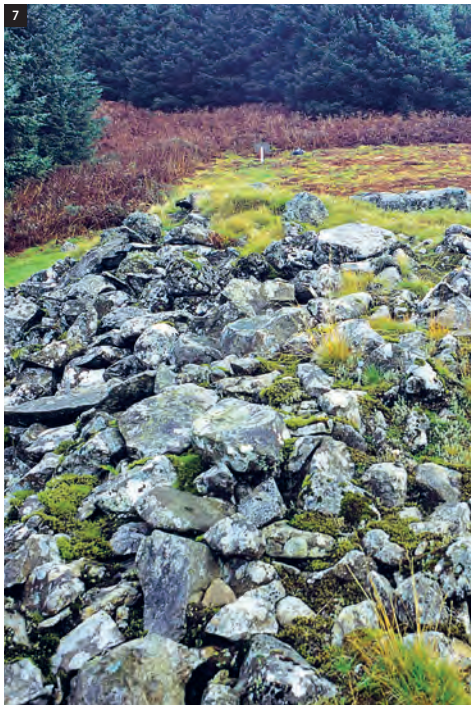
- **3m N of Blackwaterfoot on the W side of Arran off the coastal route (formerly A841)**
- Grid NR 910 324

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## ARRAN: MOSS FARM ROAD STONE CIRCLE

The remains of a complex Bronze Age ring cairn, with an impressive/substantial kerb of upright stones.

- **3m N of Blackwaterfoot on the W side of Arran off the coastal route (formerly A841)**
- Grid NR 900 326
- Parking available at Machrie Moor







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## CADZOW CASTLE

Built in 1500–50, Cadzow was known as the castle in the woods of Hamilton. Sir James Hamilton of Finnart built it for his half-brother, the 2nd Earl of Arran. The nearby parkland known as the Cadzow Oaks was a medieval hunting park. View exterior only.

- In the grounds of Chatelherault Country Park, Hamilton. Exit M74 at Junction 6
- Grid NS 735 537

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## CASTLE SEMPLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

A late Gothic church, with a later three-sided east end incorporating unusual windows. Located next to Castle Semple and Barr Lochs, both important for their plants and birds, with an RSPB visitor centre at the south end of Castle Semple Loch.

- 2m W of Howwood on the B787 then on to the B776. Longer access through the country park from Castle Semple Visitor Centre
- Grid NS 377 601
- Access by foot only

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## COULTER MOTTE

An artificial mound built for a castle at some point in the 1100s, 1200s or early 1300s. It would have been surmounted by a timber palisade and tower.

- 1.5m SW of Biggar. On A72 Biggar to Lanark Road
- Grid NT 018 362

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## CRAIGNETHAN CASTLE

An exceptional fortress–residence, built about 1530 as the residence of Sir James Hamilton of Finnart, James V's master of works. His many military innovations include a shooting gallery or caponier. Craignethan was 'cast down' in 1579, by order of the Privy Council, despite its state-of-the-art defences. The surrounding woodland in the deep Nethan gorge is rich with wild flowers and birdlife.

- From the M74, take Junction 8 or 9. Follow the signs to Blackwood, then the signs to Craignethan Castle
- Grid NS 815 463 Postcode ML11 9PL
- Telephone 01555 860 364
- Open summer only
- Ticket office may close for lunch, but site remains open
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

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## CROOKSTON CASTLE

Built by the Stewarts of Darnley around 1400, this unusual castle comprises a central tower with four square corner towers, set within earthworks constructed in the 1100s. Extensively repaired following a siege in 1544. Affords excellent views of south-west Glasgow.

- From Glasgow follow M77 and exit at J2. Take Barrhead Road then Brockburn Road and follow signs for the site. Access via footpath from Towerside Road
- Grid NS 525 627
- Telephone 0141 883 9606
- Open all year. Winter closed Thurs and Fri



One of the most complete medieval abbey complexes in Scotland. Now hauntingly beautiful, its unroofed church and substantial ruins can be explored – or you can get a bird’s eye view by climbing the handsome gatehouse. The abbey guards some violent secrets. One abbot was roasted over a fire by a nobleman seeking to seize the abbey’s lands and revenues.

- **2m S of Maybole on the A77**
- **Grid NS 275 083 Postcode KA19 8HQ**
- **Telephone 01655 883 113**
- **Open summer only**
- **Due to essential conservation work, areas of the abbey may have restricted access – please call before visiting**
- **Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80**



Climb more than 500 steps to the top of one of Scotland's greatest strongholds. The Rock of the Clyde has a history as long and dramatic as its views over the Clyde, Loch Lomond and Argyll. It was a centre of power in what later became an ancient British kingdom. It was sacked by Vikings in 870. In medieval times, it became a cornerstone of royal power. It latterly served as a military base and prison. You can explore its many fortifications with our interactive family trail. The Rock of Ages event returns on 8 and 9 June 2019.

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Explore the high-vaulted halls and gloomy prison of this powerful medieval stronghold, perched on a hill above the village. The main tower was built in the 1370s by King Robert II – the first monarch of the long Stewart dynasty – to mark his succession to the throne. The castle was extensively developed by later owners.

- In the village of Dundonald on the A71, 12m from Ayr and 5m from Kilmarnock. Leave A77 onto B730 and follow signs for Dundonald
- Postcode **KA2 9HD**
- Telephone **01563 851 489**
- Open all year. For more information please visit **[dundonaldcastle.org.uk](http://dundonaldcastle.org.uk)**
- Adult £5 Child £3 Concession £4 Family £12
- Members' discount not applicable on retail or catering





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## GLASGOW CATHEDRAL

The most complete medieval cathedral on the Scottish mainland is still a working church with an active congregation. From its magnificent nave and choir to the atmospheric crypt of St Mungo (who was supposedly buried here around AD 612), Glasgow Cathedral is full of intriguing features.

Explore the side chapel known as the Blackadder Aisle, its ceiling peppered with colourful bosses; admire more than 100 windows, many with stained glass; seek out the tomb of Bishop Wishart, a key supporter of Robert the Bruce; and admire the carving of 11 figures – perhaps representing the faithful disciples of Christ – on the stone pulpitum screen.

- In Glasgow off the M8, J15 next to the Royal Infirmary
- Grid NS 603 656 Postcode G4 0QZ
- Telephone 0141 552 6891 / 0141 552 0988
- Open all year. Summer 9.30am to 5.30pm, Sun 1pm to 5pm. Winter 10am to 4pm, Sun 1pm to 4pm. Last entry 30 mins before closing. Last entry to Lower Church 45 mins before closing
- Visitors requiring wheelchair access please call prior to visit to find out about access arrangements

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## KILWINNING ABBEY

The ruins of a Tironensian-Benedictine abbey, established from Kelso Abbey. The surviving fragments – parts of the abbey church and chapter house – largely date from the 1200s.

- In Kilwinning. Off A78 Kilwinning to Ardrossan Road
- Grid NS 303 433

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## LOCH DOON CASTLE

Transplanted in the 1930s from an island in Loch Doon, to make way for a hydro-electric scheme. The castle consists of an 11-sided curtain wall of fine masonry, dating from 1300. The loch has a unique population of Arctic char.

- Turn right 2m S of Dalmellington on the A713 on to an unclassified road – signposted for Loch Doon
- Grid NX 484 950

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## MAYBOLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

The chapel of St Mary was founded by John Kennedy of Dunure in 1371, and the associated college of priests 11 years later. Its function was to say prayers for the founder and his family.

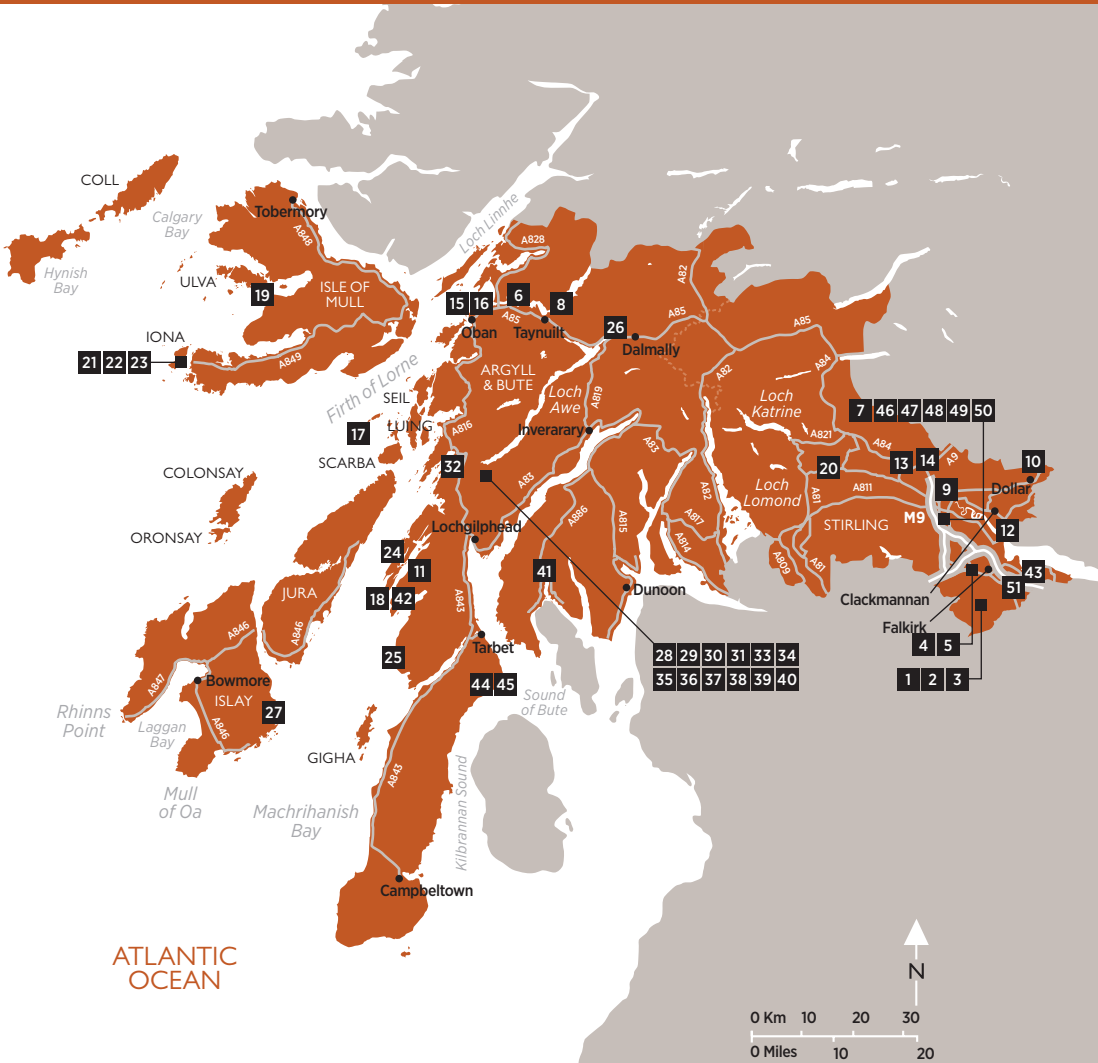
- Approaching Maybole on the A77 from Ayr. At the crossroads in the town centre, turn left onto the B7023, signposted Crosshill, and then take first right
- Grid NS 301 098
- Open summer only
- Collect key from Crossraguel Abbey







# CENTRAL & WEST



## ANTONINE WALL MONUMENTS

See also entries in Glasgow, Clyde & Ayrshire section.  
All Antonine Wall Monuments are part of a World Heritage Site.



### ANTONINE WALL: CASTLECARY

The low earthworks of what was once a major stone-walled fort and annexe with a bath-house.

- E of Castlecary village on B816 Cumbernauld to Bonnybridge Road
- Grid NS 790 783



### ANTONINE WALL: SEABEGS WOOD

A stretch of rampart and ditch, together with the Military Way used as a route by Roman soldiers. They are thought to be very close to their original form.

- 1m W of Bonnybridge. Access from the B816 on Castlecary to Bonnybridge Road
- Grid NS 811 792 - 818 792



### ANTONINE WALL: ROUGH CASTLE

The best-preserved length of rampart and ditch on the Wall, together with the earthworks of a fort and a short length of Military Way, with quarry pits. This is the best place to get an idea of how the Antonine Wall and its integral forts worked.

- Signposted from the B816 between Bonnybridge and High Bonnybridge
- Grid NS 835 798 - 845 799



### ANTONINE WALL: WATLING LODGE (EAST AND WEST)

Two sections of the Wall, on each side of the house known as Watling Lodge. The eastern section is one of the deepest and steepest visible stretches of the ditch.

- In Falkirk, signposted from A9. Access from the B816 from Tamfourhill
- Grid NS 863 798 - 866 798
- There is no entry to the house or grounds



### ARDCHATTAN PRIORY

The ruins of a priory established around 1230 for the strict and reclusive Valliscaulian order of monks. It was later converted to secular use.

- On Loch Etive, 6.5m NE of Oban off the A828
- Grid NM 971 349



### ARGYLL'S LODGING

Enjoy a glimpse of the domestic life of Scottish aristocrats in the 1600s. The most complete townhouse of its kind, its interior has been reconstructed to look as it may have done when Archibald Campbell, 9th Earl of Argyll, his wife Lady Anna and their servants lived here. The reconstruction is based on inventories made for Argyll before his execution in 1685.

- In Stirling's historic old town just below Stirling Castle off the M9. Access via Stirling Castle's admission office
- Grid NS 792 938 Postcode FK8 1EG
- Telephone 01786 450 000
- Please call the castle for opening times
- Admission included in Stirling Castle ticket
- Wheelchair users can only access ground floor
- Car parking charge for members is £2 from 1 Apr to 30 Sept and free from 1 Oct to 31 Mar

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## BONAWE HISTORIC IRON FURNACE

Visit Britain's most complete charcoal-fuelled ironworks. Step inside the stone furnace and storage buildings of this pioneering site, and discover how Highlanders played a role in the Industrial Revolution. The furnace only ceased firing in 1870. Wander down to the Loch Etive quayside where raw materials were once unloaded, and explore neighbouring Glen Nant Nature Reserve, where trees were coppiced to produce charcoal.

- By the village of Taynuilt off the A85
- Grid **NN 010 318** Postcode **PA35 1JQ**
- Telephone **01866 822 432**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

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## CAMBUSKENNETH ABBEY

This major Augustinian abbey, closely linked to the royal castle of Stirling, was the scene of Robert Bruce's Parliament in 1314 and the burial place of James III and his wife Queen Margaret. Its fine bell tower is the only substantial survivor but extensive foundations of other buildings remain.

The ground floor of the tower is the only internal space accessible to the public.

- 1m E of Stirling off the A907
- Grid **NS 809 939**
- Access is over agricultural land which can be muddy
- Open summer only

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## CASTLE CAMPBELL AND GARDENS

Discover the drama of this brooding castle, set above the tree-covered ravines of Dollar Glen. This was the lowland residence of the powerful Campbells, where John Knox came to preach and Mary, Queen of Scots came to feast.

- At the head of Dollar Glen, 10m E of Stirling off the A91
- Grid **NS 961 993** Postcode **FK14 7PP**
- Telephone **01259 742 408**
- Open all year. Winter closed Thurs and Fri
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- No coach/bus access – nearest public parking 500 metres from castle (see Access Guide for more details)

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## CASTLE SWEEN

One of Scotland's oldest castles, built in the 1100s by Suibhne, ancestor of the MacSweens. Later towers were added to now vanished wooden structures.

- On the E shore of Loch Sween, in Knapdale off the B8025, past Achnamara
- Grid **NR 712 788**
- No car park for visitors to the castle within caravan park. Castle 20-30 min walk downhill from parking location











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## KILBERRY SCULPTURED STONES

A collection of 26 early Christian and medieval sculptured stones gathered from the Kilberry estate, displayed in a shelter. They include several late-medieval graveslabs and effigies.

- 17m SSW of Lochgilhead on the west coast of Knapdale off the B8024
- Grid NR 709 642

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## KILCHURN CASTLE

Beneath towering mountains at the top of Loch Awe stands one of Scotland's most picturesque castles. Home to the Campbells of Glenorchy, one of Argyll's most powerful families, its striking ruins have inspired poets, artists and photographers.

- At the NE end of Loch Awe, 2.5m W of Dalmally off the A85. Access on foot is possible under Loch Awe railway viaduct via a pedestrian gate
- Grid NN 133 276
- Not signposted
- Access is over agricultural land – care should be taken as the area is liable to flooding and footpath is inconsistent
- Open summer only
- No vehicular access or parking

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## KILDALTON CROSS

The best preserved high cross in Scotland, dating to the 8th century, this ringed cross is carved with interlace decoration and biblical scenes.

- On the island of Islay, N of Ardbeg off the A846
- Grid NR 458 508

## KILMARTIN GLEN MONUMENTS

Explore the richest prehistoric landscape in mainland Scotland. Many artefacts associated with these monuments are displayed in Kilmartin House Museum.

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## ACHNABRECK ROCK ART

The most extensive rock-art site in Britain. Among the enigmatic designs are distinctive horned spirals and a colossal cup-and-ring motif a metre across.

- Signposted off the A816 outside Cairnbaan, 2m N of Lochgilhead. 500 metre walk
- One of the two stones can be reached via an 800 metre accessible path
- Grid NR 856 906

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## BALLYGOWAN ROCK ART

One of the first rock art sites to be recognised in modern times, Ballygowan features rare horseshoe motifs and has views down over the glen.

- 1m SW of Kilmartin off the A816 near Slockavullin
- Grid NR 816 978
- Not signposted and no vehicle access

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## BALUACHRAIG ROCK ART

An exquisite rock art site, comprising three well preserved, decorated rock outcrops with a wide variety of motifs. Look for lines of pecked cup marks.

- 1m SSE of Kilmartin off the A816
- Grid NR 831 969

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## CAIRNBAAN ROCK ART

Two outcrops decorated with rock art. The multiple rings carved into the higher panel some 4,500 years ago are particularly fine.

- 200 metres uphill NW of the Cairnbaan Hotel, situated at the junction of the A816 and B841
- Grid NR 838 910

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## CARNASSERIE CASTLE

The splendid residence of John Carsewell, the first Protestant Bishop of the Isles, built around 1570. It was burned in 1685, but many details survive.

- 2m N of Kilmartin off the A816
- Grid NM 838 009
- 10-15 min uphill walk over agricultural land

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## DUNADD FORT

Stand where the kings of Dál Riata were inaugurated more than 1,200 years ago. The carved footprint marks the heart of the ancient kingdom. To breach the fort's impressive defences, you must climb a rough path and pass along the gully through the high ramparts. The views are spectacular.

- Signposted off the A816, 2m S of Kilmartin
- Grid NR 837 936

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## DUNCHRAIGAIG CAIRN

An early Bronze Age cairn nestling in a picturesque woodland grove. Look for two stone cists or graves. The Ballymeanoch henge and standing stones are close by.

- 1.25m S of Kilmartin off the A816
- Grid NR 833 968

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## GLEBE CAIRN, KILMARTIN

You can see the glen's line of cairns from the top of this Bronze Age monument. Two cists or graves and a stone circle are buried beneath its water-worn stones.

- At Kilmartin Glebe off the A816
- Grid NR 832 989
- Access is over agricultural land
- Park near church and walk down hill towards garage

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## KILMARTIN STONES

Discover effigies of medieval Gaelic knights and fantastic beasts in an outstanding collection of West Highland graveslabs. Inside the church are three beautiful medieval stone crosses.

- In Kilmartin Churchyard in the village of Kilmartin on the A816
- Grid NR 827 977

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## KILMICHAEL GLASSARY ROCK ART

Look for the keyhole motifs among the designs carved into this hillside outcrop some 4,500 years ago.

- Near the schoolhouse, Kilmichael Glassary off the A816
- Grid NR 857 934



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## KILMODAN SCULPTURED STONES

A group of West Highland carved graveslabs, exhibited in a burial aisle within Kilmodan churchyard. The surrounding woodlands support many ferns and mosses. Bats, red squirrels, otters and golden eagles are sometimes seen here.

- At Clachan of Glendaruel, 8m N of Colintrave off the A886
- Grid NR 995 842

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## KILMORY KNAP CHAPEL

A small medieval chapel with a collection of typical West Highland grave slabs and some early medieval sculpture. In the church is Macmillan's Cross, a splendid piece of medieval carving.

- On the shore between Loch Sween and Loch Caolisport in South Knapdale off the B8025 past Achnamara
- Grid NR 703 752

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## NETHER LARGIE CAIRNS

You can climb inside the Neolithic tomb at Nether Largie South, find Bronze Age carvings in a subterranean room within Nether Largie North, and enjoy the view from Nether Largie Mid.

- Between Kilmartin and Nether Largie.  
Parking at Lady Glassary Wood off the A816
- Grid NR 830 983, 831 985, 828 979

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## RI CRUIN CAIRN

Look for axehead carvings inside one of the cists or graves in this Bronze Age cairn, set in woodland.

- 1m SW of Kilmartin off the A816
- Grid NR 825 971

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## TEMPLE WOOD STONE CIRCLES

Two stone circles built here about 4,700 years ago, aligned to the movement of the Sun and Moon. Look for carved spirals and the remains of cists or graves in one of Kilmartin's most famous monuments.

- 0.25m SW of Nether Largie off the A816
- Grid NR 826 978
- Please use car park at Lady Glassary Wood

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## KINNEIL HOUSE

Almost 2,000 years of history can be found in the grounds of this historic house: the remains of a Roman fort, the exterior of a stately home and an outhouse where James Watt worked on his steam engine. There are also extensive woodlands and a family-friendly museum.

On Open Days you can enter the house to see the stunning wall-paintings of the 1500s that saved it from demolition.

- **On the western outskirts of Bo'ness, off the A904. Follow signs for Kinneil Museum**
- Grid **NS 982 805**
- Telephone **01506 778 530**
- Museum open all year 12.30pm to 4pm except Tue. Call site in advance for house opening times
- Kinneil Museum offers audio visual interpretation of Kinneil House and its estate
- Visit [kinneil.org.uk](http://kinneil.org.uk) for further details and Open Day dates

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## SKIPNESS CASTLE AND CHAPEL

A fine castle of the 1200s, with a tower house of the 1500s in one corner. A short walk leads from the castle to the late-medieval chapel, which lies near the seashore and holds a small collection of fine grave slabs.

- **S of the village of Skipness on the E coast of Kintyre off the B8001**
- Grid **NR 908 578, NR 910 575**
- Access to the chapel is over agricultural land
- Castle exterior and chapel accessible all year round. The interior of the castle tower is open summer only

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## STIRLING CASTLE

See pages 52–53 for full details.

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## STIRLING: ENGINE SHED

Explore the stories of the structures and buildings around you at the Engine Shed. Interactive exhibits, 4K/3D theatre, augmented reality experiences and hands-on activities bring Scotland's built heritage to life. Spend a day getting to grips with interactive exhibits, enjoy activities for all ages, or sign up for a course or a workshop to help develop your skills, whether you're a novice or seasoned professional. Check the website [engineshed.scot](http://engineshed.scot) for the latest news and events listings at Scotland's first building conservation centre.

- **Located next to Stirling Train Station on Forthside Way**
- Postcode **FK8 1QZ**
- Telephone **01786 234 800**
- Open all year. Mon to Sat 10am to 4pm

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## STIRLING: KING'S KNOT

The earthworks of a splendid raised knot garden, made in 1628 for Charles I.

- **Below castle rock, Stirling**
- Grid **NS 787 941**



## STIRLING: MAR'S WARK

- At the head of Castle Wynd
- Grid NS 792 936

STIRLING: OLD BRIDGE

- On the River Forth off the M9 at Stirling
- Grid **NS 797 945**

## WESTQUARTER DOVECOT

- At Westquarter, near Laurieston. Access off the A803 on the Linlithgow to Laurieston Road into Westquarter, then into the west end of Dovecot Road
- Grid NS 913 787



For centuries, Stirling Castle was one of Scotland's most powerful and strategic strongholds, safeguarding a crucial crossing of the Forth. It was also a primary residence for Scotland's royalty, where kings and queens held court, revelling in the grandeur and sophistication of their surroundings. Later, it became an important garrison for successive military authorities.

Now, the Royal Palace of James V and Mary of Guise has been impressively returned to its Renaissance glory, informed by a decade of in-depth research, and decorated by specialist craftspeople. This is a highlight of the visitor experience.

- **Leave M9 at Junction 10 and follow local road signs**
- Postcode **FK8 1EJ**
- Telephone **01786 450 000**
- Open all year seven days a week. 1 Apr to 30 Sept 9.30am to 6pm, 1 Oct to 31 Mar 9.30am to 5pm. Last ticket sold 45 mins before closing. Regimental Museum currently closed for refurbishment – please check website for details
- Adult £16 (£15 advance) Child £9.60 (£9 advance) Concession £12.80 (£12 advance)
- Car parking charge for members is £2 from 1 Apr to 30 Sept and free from 1 Oct to 31 Mar
- Trailers, caravans and mobile homes are not permitted
- If the car park is full, visitors will be advised to use the city centre car parks. See **stirlingcastle.scot** for information on park and ride and alternative parking in Stirling
- Walk from Stirling Bus Station and Stirling Train Station is up a steep hill and takes approx. 25 mins
- For reasons of ease of movement, visitor safety and general security, suitcases and large rucksacks are not permitted in the castle. We may carry out random bag searches at the castle entrance as part of our security screening process
- Visit our website: **stirlingcastle.scot**

Members get fast track entry to Stirling Castle. Simply make your way into the castle and your membership card will be scanned.



### Inside the Palace

Costumed characters – royalty, servants and court officials – provide glimpses into the intrigue and politics of the Stewart court, and act as guides to the stunning royal apartments. Visitors can view the exquisite Unicorn Tapestries, commissioned from specialist weavers, and the painted replica Stirling Heads, carefully copied from oak carvings made for the Palace in the 1530s. Many of the originals are also displayed in our Stirling Heads Gallery.

### Other highlights

- The Castle Exhibition, bringing to life the exciting stories of the castle's history
- The Great Hall, built for James IV in the early 1500s as a huge space for feasting and state events
- The Chapel Royal, built for James VI in 1594, for the baptism of his eldest son Prince Henry
- The Great Kitchens, where vast banquets were prepared

- The Palace Vaults, where families can enjoy the interactive displays and activities including dressing in period costume and medieval instruments
- The Regimental Museum of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, currently under refurbishment, celebrates the history of a great Scottish regiment
- The Access Gallery, specially designed to allow disabled visitors to experience less accessible areas of the castle

### Gifts and refreshments

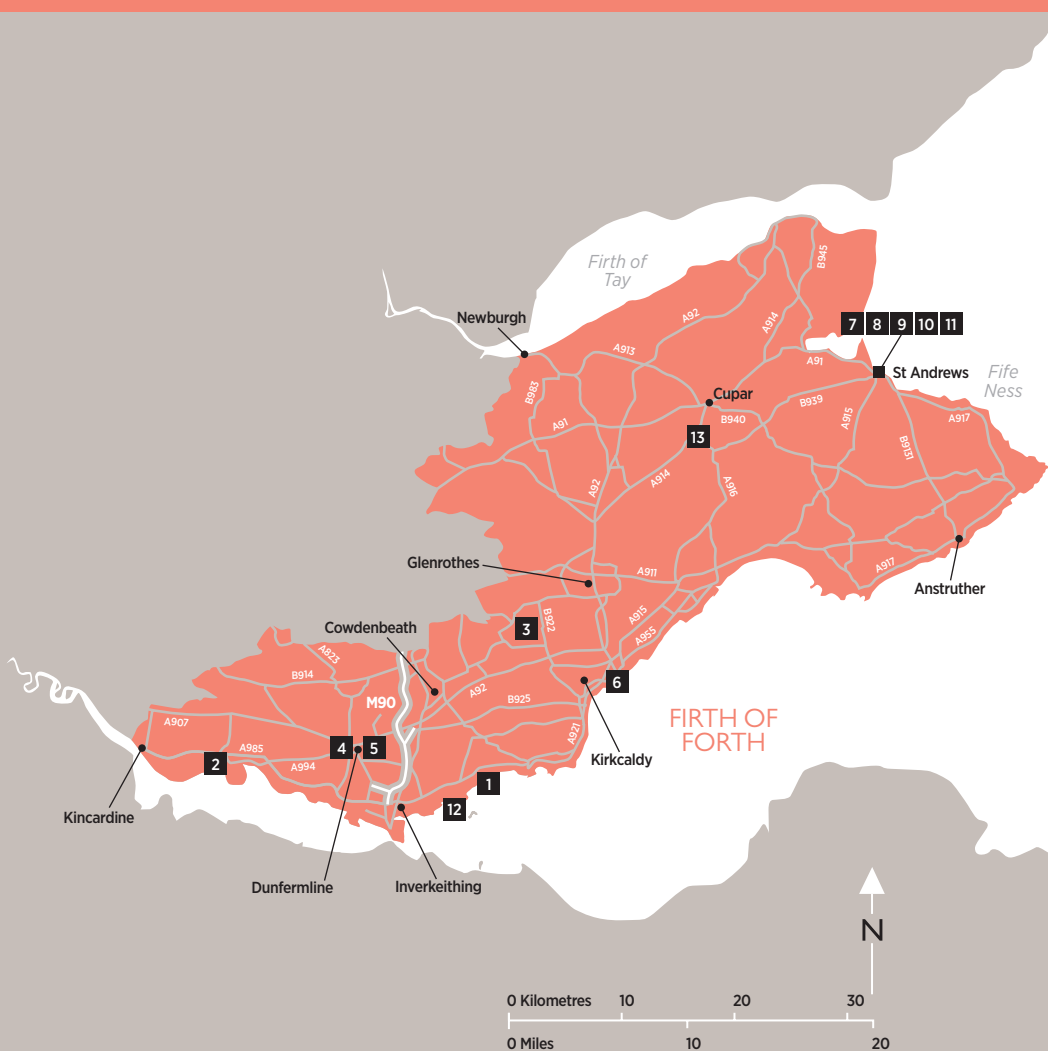
- Our three shops sell a wide range of gifts, souvenirs, whisky, books, clan tartans and jewellery
- The Unicorn Café offers a delicious menu of hot and cold food
- The Pentice Terrace Café provides sandwiches, home baking and refreshments (open summer only)

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# THE KINGDOM OF FIFE





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## ABERDOUR CASTLE AND GARDENS

This was once the luxurious Renaissance home and gardens of Regent Morton, in his heyday Scotland's most powerful man. Aberdour was begun in the 1100s, making it one of Scotland's oldest stone castles; while the east range, with its fine painted ceiling, was added by the 8th Earl of Morton in the 1600s.

- **In Aberdour, 8m E of the Forth Bridges on the A921**
- Grid **NT 192 854**
- Postcode **KY3 OSL**
- Telephone **01383 860 519**
- Open all year. Winter closed Thurs and Fri
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Railway station is a short walk from the castle
- Tearoom open summer only
- Self-service tea/coffee available in winter



## CULROSS ABBEY

The ruins of a Cistercian monastery founded around 1217, consisting of the nave, cellars and domestic buildings. The eastern parts of the abbey church are now the parish church and are not in the care of HES.

- **At the head of the village of Culross off the A985. Access by foot from nearby parking on the shores of the Forth**
- Grid **NS 989 862**
- Open all year

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## DOGTON STONE

Once a splendid free-standing cross probably of 9th century date. What remains is a weathered fragment, best appreciated when lighting conditions highlight the surviving decoration.

- **In a field at Dogton farmhouse, 1.5m E of Cardenden railway station off the B9222**
- Grid **NT 236 968**
- Not signposted – access is via farmland and not always possible



## DUNFERMLINE ABBEY AND PALACE

Admire one of Scotland's most impressive medieval interiors and most important royal sites, founded as a priory in about 1080. St Margaret, the founder, her husband Malcolm III and her youngest son David I are among a number of royal figures laid to rest here. Robert the Bruce was buried in the medieval choir, now beneath the Abbey Church of 1821.

Charles I was born in the palace that grew up alongside the abbey. Look for grand architecture, elaborate carvings, a painted vault of the 1500s, beautiful stained glass windows and displays of sculpture.

The Abbey Nave was a filming location for the recent Netflix film *Outlaw King*.

- **In Dunfermline off the M90**
- Grid **NT 090 873**
- Postcode **KY12 7PE**
- Telephone **01383 739 026**
- Open all year. Winter closed Thurs and Fri. The Abbey Church (where Robert the Bruce's tomb is located) is not managed by Historic Environment Scotland but is open to the public from Mar to Oct. For further info on opening times visit [dunfermlineabbey.co.uk](http://dunfermlineabbey.co.uk)
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

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## RAVENSCRAIG CASTLE

Begun in 1460 for Queen Mary of Guelders, wife of James II, this formidable coastal castle consists of two robust round towers linked by a cross range, with further buildings on the promontory. View exterior only.

- On the eastern outskirts of Kirkcaldy off the A955 Dysart Road
- Grid NT 290 924

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## ST ANDREWS: BLACKFRIARS CHAPEL

An attractive vaulted aisle stands as the surviving remnant of a church built around 1516 for the Dominican friars. Some carvings are still visible on the vaulting. View from exterior only.

- In South Street opposite junction with Bell Street
- Grid NO 507 165
- Not signposted

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## ST ANDREWS: ST MARY'S CHURCH, KIRKHEUGH

Foundations of a small cross-shaped church near the cliff-edge behind the cathedral. It became the earliest collegiate church in Scotland. Destroyed at the Reformation in 1560.

- On the coastal path to the pier and just north of St Andrews Cathedral
- Grid NO 515 166
- Not signposted

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## ST ANDREWS: WEST PORT

One of Scotland's two surviving town gates, built in 1589, with polygonal towers, each with a gunhole, and an elaborate parapet. It was 'completely renovated' in 1843. View exterior only.

- At the junction of South Street with Bridge Street
- Grid NO 506 165
- Not signposted

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## ST BRIDGET'S KIRK, DALGETY

The shell of a medieval church, altered in the 1600s for Protestant worship. At its west end are a burial vault and laird's loft, built for the Earl of Dunfermline.

- On the shores of the Forth, 2m SW of Aberdeen off the A921. On the Fife Coastal Path (between Aberdeen and Dalgety Bay)
- Grid NT 169 838
- Not signposted
- Open summer only

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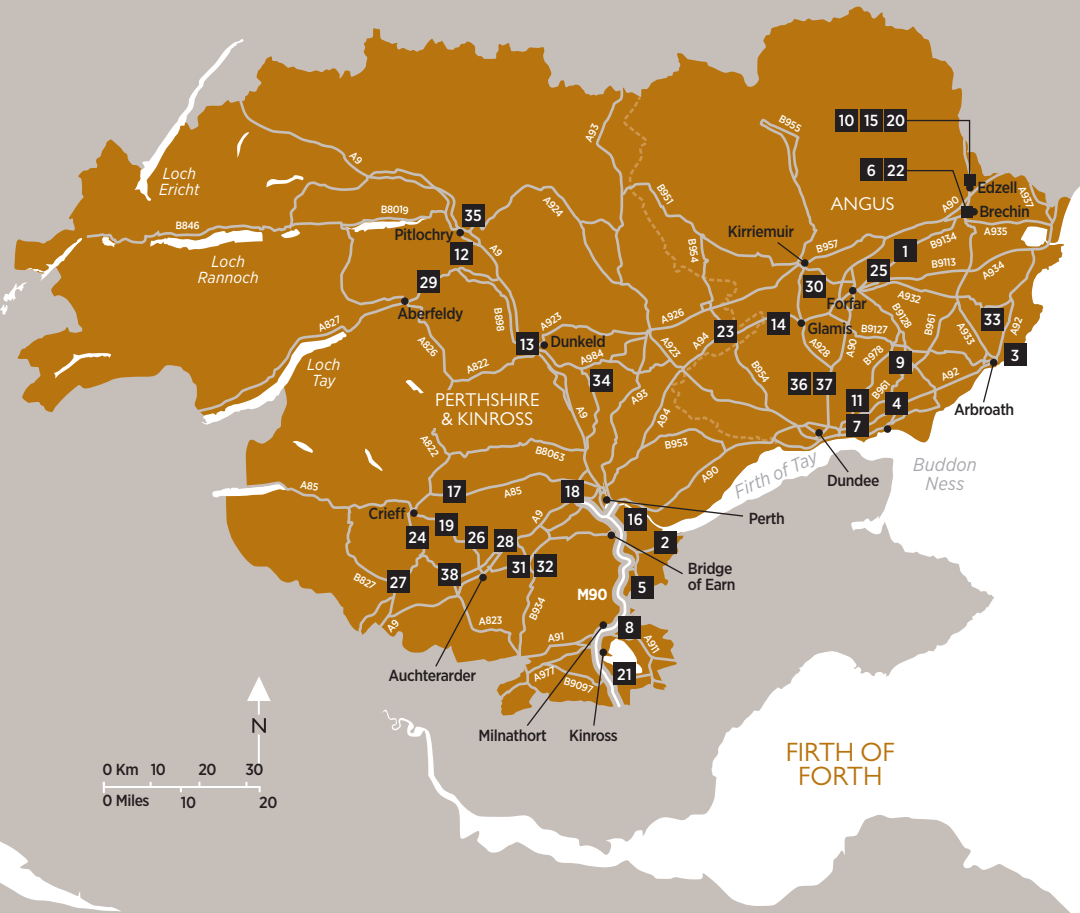
## SCOTSTARVIT TOWER

Probably built in the 15th century and re-modelled in the 17th century. Renowned as the home of Sir John Scot, author of *Scot of Scotstarvit's Staggering State of the Scots Statesmen*. It is a particularly handsome and well-built tower. Views of the exterior throughout the year.

- 3m S of Cupar off the A916
- Grid NO 370 112
- Internal access to the tower daily in the summer. Call Hill of Tarvit Mansionhouse on 01334 653 127 in advance to arrange access to the parapet
- No parking at the tower, but visitors can park at the Hill of Tarvit Mansionhouse (approx. 1 mile away)



# PERTHSHIRE, KINROSS & ANGUS



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### ABERLEMNO SCULPTURED STONES

A magnificent group of Pictish sculptured stones: three stand beside the B9134 road and one, a cross-slab with interlaced decoration, Pictish symbols and a battle scene, is in the churchyard.

All are covered with wooden boxes from 1 October to 31 March to protect them from the elements.

- **On the B9134 in Aberlemno village, 6m NE of Forfar**
- Grid **NO 522 555, NO 522 558, NO 522 559**
- Some of the stones are located next to a busy trunk road and care is required

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### ABERNETHY ROUND TOWER

One of two free-standing round towers of Irish style surviving in Scotland, dating from the late 11th century. A Pictish symbol stone is built into the tower. Good views of the Firth of Tay, a very important area for birds, especially wintering wildfowl and waders.

- **In the village of Abernethy off the A913 just E of the Bridge of Earn**
- Grid **NO 192 163**
- Closed Mon and Tue
- Key available from the adjacent 'Berryfields Tea Room' all year Wed to Sun and from Museum of Abernethy Wed to Sun, May to Sept (afternoons only). For more information and opening times visit [fb.com/berryfieldstearoom](https://fb.com/berryfieldstearoom) or [museumofabernethy.co.uk](https://museumofabernethy.co.uk)

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### ARBROATH ABBEY

Discover the story of the Declaration of Arbroath, a letter sent from the abbey in April 1320, in which Scotland's nobility proclaimed their independence from England – and Robert the Bruce's right to be recognised as king.

Explore the extensive ruins of a superb medieval abbey founded in 1178 by King William I, in honour of his murdered friend Archbishop Thomas Becket. Listen to your voice reverberate in the beautiful sacristy, which once rang with the clamour of 'lunatics' incarcerated here. Climb the hidden stairway in the south transept, just below the famous 'Round O' window, and discover the fascinating collections in the Abbot's House museum.

- **In Arbroath town centre on the A92**
- Grid **NO 643 413** Postcode **DD11 1EG**
- Telephone **01241 878 756**
- Open all year
- Adult £9 Child £5.40 Concession £7.20
- Wheelchair available

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### ARDESTIE EARTH HOUSE

A curved, 25-metre-long underground gallery, once attached to an Iron Age roundhouse. Nearby Monifieth Bay is important for birds, particularly sanderling and eider.

- **0.25m N of A92 off B962 to Monikie**
- Grid **NO 502 344**
- Not signposted
- Open summer only

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## BALVAIRD CASTLE

An L-shaped tower house with refined architectural details, built in the late 1400s and extended in 1567, when a walled courtyard and gatehouse were added. View exterior only.

- About 6m SE of Bridge of Earn off the A912
- Grid NO 169 115

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BRECHIN CATHEDRAL  
ROUND TOWER

One of two round towers of the Irish type remaining in Scotland. Built in the late 11th century, it has a remarkable carved doorway. A stone roof was added in the 1400s. View exterior only.

- In Brechin town centre off the A933
- Grid NO 596 600
- The adjacent cathedral (not HES) houses a magnificent collection of carved stones

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## BROUGHTY CASTLE

An imposing stronghold overlooking the Tay and Monifieth Bay, Broughty Castle was built in the late 1400s and adapted for Victorian military use. It now houses a fascinating museum operated by Leisure and Culture Dundee. The bay is important for wintering wildfowl, and dolphins are occasionally seen.

- On the shores of the Tay in Broughty Ferry, Dundee off the A930
- Postcode DD5 2TF
- Telephone 01382 436 916
- Entry times vary from our standard hours. Please call the site about opening times or visit [leisureandculturedundee.com/broughty-castle](http://leisureandculturedundee.com/broughty-castle)
- Retail discount is not available

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## BURLEIGH CASTLE

The ruin of a tower house of about 1500, with a section of defensive barmkin wall and a corner tower.

- 0.5m E of Milnathort on the A911
- Grid NO 128 045
- Open summer only
- The grounds are open during daylight hours. Call 01241 878 756 in advance to request internal access

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## CARLUNGIE EARTH HOUSE

A complex underground structure, or souterrain, of the Iron Age. About 48m long, it is now uncovered.

- 1m E of Templehall off the B962
- Grid NO 511 359
- Not signposted
- Open summer only

10  CATERTHUNS  
(BROWN AND WHITE)

Two spectacular hill forts. The Brown Caterthun has four earth ramparts and ditches, while the White has a massive stone rampart, a ditch and outer ramparts.

- About 5m E of the village of Inchbarr off the B966 Brechin to Edzell Road
- Grid NO 555 668, NO 547 660
- Access is over agricultural land
- Open summer only

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## CLAYPOTTS CASTLE

An outstanding tower house of the 1500s, intact and little altered. It has two circular towers at opposite corners, topped by square garret chambers. Built in 1569–88, and later owned by John Graham of Claverhouse, it was inhabited into the 1800s.

- **Off the A92 E of Dundee at Claypotts Junction**
- Grid **NO 457 319**
- The grounds are open during daylight hours. Internal access facilitated by a private company – call 01241 878 756 in advance to arrange

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## DUNFALLANDY STONE

An exceptionally well-preserved Pictish cross-slab with ornate decoration featuring human figures and Pictish symbols. Covered by a protective enclosure.

- **1m S of Pitlochry off the A924**
- Grid **NN 946 564**
- Signposted off Bridge Road, Pitlochry

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## DUNKELD CATHEDRAL

Situated beside the Tay, Dunkeld Cathedral was begun in the mid-1200s but not completed until at least the late 1400s. The ruined nave and tower are cared for by Historic Environment Scotland. The choir now serves as the parish church (not HES). A display of stone carvings includes Pictish slabs, decorative flourishes from the medieval cathedral and gravestones of the 1600s.

- **In the village of Dunkeld off the A9**
- Grid **NO 023 426**
- Not signposted within Dunkeld
- For more information about the Parish Church and the availability of tours visit [dunkeldcathedral.org.uk](http://dunkeldcathedral.org.uk)
- Due to essential conservation work, the Nave is currently inaccessible

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## EASSIE SCULPTURED STONE

An elaborately sculptured Pictish cross-slab with an intricate cross, angels, animals, warrior, Pictish symbols and three figures with shields. Covered by a protective enclosure.

- **In the ruined church of Eassie, W of Glamis off the A94**
- Grid **NO 352 474**
- Not signposted

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## EDZELL CASTLE AND GARDEN

The refined beauty of this tower house, later expanded to become a courtyard castle, was designed to herald the prestige of its owners, the Lindsays. The elaborate walled garden was created in 1604. Resplendent with heraldic sculptures and carved panels, the architectural framework surrounding the garden is unique in Britain. The garden also includes walled flower and nesting boxes and a delightful summer house.

- **At Edzell, 6m N of Brechin on the B966**
- Postcode **DD9 7UE**
- Telephone **01356 648 631**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Wheelchair available





16 P *APP* ★★★★★

## ELCHO CASTLE

Parade up the grand staircase or scurry up the service stair, venture into the well-appointed kitchen and admire the views from the battlements. This remarkably complete tower house of the 1500s was the country retreat of the Wemyss family. Its orchard has been replanted with traditional varieties of apple, pear and plum and is a haven for butterflies and wildlife.

- 5m NE of Bridge of Earn off the A912 and close to Rhynd
- Grid **NO 164 210** Postcode **PH2 8QQ**
- Telephone **01738 639 998**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Call site to arrange bus parking/access with neighbouring farm

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## FOWLIS WESTER SCULPTURED STONE

A tall cross-slab with Pictish symbols, figures and ornate decoration. The original is now in the parish church; a replica stands in the square alongside another finely carved Pictish stone.

- At Fowls Wester, 6m NE of Crieff off the A85
- Grid **NN 927 240**

18 P *APP* ★★★★★

## HUNTINGTOWER CASTLE

Colonies of bats now fly around Huntingtower's twin tower houses, but according to legend a lovestruck maiden once leapt between them. Mary, Queen of Scots spent a night here with Darnley soon after their marriage; it was also here that their son James VI was held hostage. Find out more as you explore the castle, which boasts a superb painted ceiling of the 1500s.

- Just W of Perth off the A85 to Crieff
- Grid **NO 082 251** Postcode **PH1 3JL**
- Telephone **01738 627 231**
- Open all year. Winter closed Thurs and Fri
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Car park not accessible for large cars or camper vans
- Disabled access limited to some lower parts of the castle

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## INNERPEFFRAY CHAPEL

Find traces of the pre-Reformation worship and a painted celestial ceiling in this beautiful church. It housed Scotland's first lending library, now in a Georgian building next door, which is in the care of Innerpeffray Mortification ([innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk](http://innerpeffraylibrary.co.uk)).

Admission to the lower floor of the library (which includes the shop) is free. An admission fee is charged to access the historic library on the upper floor.

- Off the B8062 midway between Crieff and Auchterarder
- Grid **NN 902 183**
- Open daily in summer and when the library is open in Mar and Oct
- Guided tours available

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## LINDSAY BURIAL AISLE

An attractive little chapel, built around 1550, and later adopted as a burial place for the Lindsays of nearby Edzell Castle. Exterior view only.

- In Edzell graveyard off the B966, 1m N of Edzell Castle
- Grid **NO 582 688**
- Not signposted

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21 **P** *PPA* ★★★

## LOCHLEVEN CASTLE

An island stronghold, where Mary, Queen of Scots was famously imprisoned in 1567-8. The castle was visited by Robert the Bruce in 1313, and his son David II in the 1360s. Visit the room where Mary probably slept, miscarried twins and was forced to abdicate. Look out for waterfowl from the boat.

- On an island in Loch Leven reached by boat from Kinross off the M90 (weather permitting)
- Grid **NO 137 017** Postcode **KY13 8UF**
- Telephone **01577 862 670**
- Open 1 Apr to 31 Oct. Boat can carry up to 12 passengers and runs from 10am to last outward sailing at 4.15pm (3.15pm during Oct)
- Adult £9 Child £5.40 Concession £7.20
- Advance booking is strongly advised. For details visit [historicismenvironment.scot/lochleven-castle](http://historicismenvironment.scot/lochleven-castle)
- No water supply for drinking. Hand sanitiser available for hand-washing
- Public toilets available within carpark

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## MAISON DIEU CHAPEL, BRECHIN

The ruins of a chapel that was attached to a medieval hospital founded in the 1260s. Among the surviving remains are finely detailed doors and windows.

- In **Maison Dieu Lane, Brechin** off the **B9134**
- Grid **NO 596 600**

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## MEIGLE SCULPTURED STONE MUSEUM

A simple display of 26 Pictish carved stones dating from the 8th to the late 10th centuries, including some superb examples. These are the remnants of what was once an important centre of Pictish wealth and patronage, and comprise one of the most important collections of early medieval sculpture in western Europe.

- In **Meigle, 6m W of Glamis** off the **A94**
- Postcode **PH12 8SB**
- Telephone **01828 640 612**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Guided tours available. Contact site for details

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## MUTHILL OLD CHURCH AND TOWER

The striking ruins of an attractive medieval parish church. At the west end is a tall Romanesque tower of the 1100s. The remainder of the church was mostly built in the 1400s. View exterior only.

- In **Muthill, 3m SW of Crieff** off the **A822**
- Grid **NN 867 170**

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## RESTENNETH PRIORY

Ruins of the church that once stood at the heart of an Augustinian priory. The chancel and tower survive: the lower part of the tower is very early Romanesque work.

- **1m NE of Forfar** off the **B9113 Brechin Road**
- Grid **NO 482 516**

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## ROMAN SITE: ARDUNIE ROMAN SIGNAL STATION

The site of a Roman watch tower on the Gask Ridge dating to the 1st century AD.

- Take Trinity Gask Church Road out of Trinity Gask
- Signposted footpath 1m
- Grid NN 946 187

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## ROMAN SITE: BLACK HILL CAMPS

Remnants of two Roman marching camps, probably dating to the early 3rd century. Marching camps were temporary bases, built by legionaries on campaign.

- 0.5m N of Braco off the A822 Crieff Road just past the junction with the B827 Comrie Road
- Grid NN 840 109
- Not signposted

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## ROMAN SITE: MUIR O'FAULD ROMAN SIGNAL STATION

The site of a 1st century Roman watchtower on the Gask Ridge. Red squirrels, osprey and red kites are often seen here.

- Accessed by woodland footpath 1m NE of Trinity Gask off the B8062 Crieff to Auchterarder Road
- Grid NN 982 189
- Not signposted

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## ST MARY'S CHURCH, GRANDTULLY

A simple parish church probably built in the early 1500s. An elaborate painted wooden ceiling was added in the 1630s, depicting heraldic and symbolic subjects.

- 3m NE of Aberfeldy off the A827
- Grid NN 886 505
- Access is over agricultural land

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## ST ORLAND'S STONE

A tall Pictish cross-slab with a prominent, ornate cross and, on the reverse, Pictish symbols, a hunting scene and a very rare Pictish depiction of a boat.

- 4.5m W of Forfar off the A926
- Grid NO 400 500
- Not signposted
- Unsuitable for vehicles
- No access through adjacent field

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## ST SERF'S CHURCH AND THE DUPPLIN CROSS

Gaze in wonder at a masterpiece of Pictish sculpture that is now displayed inside one of Scotland's oldest complete parish churches. The Dupplin Cross is an ornate, 2.5-metre-high freestanding cross. It names the Pictish King Constantine and depicts warriors, animals and a harp player.

The cross stands in the 12th century tower of a church whose legendary founder slew a dragon.

- In Dunning Village on the B9141 from the A9
- Postcode PH2 0RG
- Telephone 01764 684 497
- Open summer only
- Guided tours are subject to availability until 4.15pm, please call site for details
- Admission free – donations welcome

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## ST VIGEANS SCULPTURED STONES

Immerse yourself in the enigmatic beauty of Pictish art. Displayed and interpreted inside a converted cottage, this is one of the most important collections of Pictish Christian stones, all discovered in and around the local church. They include the Drosten Stone, which carries a remarkable inscription and includes a hooded hunter and a squatting imp.

- 1m N of Arbroath off the A92 to Montrose
- Postcode DD11 4RB
- Telephone 01241 878 756
- Open by appointment only.  
Check [historicenvironment.scot/daysout](http://historicenvironment.scot/daysout) for additional open dates
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- On the Arbroath Path Network

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## STANLEY MILLS

Get hands-on at one of our most dynamic sites. Picturesquely sited on the banks of the Tay, Stanley Mills were founded to process cotton at the height of the Industrial Revolution in the 1780s, repeatedly remodelled to adapt to changes in the textile industry, and finally closed in 1989.

Interactive games and displays bring the mill back to life – are your fingers as nimble as a child labourer's or do you have the business acumen of a mill owner? Listen to the Gaelic poetry and stories of the displaced Highlanders who worked here after losing their homes in the Clearances.

- 9m N of Perth, follow signs for Stanley Mills
- Postcode PH1 4QE
- Telephone 01738 828 268
- Open 1 Apr to 30 Sept 9.30am to 5.30pm, Oct 10am to 4pm. Last entry 1 hour before closing
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80



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## SUNNYBRAE COTTAGE

An ordinary small Highland house, probably begun in the 1700s and 'improved' in the 1800s and 1900s. Remains of a cruck-framed roof survive beneath the corrugated iron roof. View exterior only.

- 156 Atholl Road, Pitlochry on the A924, the northernmost house
- Grid NN 936 583

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## TEALING DOVECOT AND EARTH HOUSE

An elegant dovecot of the late 1500s. Nearby are remains of an Iron Age souterrain, which is now uncovered. Bronze Age carvings can be made out on its stones.

- Close to the village of Balgray, 5m N of Dundee off the A90
- Grid NO 412 381
- Access to the earth house is over agricultural land
- Open summer only
- Limited parking in farmyard beside dovecot

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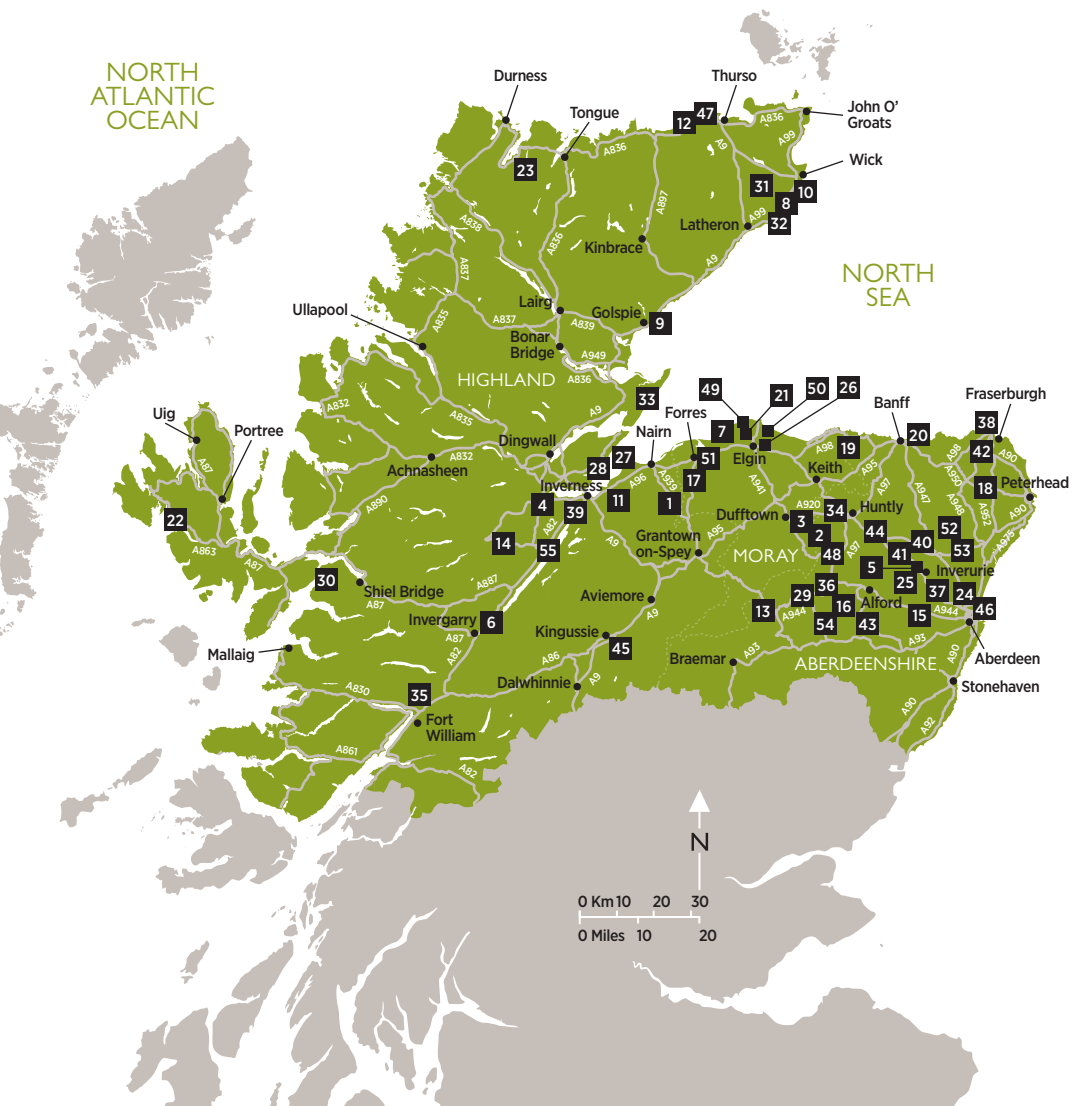
## TULLIBARDINE CHAPEL

One of the most complete and unaltered small medieval churches in Scotland, founded in 1446 and largely rebuilt about 1500.

- 2m NW of Auchterarder off the A823 Crieff Road
- Grid NN 909 134
- Open summer only
- No bus/coach access



# NORTH & GRAMPIAN





## ARDCLACH BELL TOWER

A fortified hilltop tower built as a watchtower and prison in 1655 but later used as a bell tower.

- **9m S of Nairn, signposted off the A939 to Granttown on Spey**
- Grid **NH 953 453**



## AUCHINDOUN CASTLE

Crowning a lonely hilltop, with dramatic views, Auchindoun dates from about 1480. A ruined tower house with an almost-complete curtain wall, it still retains fine architectural details.

- **2m S of Dufftown on the A941**
- Grid **NJ 348 376**
- Access on foot only. The route is steep and can be muddy



## BALVENIE CASTLE

Defended by a formidable curtain wall and an iron yett, Balvenie was a powerful strategic stronghold in the north-east. Home to the Stewarts, Comyns and Black Douglasses, it became the grand Renaissance residence of the Stewart earls of Atholl.

- **At Dufftown off the A941**
- Grid **NJ 326 408** Postcode **AB55 4GH**
- Telephone **01340 820 121**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80



## BEAULY PRIORY

The attractive ruins of a monastery of the strict Valliscaulian order, including the attractive church. The burial ground incorporates a wych elm said to be over 800 years old.

- **In Beauly on the A862**
- Grid **NH 527 464**



## BRANDBUTT SYMBOL STONE

A large whinstone block, incised with two Pictish symbols – a serpent and a crescent and V-rod – as well as an inscription in the early-medieval writing system known as ogham.

- **About 1m NW of Inverurie off the A96**
- Grid **NJ 759 224**



## BRIDGE OF OICH

A splendid suspension bridge built over the River Oich in 1854. It has a sophisticated double-cantilevered chain construction with massive granite pylon arches.

- **4m S of Fort Augustus on the A82**
- Grid **NH 338 035**



## BURGHEAD WELL

An underground well, 3 metres square and 1.3 metres deep, cut from the solid rock. Once enclosed within a Pictish fort, its purpose is unknown but may have been ceremonial.

- **In King Street, Burghead on the B9013.**  
**Signposted at the north end of Grant Street in the village**
- Grid **NJ 110 691**
- Key available from the Burghead Visitor Centre, Easter to Sept and 'The Bothy Bistro', Grant Street, all year
- Visitor Centre (01343 835 518), Bothy Bistro (01343 830 006)

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## CAIRN O'GET

A Neolithic burial cairn with two chambers, entrance passage, and two projecting 'horns'. Now unroofed, it is located in an area of much archaeological interest.

- **1.5m W of Ulbster off the A99. 0.75m from car park to site via black and white poles**
- Grid **ND 313 411**
- Access can be wet and muddy

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## CARN LIATH

A fine example of an Iron Age broch tower, surviving to first-floor level, surrounded by a 'village' of outbuildings. Its underground structures have been filled in.

- **By the A9, 3m ENE of Golspie**
- Grid **NC 870 013**
- Visitors should take care crossing the A9 trunk road

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## CASTLE OF OLD WICK

The best-preserved Norse castle in Scotland. Dating from the 1100s, this spectacular stronghold stands on a spine of rock projecting into the sea, between two deep, narrow gullies.

- **Signposted from A99**
- Grid **ND 368 487**
- Visitors must take great care and close child supervision is required

11 **P** 

## CLAVA CAIRNS

A well-preserved Bronze Age cemetery complex of passage graves, cairns and standing stones in a beautiful setting.

- **6m E of Inverness, signposted from the B9091, 300 yards E of Culloden Battlefield**
- Grid **NH 752 439**

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LONG CAIRNS

A pair of Neolithic burial cairns of the 'long-horned' type. They have not been excavated but are both thought to have been constructed about 3,500 to 3,750 years ago.

- **6m WSW of Thurso on A836**
- Grid **ND 013 654**
- Access is up an incline which is sometimes muddy

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## DALLAS DHU HISTORIC DISTILLERY

Discover the whisky-making process in this Victorian distillery, which has seen only limited development since it opened in 1898. Dallas Dhu suffered frequent setbacks before finally closing in 1983, but its mixed fortunes have helped preserve its distinctive features. Take an audio-guided tour, wander at your leisure through its fascinating buildings and enjoy a free dram at the end.

- 1m S of Forres off the A940
- Grid NJ 035 566
- Postcode IV36 2RR
- Telephone 01309 676 548
- Open all year. Winter closed Thurs and Fri
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

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## DEER ABBEY

A ruined Cistercian establishment, close to the recently rediscovered site of an earlier monastery whose monks wrote the oldest surviving Gaelic text, *The Book of Deer*.

- 2m W of Mintlaw on the A950
- Grid NJ 968 481

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## CULLERLIE STONE CIRCLE

A circle of eight stones erected about 4,000 years ago. They encircle an area which was consecrated by fires. Eight small cairns were later built within the circle.

- 0.75m S of Garlogie off the B9125
- Grid NJ 786 042

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## CULSH EARTH HOUSE

A well-preserved underground passage or souterrain, dating from the Iron Age (about 2,000 years ago). Its large chamber and entrance are covered by roofing slabs which are still intact. Access to chamber by crawling.

- At Culsh, 1m E of Tarland on the B9119
- Grid NJ 504 054

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## DESKFORD CHURCH

Ruins of a small, late-medieval church. The finest surviving feature is its sacrament house – a shrine-cupboard for the sacred host – richly carved in a style characteristic of the north-east.

- 4m S of Cullen on the B9018 to Keith
- Grid NJ 509 616





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## DUFF HOUSE

A magnificent Georgian mansion designed by William Adam, and used as a country house by the wealthy earls Fife for 150 years. After use as a hotel, a sanatorium, a military base and a prisoner of war camp, it was beautifully revived in the 1990s. It is now furnished largely from the Dunimarle Collection of fine arts and decorative arts, and its walls display a large number of artworks on loan from the National Galleries of Scotland.

- In Banff
- Grid **NJ 690 633** Postcode **AB45 3SX**
- Telephone **01261 818 181**
- Check website for opening times:  
**historiconenvironment.scot/duff-house**
- Adult £9 Child £5.40 Concession £7.20



## DUFFUS CASTLE

One of the finest examples of a motte and bailey castle in Scotland. Begun in the 1100s, it has a hall house of the early 1300s, and a stone curtain wall.

- **5m NW of Elgin on the B9012 to Burghead**
- Grid **NJ 189 672**



## DUN BEAG

A fine example of a Hebridean broch tower, on a rocky hilltop providing excellent views.

- **0.25m W of Bracadale, Skye off the A863**
- Grid **NG 339 385**
- Sections of the access route are steep



## DUN DORNAIGIL

A well preserved broch tower with a distinctive entrance, topped by a triangular lintel. Standing to a height of 6.7 metres in parts, it has never been excavated. Also known as Dun Dornadilla.

- **10m S of Hope, Sutherland off the A838**
- Grid **NC 457 450**



## DYCE SYMBOL STONES

Two Pictish stones, one incised with a Pictish beast and double disc; the other more deeply carved with symbols, an ornate cross, and an ogham.

- **0.75m N of Kirkton off Aberdeen Airport ring road in ruined church**
- Grid **NJ 875 154**



## EAST AQUHORTHIES STONE CIRCLE

A circle of 11 stones, with evidence of an earlier ring cairn at the centre believed to date from about 2000–1500 BC, with later additions.

- **1m W of Inverurie off the A96**
- Grid **NJ 732 207**
- Car parking nearby



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## ELGIN CATHEDRAL

Enjoy the peaceful atmosphere among the ruins of this magnificent medieval church, dating from the 1200s. Admire the glorious west front, the sumptuous decorations and the atmospheric chapter house.

Discover the cathedral's superb carved stone collection in a recently upgraded exhibition in the towers, including the colourfully lit effigy of Bishop Archibald, and enjoy spectacular rooftop views.

- In Elgin on the A96
- Grid **NJ 222 630** Postcode **IV30 1HU**
- Telephone **01343 547 171**
- Open all year
- Adult £9 Child £5.40 Concession £7.20
- Joint ticket with Spynie Palace: Adult £12 Child £7.20 Concession £9.60



## FORT GEORGE AND THE HIGHLANDERS MUSEUM

March into Britain's mightiest artillery fortress for an unforgettable experience, exploring an enormous military base protected by almost 1.6km (1 mile) of massive walls. You can gain an insight into life as a Redcoat in a garrison fortress, built in 1748–69, that has barely changed in its 250 years of active service. You could also join one of our dolphin watches, scouring the Moray Firth for its resident population of bottlenose dolphins.

- **6m W of Nairn, 11m NE of Inverness off the A96**
- Grid **NH 762 567** Postcode **IV2 7TD**
- Telephone **01667 460 232**
- Open all year. Last ticket sold 45 mins before closing. Café operates limited hours in winter
- Adult £9 Child £5.40 Concession £7.20

### Your visit

The fort shop sells a wide selection of gifts, souvenirs, quality books and jewellery while our café serves traditional, Scottish home-baking.

Fort George is large and mostly open to the elements – please allow plenty of time for your visit.

### Highland stronghold

Fort George was built after the final Jacobite Rising was crushed at the Battle of Culloden in 1746.

Strategically positioned on a promontory jutting into the Moray Firth, it was designed as the ultimate bulwark against further unrest, but its sophisticated defences were never tested. Although the Highlands have remained largely peaceful ever since, the fort has retained its garrison. It is still a working army barracks today, housing a regular infantry battalion of the British Army.

### Ready for inspection

There is much for visitors to see including defences bristling with cannons, historic barrack rooms, a superb collection of weapons and the peaceful Regimental Chapel that holds many old colours or battle flags.

The Highlanders' Museum tells the stories of three of the four regiments that came together to make up the Highlanders Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Scotland.

### Living history

To mark the fort's 250th anniversary in 2019, join us for a packed programme of living history, tours and events to experience what life was like in Scotland's past.

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## FORTROSE CATHEDRAL

The ruins of a handsome red sandstone church, begun in the 1200s. Part of the nave and the chapter house survive; the tall square tower may also date from the earliest building phase.

- In Fortrose on the A832
- Grid NH 727 565

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## GLENBUCHAT CASTLE

An attractive Z-plan tower house in a picturesque location, built in 1590 and later remodelled. Its last laird, John Gordon, known as 'Old Glenbucket', was a notable Jacobite.

- 6m W of Kildrummy on the A97
- Grid NJ 397 148
- Site closed during 2019 for essential maintenance – limited viewing of external elevations is available

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## GLENELG BROCHS: DUN TELVE AND DUN TRODDAN

Two brochs with well-preserved features, less than 500 metres apart. About a third of each broch's walls stand to considerable height – more than 10 metres at Dun Telve; 7.5 metres at Dun Troddan.

- 8m SE of Kyle of Lochalsh. Turn off at Shielbridge from the A87 onto unclassified road to Glenelg
- Grid NG 829 172

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## GREY CAIRNS OF CAMSTER

Two fully excavated Neolithic burial cairns. One is a long cairn, about 60 metres long, with two internal chambers; the other is round, about 19 metres diameter, with a single chamber divided into three.

- 5m N of Lybster on the A99. Monument situated 5m along unclassified road
- Grid ND 260 441
- Access to chambers is by crawling only and surface can be wet

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## HILL O'MANY STANES

More than 190 low stone slabs arranged in rows on a hillside. Raised more than 3,000 years ago, their purpose and meaning remain a mystery.

- At Mid Clyth, 4m NE of Lybster on A99
- Grid ND 295 384

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## HILTON OF CADBOLL CHAPEL

The foundations of a small rectangular chapel and, nearby, a modern carved reconstruction of the famous Pictish cross-slab found on the site.

- In village of Hilton off the B9166, 12m NE of Invergordon
- Grid NH 873 768

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## HUNTLY CASTLE

With elaborate heraldry, carved fireplaces and refined décor, this palatial residence was a declaration of the power and wealth of the Gordon earls of Huntly. It stands on the site of a motte and bailey castle built in about 1190. There were many royal visits, although in 1594 James VI had part of the tower house blown up after suppressing a rebellion.

- In Huntly off the A96
- Grid NJ 532 407 Postcode AB54 4SH
- Telephone 01466 793 191
- Open all year. Winter closed Thurs and Fri
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

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## INVERLOCHY CASTLE

A well-preserved stronghold built by the Comyn family in the 1200s – one of Scotland's earliest stone castles. It has a square courtyard, with round towers at the corners. The largest was the donjon or keep.

- 2m NE of Fort William off the A82
- Grid NN 121 755







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## MAIDEN STONE

A Pictish cross-slab bearing a cross on one side and, on the other, a variety of Pictish symbols. From October to March the stone is protected by a cover.

- Near Chapel of Garioch, 4.5m NW of Inverurie on the A96
- Grid NJ 703 247

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## MEMSIE CAIRN

A large stone cairn, possibly Bronze Age, enlarged during field clearance.

- 3.5m S of Fraserburgh on the B9032, 0.5m SW of Memsie Village
- Grid NJ 976 620

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## PEEL RING OF LUMPHANAN

This great earthwork, constructed around 1250, was the site of a fortified residence of the mighty Durward family. Edward I visited in July 1296.

- 0.5m SW of Lumphanan off the A980
- Grid NJ 576 036

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## PICARDY SYMBOL STONE

A large but simple Pictish stone with three clearly incised symbols.

- Signposted from B992 in the centre of Insch
- Grid NJ 609 302

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## RUTHVEN BARRACKS

A striking infantry base on the elevated site of a medieval castle, with superb views down the Spey Valley. It was built in 1719, following the Jacobite Rising of 1715; but then captured and burned by Prince Charles Edward Stuart's army in 1746.

- 1m from Kingussie, signposted from the A9 and the A86 in the centre of Kingussie
- Grid NN 764 997

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## ST MACHAR'S CATHEDRAL TRANSEPTS

The nave and towers of this late-medieval cathedral remain in use as a church, while the ruined transepts are in care. In the south transept is the fine tomb of Bishop Gavin Dunbar.

- In Old Aberdeen
- Grid NJ 939 087

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## ST MARY'S CHAPEL, CROSSKIRK

A simple dry-stone coastal chapel, probably built in the 1100s. Although no earlier church seems to have stood here, a broch site and two long-cist burials were discovered nearby.

- 6m W of Thurso on the A836
- Grid ND 025 701
- Access can be muddy

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## ST MARY'S KIRK, AUCHINDOIR

One of Scotland's finest medieval churches, roofless but otherwise complete. Built around 1200, with an elaborately carved doorway, and altered in the 1500s and 1600s.

- Off the A944 between the villages of Rhynie and Lumsden on the B9002
- Grid NJ 477 244

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## ST PETER'S KIRK AND PARISH CROSS, DUFFUS

The ruins of this medieval church include the base of a western tower, built in the 1300s, a vaulted porch of the 1500s, and some interesting tombstones. The associated cross dates from the 1300s.

- **0.5m E of village of Duffus, signposted from the B9012 in the centre of the village**
- Grid **NJ 175 686**
- Keys available from the Old Manse.  
Please follow signs at site for key keeper

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## SPYNIE PALACE

For nearly 500 years, the bishops of Moray resided in this majestic complex of buildings, a short distance from their cathedral at Elgin. It even had its own bowling green and, according to one account, a tennis court. Today, you can climb the five-storey David's Tower, the palace's grandest building, where bishops once entertained kings and queens.

- **2m N of Elgin off the A941**
- Grid **NJ 230 658** Postcode **IV30 5QG**
- Telephone **01343 546 358**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Joint ticket with Elgin Cathedral: Adult £12 Child £7.20 Concession £9.60

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## SUENO'S STONE

Scotland's tallest sculpted standing stone, over 6 metres high. Its carvings include rare battle scenes, suggesting it may mark a Pictish victory of the 10th century.

- **Signposted from the B9011 in Forres**
- Grid **NJ 046 595**

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## TARVES TOMB

The elaborately carved tomb of Sir William Forbes and his wife Elizabeth Gordon. The mason was Thomas Leiper, who built much of Tolquhon Castle.

- **In Tarves kirkyard, 15m NNW of Aberdeen on the A920**
- Grid **NJ 871 313**

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## TOLQUHON CASTLE

Sitting within spacious grounds, Tolquhon is among Scotland's prettiest castles. Sir William Forbes, who had the existing tower house expanded in the 1580s, intended it to be an impressive residence – though he incorporated plenty of gunloops to deter attackers.

- **15m N of Aberdeen on the A920**
- Grid **NJ 872 286** Postcode **AB41 7LP**
- Telephone **01651 851 286**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

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## TOMNAVERIE STONE CIRCLE

A stone circle about 17 metres in diameter, overlying an earlier ring cairn. Created about 4,000 years ago, it seems to have been used for cremations and burials.

- **Near Mill of Wester Coull, about 3m NW of Aboyne on the B9094**
- Grid **NJ 486 034**

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## URQUHART CASTLE

Discover 1,000 years of drama, experience a glimpse of medieval life and enjoy stunning views over Loch Ness from the ruins of the greatest castle in the Highlands.

Climb the Grant Tower that watches over the iconic loch, peer into a miserable prison cell, said to have held the legendary Gaelic bard Dòmhnall Donn, and picture the splendid banquets staged in the great hall. A panoramic view of the iconic ruins, against a backdrop of Loch Ness and the hills of the Great Glen, can be enjoyed from the café.

- **On Loch Ness near Drumnadrochit on the A82**

- Postcode **IV63 6XJ**

- Telephone **01456 450 551**

- Open all year seven days a week.

1 Apr to 31 May 9.30am-6pm, 1 Jun to 31 Aug

9.30am to 8pm, 1 Sept to 30 Sept 9.30am to 6pm,

1 Oct to 31 Oct 9.30am to 5pm, 1 Nov to 31 Mar

9.30am to 4.30pm. Last entry 45 mins

before closing

- Adult £12 Child £7.20 Concession £9.60

- Please show membership card when purchasing Jacobite Cruise tickets to ensure Urquhart Castle entrance fee is deducted

### Telling tales

Urquhart's stories are also told through a remarkable collection of artefacts left by its residents, historic replicas – including a full-sized, working trebuchet siege engine – and a short film.

### Highland heritage

The castle has a distinctly Highland heritage and has witnessed some of the most dramatic chapters in our nation's history. This is where St Columba is said to have worked miracles in the 6th century, where acts of chivalry and defiance provided inspiration during the Wars of Independence and where the MacDonald Lords of the Isles struggled with the Crown for power in the 1500s.

### Access

The Visitor Centre is fully accessible and there is a photographic guide for those who have mobility issues. Mobility scooters are available on request.

### Gifts and refreshments

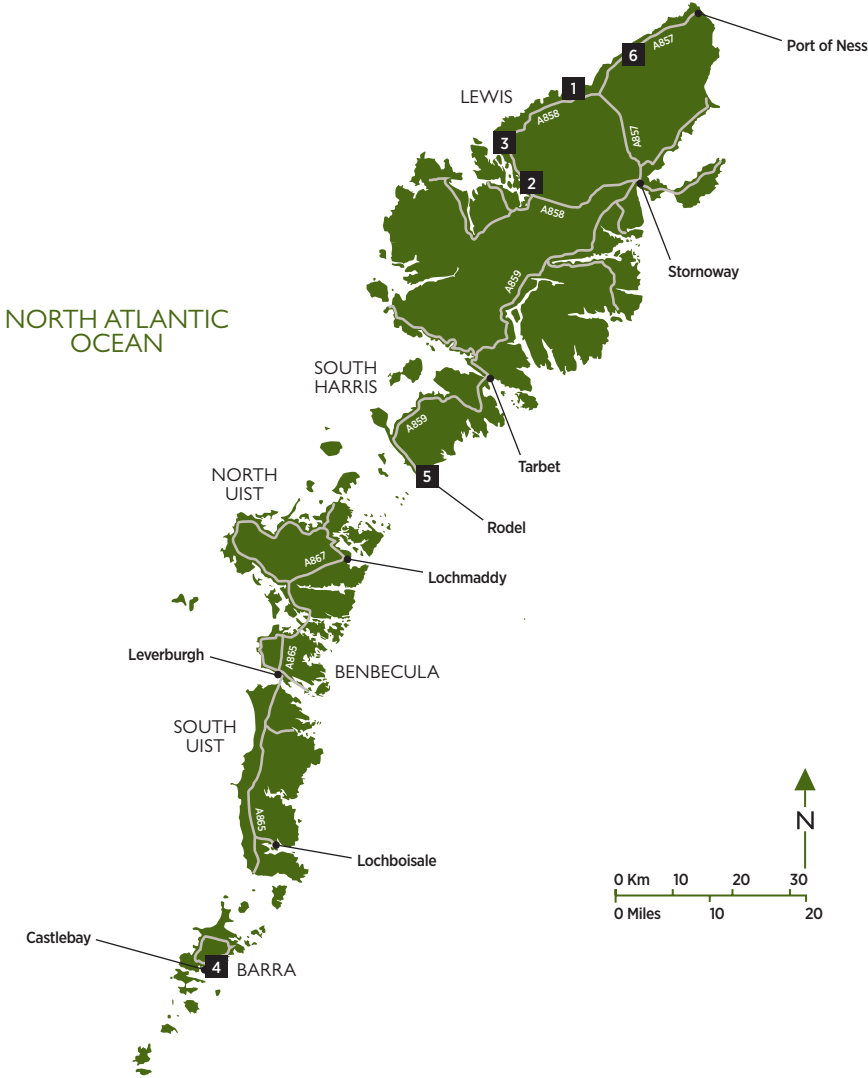
Our café offers a cold deli, light meals and a wide range of homemade cakes and scones as well as hot and cold drinks. The castle shop sells a wide selection of gifts, souvenirs, quality books and jewellery.







# THE WESTERN ISLES





- In Arnol village, Isle of Lewis, 14m NW of Stornoway on the A858
- Grid NB 310 492 Postcode HS2 9DB
- Telephone 01851 710 395
- Open all year. Summer closed Sun. Winter closed Sun and Wed
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80



- 12m W of Stornoway off the A859, Isle of Lewis
- Grid NB 213 330 Postcode HS2 9DY
- Telephone 01851 621 422
- [callanishvisitorcentre.co.uk](http://callanishvisitorcentre.co.uk)
- Open all year. Visitor Centre open Jun, Jul and Aug 9.30am to 8pm; Nov to Mar 10am to 4pm; Apr, May, Sept and Oct 10am to 6pm
- Members' retail and cafe discount not applicable



- 1.5m S of Carloway, about 16m NW of Stornoway, Lewis on the A858
- Grid **NB 189 412**



- In **Castlebay, Isle of Barra**, reached by small boat from **Castlebay** (5 min trip, weather permitting)
- Grid **NL 665 979** Postcode **HS9 5UZ**
- Telephone **01871 810 313**
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Admission includes boat trip
- Last outward sailing is 4.30pm
- Due to essential conservation work, areas of the castle may have restricted access – please call before visiting

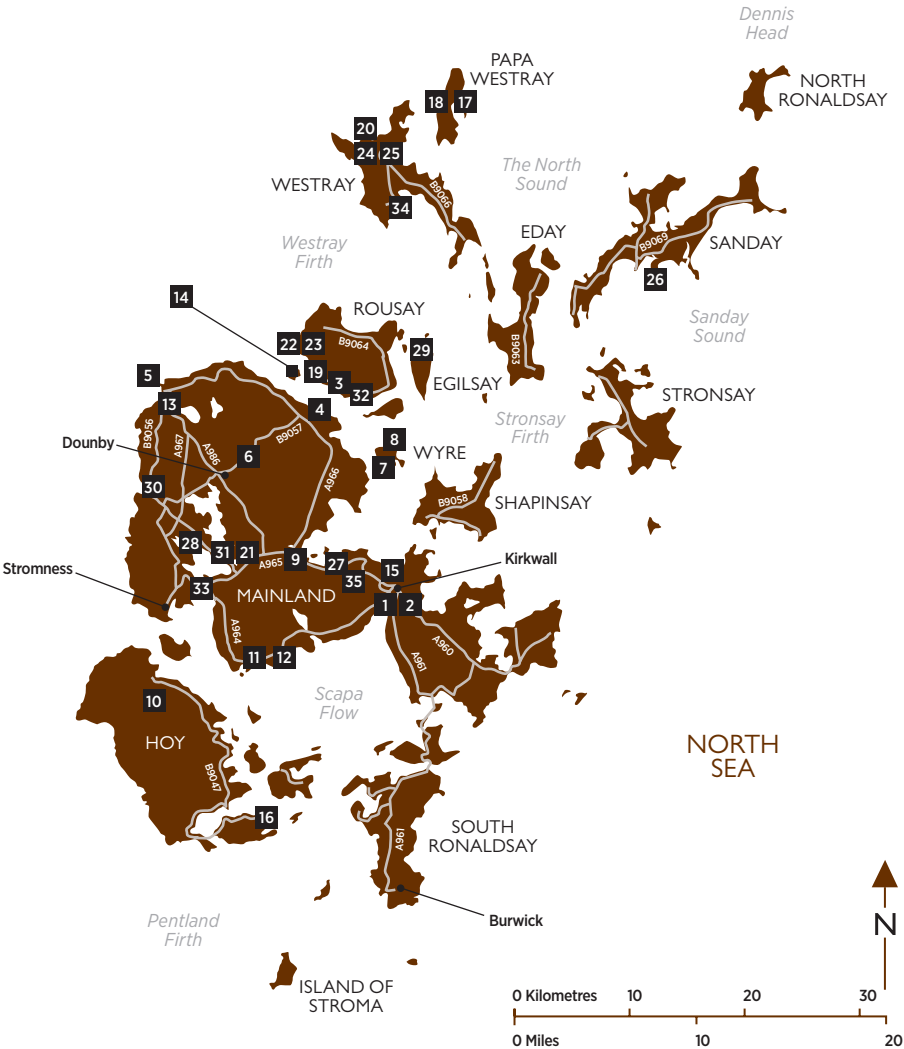


- At Rodel, Harris on the A859
- Grid NG 046 831



- On the south end of Loch an Duin, Shader, Lewis, NW of Stornoway on the A857 to Ness
- Grid NB 396 540
- Access can be wet and muddy

# ORKNEY



1 2  *APP* ★★★★★

## THE BISHOP'S AND EARL'S PALACES, KIRKWALL

A spectacular residence at the heart of Kirkwall. The Bishop's Palace was built in the 1100s, around the same time as St Magnus Cathedral. King Hakon of Norway died here after the Battle of Largs in 1263.

In the early 1600s, the older building was incorporated into a superb Renaissance palace commissioned by Earl Patrick Stewart, Orkney's most notorious ruler.

- In Kirkwall on the A960
- Grid HY 448 108
- Postcode KW15 1PD
- Telephone 01856 871 918
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

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## BLACKHAMMER CHAMBERED CAIRN

A Neolithic burial cairn, similar in form to the contemporary Neolithic houses at Knap of Howar. You can venture inside the chamber.

- On B9064 on Island of Rousay, 2m W of pier
- Grid HY 414 276
- Access can be wet and muddy



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4 P  *APP* ★★★★★

## BROCH OF GURNESS

Explore this once mighty Iron Age settlement, with a cluster of small buildings arranged around what was once a tall, massive broch tower. Surrounded by two rock-cut ditches and a rampart, this was probably a focus of power and status.

Look across Eynhallow Sound, once lined with brochs, and perhaps glimpse minke and killer whales.

- At Aikerness, 14m NW of Kirkwall on the A966
- Grid HY 381 268
- Postcode KW17 2NH
- Telephone 01856 751 414
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80

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## BROUGH OF BIRSAÿ

Cross the causeway to a tidal island that was a place of local and perhaps regional importance, first for Picts and later for Norse settlers. The Norse remains include a ruined church in the Romanesque style, which became a place of pilgrimage into medieval times.

This is also a great place to watch puffins gathering on the rocks in early summer.

- On a tidal island at Birsay, 20m NW of Kirkwall off the A966. Check tide tables at Skara Brae
- Grid HY 239 285
- Postcode KW17 2LX
- Telephone 01856 841 815 (Skara Brae)
- Open when tides permit mid-Jun to 30 Sept
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- Causeway may be slippery when wet





## CLICK MILL, DOUNBY

The last surviving horizontal water mill in Orkney, of a kind still well represented in Shetland and Lewis. Probably built in the early 1800s, this simple drystone building was in use into the 1880s.

- **2.5m from Dounby on the B9057 to Evie village**
- Grid HY 325 228
- Access can be muddy



## CUBBIE ROO'S CASTLE AND ST MARY'S CHAPEL, WYRE

One of Scotland's earliest surviving stone castles, built around 1145 by the Norseman Kolbein Hruge ('Cubbie Roo'). The small rectangular tower is protected by a circular ditch. The nearby ruined chapel was built in the Romanesque style, probably the late 1100s.

- **On the island of Wyre, 0.5m from pier**
- Grid HY 442 264



## CUWEEN HILL CHAMBERED CAIRN

A low mound covering a Neolithic chambered tomb with four cells. When discovered, it contained the bones of humans, dogs and oxen.

- **Located between Kirkwall and Finstown, signposted from Old Finstown Road**
- Grid HY 364 128
- Access to chambers by crawling – torch supplied
- Access can be muddy



## DWARFIE STANE

A Neolithic burial chamber hollowed out from a huge block of sandstone. An inscription in Persian was added by Captain William Mounsey, who spent two nights here in 1850.

- **Towards the N end of Hoy, 3.5m from Rackwick**
- Grid HY 244 005
- Access is very muddy

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## EARL'S BU AND CHURCH, ORPHIR

The foundations of an early-medieval building, possibly a Viking earl's residence, or *bu*. The nearby church was built in the 1100s, one of only two medieval round churches in Scotland.

- **8m WSW of Kirkwall on the A964 to Houton and Orphir**
- Grid HY 334 0435
- Parking nearby

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## EARL'S PALACE, BIRSAY

This expansive Renaissance palace was built for Robert Stewart, Earl of Orkney, the unruly illegitimate half-brother of Mary, Queen of Scots. Built in the 1570s, it comprised four ranges of buildings around a central courtyard. Much of the fabric survives.

- **In Birsay on the A966**
- Grid HY 248 277

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## EYNHALLOW CHURCH

A pretty monastic church of the 1100s or 1200s, with post-medieval domestic buildings, on Eynhallow ('Holy Island'), close to the Orkney Mainland but now uninhabited.

- **On the island of Eynhallow. Can only be reached by private hire boat from mainland Orkney or Rousay**
- Grid HY 359 289

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## GRAIN EARTH HOUSE

Overcome your claustrophobia to explore the underground chamber of this well-built Iron Age earth house or souterrain, supported on stone pillars.

- **About 1m NW of Kirkwall in Hatston Industrial Estate off the A965**
- Grid HY 442 117
- Access to chamber is by crawling and can be wet
- Keys available from Judith Glue Shop, 25 Broad Street, Kirkwall
- A torch is provided

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## HACKNESS MARTELLO TOWER AND BATTERY

These defensive installations are remarkable remnants of war. They were built in 1813-14 to protect British convoys during the Napoleonic Wars, and adapted during later conflicts. The Martello tower – one of three surviving in Scotland – overlooks Scapa Flow, a naval anchorage during both World Wars. Inside you can learn about military life and how the buildings were used by local people.

- **At the SE end of Hoy**
- Grid ND 338 912 Postcode KW16 3PQ
- Telephone 01856 701 727
- Open summer only
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80
- When visiting please make your way to the Battery first. Parking is adjacent to the Battery
- Ferry information can be found through Orkney Ferries

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## HOLM OF PAPA WESTRAY CHAMBERED CAIRN

A massive tomb with a long, narrow chamber divided into three, with 14 beehive cells opening into the walls.

- **On the island of Holm of Papa Westray. Reached by private boat hire from Papa Westray**
- Grid HY 509 518
- Access to chamber by ladder

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## KNAP OF HOWAR

Probably the oldest stone houses in Europe, dating from the early Neolithic period. Two houses, with stone cupboards and stalls, contemporary with Orkney's early chambered tombs.

- **On the island of Papa Westray about 0.25m W of Holland Farm**
- Grid HY 483 519

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## KNOWE OF YARSO CHAMBERED CAIRN

An oval cairn with concentric walls enclosing a Neolithic chambered tomb divided into three.

- **On the island of Rousay on the B9064, 3m from pier**
- Grid HY 404 279
- The walk is steep and can be muddy

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## LINKS OF NOLTLAND

A rich Neolithic and Bronze Age landscape showing extensive evidence of habitation. Important discoveries include Neolithic figurines including the 4,500-year-old 'Orkney Venus', a Neolithic house whose walls incorporated 28 cattle skulls, and a Bronze Age ritual structure, possibly a sauna.

- On the Island of Westray
- Grid HY 429 494

21 P        *AAA* ★★★★★

## MAESHOWE CHAMBERED CAIRN



Enter one of the finest Neolithic buildings in north-west Europe, a masterpiece of prehistoric engineering. This chambered tomb, which sits on a platform encircled by a ditch and bank, is a monument to the skill and beliefs of Orkney's people some 5,000 years ago. If you visit in midwinter – and the skies are clear – you can witness the central chamber illuminated by a shaft of light from the setting sun.

Maeshowe's unique story continued when it was broken into about 1,000 years ago by Norsemen. They left their mark in the form of extensive runic graffiti, as well as a the extraordinary 'Maeshowe Lion' carving.

- **9m W of Kirkwall on the A965**
- **Grid HY 318 128 Postcode KW16 3LB**
- **Open all year**
- **Visits are by guided tour only, leaving from the Visitor Centre in Stenness village, and must be booked online in advance at [historicenvironment.scot/maeshowe](http://historicenvironment.scot/maeshowe)**
- **Adult £9 Child £5.40 Concession £7.20**

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# MIDHOWE BROCH

A well-preserved broch, with remains of later buildings round it. It has architectural similarities with the Broch of Gurness, a short distance away on the Orkney Mainland. As at Gurness, much of the internal arrangement survives, recording a late phase in its life.

- On the island of Rousay on the B9064,  
5m from pier
- Grid **HY 371 308**
- Very steep access – follow the black and white poles

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# MIDHOWE CHAMBERED CAIRN

A huge and impressive megalithic chambered tomb of Neolithic date in an oval mound, with 12 stalls. Now protected by a modern building with visual access from above via an elevated gangway.

- On the island of Rousay on the B9064, 5m from pier
- Grid **HY 372 306**
- Very steep access – follow the black and white poles

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## NOLTLAND CASTLE

A fine, ruined Z-plan tower, built between 1560 and 1573 but never completed. Remarkable for the large number of gun loops and impressive staircase.

- On the island of Westray, 1m W of Pierowall village
- Grid HY 429 488

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## PIEROWALL CHURCH

Well-preserved ruins of a two-celled medieval church, largely rebuilt in the 1600s. Two finely lettered tombstones are displayed in a special shelter.

- On the island of Westray in the village of Pierowall
- Grid HY 438 487

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## QUOYNESS CHAMBERED CAIRN

A 'Maeshowe-type' Neolithic tomb with triple retaining walls, containing a passage and main chamber, with six subsidiary cells.

- On the island of Sanday on the southern point of Els Ness, 2.5m from Kettlehoft village
- Grid HY 677 378
- Access to chambers by crawling and can be wet

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## RENNIBISTER EARTH HOUSE

A good example of an Iron Age earth house or souterrain (underground chamber). Unusually, human remains were found inside at its discovery in 1926.

- About 4.5m WNW of Kirkwall on the A965
- Grid HY 397 127
- Located within a working farm yard. Access by ladder

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## RING OF BRODGAR STONE CIRCLE AND HENGE



A magnificent circle of upright stones on a circular platform of more than 100 metres diameter, enclosed within a ditch spanned by causeways. There are now 21 stones standing, of what may once have been 60. Dating to the late Neolithic period, the Ring of Brodgar is part of the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site.

Located between the lochs of Harray and Stenness which are important for wildfowl, particularly goldeneye, scaup, pochard and tufted duck.

- About 5m NE of Stromness on the B9055
- Grid HY 294 134
- Our ranger service offers guided walks – check [historicenvironment.scot/orkney-events](http://historicenvironment.scot/orkney-events) for details

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## ST MAGNUS CHURCH, EGILSAY

The complete but roofless ruin of a church with a round tower, dramatically situated on the site where St Magnus was martyred. It was built in the 1100s, a few decades after his death.

- On the island of Egilsay, 0.5m from pier
- Grid HY 466 304

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# SKARA BRAE PREHISTORIC VILLAGE



Travel back 5,000 years to explore one of Europe's best-preserved prehistoric settlements. Once an inland village beside a freshwater loch, Skara Brae now looks out over a wide, sandy beach. It was first uncovered during a storm in 1850. Since then, this Neolithic village has become a place of discovery for archaeologists, students, artists and enthusiasts.

Step inside the replica house to gain an insight into the lives of the occupants, then follow an elevated path winding between these ancient houses, still equipped with their stone furniture.

The Visitor Centre displays many of the thousands of artefacts discovered here, and includes interactive touch-screen presentations.

The site is surrounded by a stunning variety of wild flowers and birdlife, and a visit is an aesthetic treat.

In summer, our café offers a cold deli, light meals, homemade cakes and hot and cold drinks.

From 1 April to 31 October, a joint ticket gives access to Skail House, Orkney's finest mansion, built in the 1620s, and once the home of the man who discovered Skara Brae.

- **19m NW of Kirkwall on the B9056**
- Grid **HY 231 188**
- Postcode **KW16 3LR**
- Telephone **01856 841 815**
- Summer (1 Apr to 31 Oct): Adult £9 Child £5.40 Concession £7.20. Winter (1 Nov to 31 Mar, Skara Brae only): Adult £7 Child £4.20 Concession £5.60
- Last ticket sold 45 mins before closing
- Café open in summer – the café closes 45 mins before the site closes. Reduced service over winter – please call in advance
- Members' retail discount not applicable at Skaill House
- Coaches must book in advance to guarantee entry
- Evening tours available in Jul and Aug – check website for details

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## STONES OF STENNESS CIRCLE AND HENGE



The remains of a Neolithic stone circle, arranged around a hearth, surrounded by a circular earthen bank or henge. This is one of the earliest monuments in the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site, and one of the most impressive.

- About 5m NE of Stromness on the B9055
- Grid HY 306 126

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## TAVERSÖE TUICK CHAMBERED CAIRN

A Neolithic chambered cairn with an unusual arrangement of two burial chambers, one above the other.

- On the island of Rousay, 0.5m W of pier
- Grid HY 426 276
- Access can be muddy, and access to the lower chamber is by ladder

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## UNSTAN CHAMBERED CAIRN

A mound covering a Neolithic stone burial chamber divided by slabs into five compartments.

- About 3.5m NNE of Stromness on the A965
- Grid HY 283 117
- Access into the chamber by crawling



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## WESTSIDE CHURCH, TUQUOY

A small and elegant nave-and-chancel church of the 1100s. Now roofless, it was built by a wealthy Norse chieftain. The remains of his farm can be seen in the adjacent cliff section.

- On the island of Westray, 3m S of Pierowall village
- Grid HY 455 432
- Access to the site is via a narrow coastal path

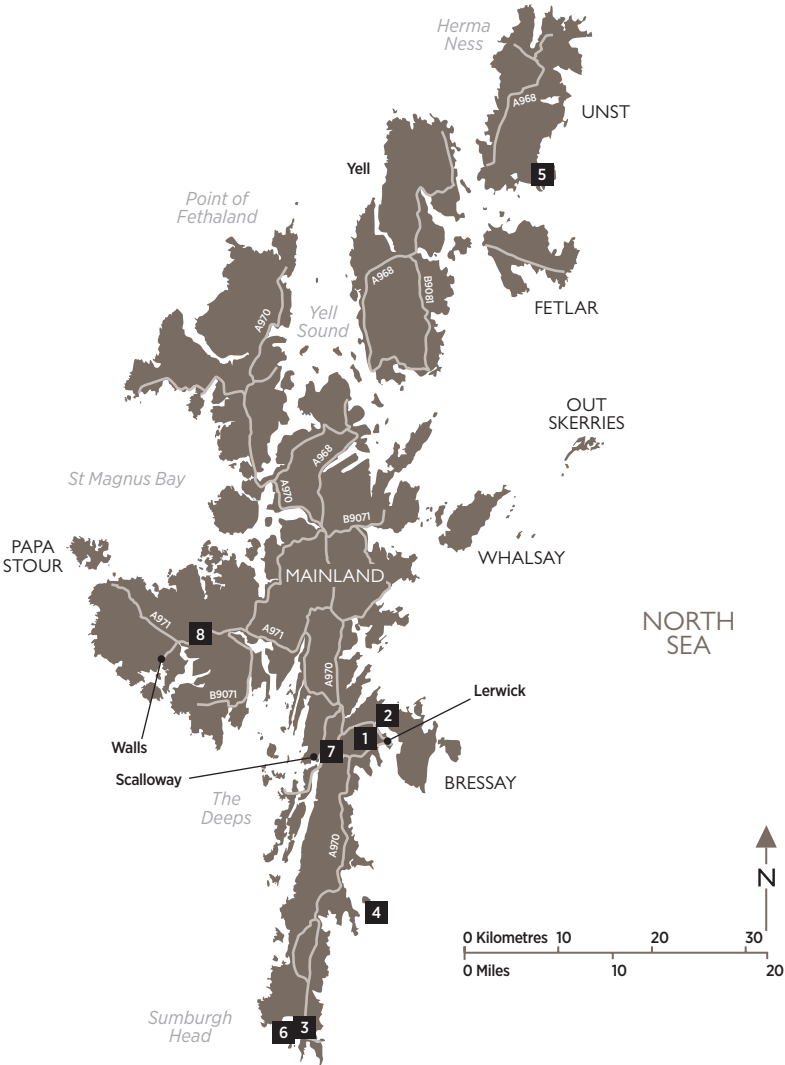
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## WIDEFORD HILL CHAMBERED CAIRN

A fine Neolithic chambered cairn with three concentric walls. Its burial chamber contains three large cells.

- Located between Kirkwall and Finstown, signposted from Old Finstown Road
- Grid HY 409 122
- Access is off a minor road
- Access to chamber by ladder and crawling, torch provided. The 0.5km hillwalk to the property has outstanding views but is steep and can be muddy

# SHETLAND





## CLICKIMIN BROCH

A large complex centred on a broch tower. The associated secondary buildings are mainly Iron Age, but cover a period from late Bronze Age to Pictish.

- **About 1m SW of Lerwick on the A970**
- Grid HU 464 408

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## FORT CHARLOTTE

A five-sided artillery fort with bastions projecting from each corner. It was built in 1665 to protect the Sound of Bressay from the Dutch, but taken by them and burned in 1673. It was rebuilt in 1781.

- **In centre of Lerwick**
- Grid HU 475 415



## JARLSHOF PREHISTORIC AND NORSE SETTLEMENT

Wander through the past at a site where people lived for over 4,000 years. There are remains of Bronze Age oval houses, an Iron Age broch and wheelhouses, Viking longhouses, a medieval farmstead and a laird's house built around 1600. Puffins nest nearby.

- **At Sumburgh Head, 22m S of Lerwick on the A970**
- Grid HU 399 095 Postcode ZE3 9JN
- Telephone 01950 460 112
- Open all year. Winter restricted opening hours. Call 01856 841815 (Skara Brae) for details
- Adult £6 Child £3.60 Concession £4.80



## MOUSA BROCH

The tallest surviving Iron Age broch, over 13 metres in height. A very impressive monument, though it was significantly rebuilt in the 1850s and 1919.

- **On the island of Mousa, accessible by boat from Sandwick, about 14m S of Lerwick on the A970**
- Grid HU 457 237
- Open summer only
- Seasonal ferry service operates during the summer. Details of sailings are available at [mousa.co.uk](http://mousa.co.uk)

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## MUNESS CASTLE

A tower house with circular corner towers, built in the 1590s.

- **On Island of Unst, 4m NE from pier at Belmont off the A968**
- Grid HP 629 012



## NESS OF BURGI

A defensive drystone blockhouse, probably of Iron Age date, with some features resembling a broch.

- **At the SE point of Scatness, South Shetland, off the A970**
- Grid HU 388 084
- Access is across rocks



## SCALLOWAY CASTLE

A superb four-storey tower house built around 1600 as the Shetland seat of Patrick Stewart, Earl of Orkney.

- **In Scalloway, 6m from Lerwick on the A970**
- Grid HU 405 393
- Key available from the Scalloway Hotel or the Scalloway Museum



## STANYDALE 'TEMPLE'

A Neolithic hall, heel-shaped externally, and containing a large oval chamber.

- **3m SW of Bixter on West Mainland off the A971. Follow marker poles, route can be very wet**
- Grid HU 285 502



# GLOSSARY

**Angles** a Germanic tribe who invaded the British Isles in the 5th century. England is named after them, but they also conquered much of what is now southern Scotland.

**Anglian** relating to the Angles.

**Apse** the rounded or polygonal eastern end of a church.

**Augustinians** a monastic order, established in the later 11th century, whose canons followed the teaching of St Augustine of Hippo (d. 430). The first Scottish house was founded at Scone (Perthshire) by Alexander I around 1120.

**Bailey** the outer courtyard of a castle.

**Barbican** a defensive forework protecting the entrance to a castle.

**Barmkin** (corruption of 'barbican') a courtyard surrounding a tower house, defended by a perimeter wall.

**Bastion** a defensive projection at the angle of a rampart.

**Benedictines** followers of St Benedict of Nursia. The earliest monastic regimes followed the rule laid down by St Benedict for his monks at Monte Cassino, southern Italy, around 525. The first Benedictine house established in Scotland was Dunfermline around 1070.

**Blockhouse** a small fort or artillery fortification.

**Bombard** a large medieval siege cannon.

**Broch** a circular drystone tower of the Iron Age; unique to Scotland.

**Brough** a prehistoric settlement enclosed within a wall.

**Bronze Age** the prehistoric era during which copper and tin were smelted and alloyed as bronze, but before iron was used. In north-west Europe, the Bronze Age is usually taken to mean around 2000 BC to around 700 BC.

**Cairn** a burial mound constructed from stones, containing one or more chambers.

**Canon** a member of a body of clergymen serving a cathedral or other church and living under a rule.

**Caphouse** a roofed section at the top of a stairway that leads to a parapet.

**Caponier** a stone-built, covered gunhouse in a ditch.

**Castellated** (*of a wall*) built with indentations from which a defender can fire weapons.

**Cenotaph** a monument to the dead.

**Chancel** the eastern section of a church or cathedral, including the altar, sanctuary and choir.

**Chapter house** a meeting room for canons or monks.

**Choir** the part of a church east of the nave, where clergymen or monks stood or sat.

**Cist** a burial chamber formed from stone slabs.

**Cistercians** a monastic order founded at Cîteaux, Burgundy, by St Robert of Molesme in 1098. The first Scottish house was established by David I at Melrose in 1136.

**Cloister** the domestic ranges of a monastery, usually built around a square garth or garden.

**Cluniacs** the first of the reformed Benedictine orders, founded in Burgundy in 910. Came to Scotland around 1145.

**Collegiate church** a church endowed with canons to provide masses for the souls of a private patron.

**Coppice** woodland carefully managed to provide a continual supply of timber for charcoal, basket making etc.

**Corbel** a projection from a wall which supports a beam or similar structure.

**Cross-shaft** the upright section of a standing cross.

**Cruciform** cross-shaped: the conventional plan for a Christian church.

**Cruck-framed** constructed using a medieval technique in which tiers of curved timber supports are used to form the apex of the roof.

**Dalriada** (also spelled Dál Riata) a kingdom established around AD 500 by the Celtic people known as Scots, in what is now Northern Ireland, Western Scotland and the Hebrides.

**Dominicans** the first order of friars, established at Toulouse, south-west France, in 1215 by St Dominic. Alexander II brought them to Scotland in 1230.

**Donjon** the main tower of a medieval castle.

**Dovecot** (or Scots 'doocot') a building to house doves or pigeons.

**Drystone** a building technique that does not use mortar.

**Earthworks** a fortification, burial mound or other construction created by excavating earth.

**Ecclesiastical** relating to church buildings or procedures.

**The '45** (short for 1745) the last of the Jacobite Risings which attempted to restore the Stewart dynasty to the throne. It was led by Prince Charles Edward Stuart ('Bonnie Prince Charlie'), grandson of the deposed James VII and II, and supported by many of the Highland clans. Following defeat at Culloden in 1746, many Jacobites were massacred. Charles eventually fled to France.

**Garret** a chamber within the roof space of a building.

**Gun hole** (or **gun loop**) an opening in a defensive wall through which a gun can be fired.

**Gunstone** a rough sphere of stone used as ammunition for a cannon.

**Hammerbeam** a technique used for constructing a large timber roof, in which the beams are supported by curved or diagonal braces.

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**Henge** a circular enclosure defined by a ditch and bank, often in association with a wood or stone circle.

**Iron Age** the prehistoric era following the Bronze Age, during which iron was used to create tools, weapons and other items. In north-west Europe, the Iron Age is usually taken to mean around 700 BC to around AD 400.

**Keep** the main tower of a medieval castle.

**Kirk; Kirkyard** (Scots) a church; a churchyard.

**Knights Hospitallers** a monastic order of knights introduced (along with the Knights Templars) into Scotland by David I. Following the suppression of the Templars in 1312, their properties passed to the Hospitallers.

**Laird** (Scots) a lord or landowner.

**Laird's loft** a gallery in a church set aside for the local landowner and his family.

**Laird's lug** (literally 'laird's ear') a hidden opening in the wall of a public room which allowed the owner to monitor conversations taking place within.

**Mascot** an animal kept by a regiment to bring good luck.

**Monastic** relating to a religious order.

**Motte** the mound on which a castle was built.

**Nave** the western section of a church, used by the congregation.

**Neolithic era** the late Stone Age, when agriculture began to develop but metals were not used. In north-western Europe, the Neolithic era is usually taken to mean around 4500 BC to around 2000 BC.

**Norse** relating to the Scandinavian peoples who raided and invaded parts of Scotland and England from the 8th to the 11th centuries. Norse settlers had a particular influence on the culture of Orkney, Shetland and Caithness.

**Ogham** a writing system used by some groups of Celts, comprising straight lines drawn or carved at varying angles.

**Palisade** a fence built from stakes driven into the ground.

**Peel** (Scottish Borders) a fortified tower.

**Picts** the native peoples who occupied much of what is now Scotland during the first 10 centuries AD.

**Premonstratensians** a priestly monastic order founded by St Norbert of Xanten at Prémontré, north-east France, in 1121. First introduced to Scotland at Dryburgh in 1150.

**Rampart(s)** the wall or embankment surrounding a fortification.

**Redcoat** (informal) a soldier of the British army – the name refers to the main colour of the uniform from the 17th to the late 19th century. Following the Jacobite Risings of 1689–1746, Scottish Highlanders were considered a threat to the Crown and garrisons of Redcoats were stationed around northern Scotland.

**Reformation** the emergence of Protestant Christianity in northern Europe as a break from the Roman Catholic church. In Scotland, this was formalised in 1560 with the re-establishment of the Church of Scotland and the founding of the Reformation Parliament, which rejected papal authority.

**Regent** an administrator who governs on behalf of a monarch, usually because the latter is too young to rule.

**Renaissance** (literally 'rebirth') a period of great cultural flowering which occurred throughout Europe in the 14th to 17th centuries.

**Romanesque** (sometimes called 'Norman') a style of architecture prominent in southern and western Europe during the 10th, 11th and 12th centuries, characterised by massive stone constructions and rounded arches.

**Rood** a crucifix or Christian cross.

**Rood-screen** an ornate structure in a church, made from wood, stone or wrought iron, which divides the choir from the nave.

**Sacristy** the antechamber of a church or chapel where sacred vessels and vestments are stored.

**Scots** originally a Celtic tribe that established itself in the north-eastern part of Ireland. The Scots became a significant force in what is now Scotland around the 6th century AD.

**Site of Special Scientific Interest** (SSSI) a protected area designated for conservation by Scottish Natural Heritage.

**Souterrain** an Iron Age underground chamber, probably associated with a house at ground level.

**Transepts** the northern and southern limbs of a cruciform church.

**Tironensians** a monastic order founded near Chartres, northern France, in 1109. The first of the reformed Benedictine orders to establish a monastery in Great Britain, at Selkirk, in 1113 (moved to Kelso 1128).

**Trinitarians** a monastic order founded near Paris in the late 12th century, initially to raise ransoms for the release of Christians held captive during the Crusades. Introduced to Scotland around 1240.

**Valliscaulians** a monastic order founded at Val des Choux, eastern France, in the early 13th century. They established three houses in Scotland around 1230.

**Viking** a Norse raider or invader of the 8th to 11th centuries. Viking settlers are usually called Norse.

**Vaulted** (*of a ceiling*) arched over in stone.

**World Heritage Site** a protected site designated by UNESCO as having outstanding cultural and/or natural importance.

**Yett** (Scots) an open-barred iron gate.

**Zoomorphic** (*of art*) representing animal figures or symbols.

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