

ACCESS GUIDE

Your guide to more than 80 historic sites across Scotland








KEY TO SYMBOLS

This page contains a full list of symbols used within the Historic Scotland Access Guide for your reference.

Key things to remember

-  Caution: Slippery surfaces when wet
-  Caution: Steep drops
-  Dogs not permitted except assistance dogs
-  Indicates a walk of 50m or more from the site entrance or car park to the monument
-  Indicates pathways with a gradient of 1:20 or more on approach to, or within specific areas of the site
-  Kissing gate
-  Level access to key areas or facilities
-  Lift access to key areas or facilities
-  Ramped access to key areas or facilities

-  Site contains one or more spiral staircases
-  Stepped entry to site or key areas / facilities
-  Strong footwear recommended
-  Take care on uneven surfaces
-  Take care on uneven staircases

Guide to facilities

-  Accessible parking is available
-  Adapted toilet available (See page 6 for details)
-  Audio guide available
-  Bicycle rack
-  Bus or coach parking
-  Car parking
-  Display on history
-  Guided tour
-  Induction loop
-  Motorised mobility scooter available
-  Picnic area
-  Restaurant / café
-  Self service tea / coffee
-  Shop
-  Site accessible by public transport
-  Site may be closed at lunchtime – please call in advance of your visit
-  Toilets
-  Visitor centre

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS

We welcome you to our properties and wish you an enjoyable and rewarding visit.

Safeguarding the nation's heritage

Historic Scotland properties show Scotland's rich and colourful past. Our organisation cares for 336 splendid historic sites, from prehistoric dwellings and stone circles, to castle and palaces, abbeys and cathedrals.

From the Highlands and Islands to the Borders, Historic Scotland sites tell the story of the people, places and events that shaped Scotland into the country we know today. Our role is to protect and conserve these national treasures for present and future generations.

Access for all

Most Historic Scotland attractions in this guide are accessible – however the special character of individual location, site geography, monument architecture and local environment brings limitations.

Where possible we will provide assistance to disabled visitors. For health & safety reasons, we may need to limit access to certain parts of the sites or to refuse admission for the visitor's safety.

We are committed to developing and promoting inclusive access for all while being sensitive to our special historic environments.

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This Access Guide provides you with access-related information for over 77 paid for attractions across Scotland.

Use your Access Guide in partnership with the Historic Scotland Sites Guide, providing full information on all 336 sites.

Alternative Access Guide formats

This Access Guide will be also available on request in large print, PDF and mp3/CD alternative formats.

Planning your visit

Some of our sites can get very busy on weekends and public holidays. Plan your visit to suit your needs and get the most from your time with us.

Need more help?

For site specific enquiries please contact the sites directly using the telephone numbers contained in this Guide.

For general enquiries you can call our Visitor Services Team 9am – 5pm Mondays to Fridays on + 44 (0) 131 550 7603

Alternatively you can email us on customer@hes.scot.

For further information about accessible services in Scotland there are several other organisations that can help provide information:

visitscotland.com

Scotland's national tourism organisation is responsible for Accessible Scotland; a scheme for listing accessible accommodation in Scotland. It can be found by visiting visitscotland.com and following the links.

openbritain.net

The UK's biggest directory of accessible accommodation and travel.

tourismforall.org.uk

A UK charity dedicated to making tourism welcoming to all.

disabledgo.com

Provides detailed information about access to all kinds of places.

directenquiries.com

The Nationwide Access Register, in partnership with RADAR and the Employers Forum on Disability.



KEY FEATURES

Opening times

Opening times vary, especially at smaller sites. Please check our website for accurate and up-to-date opening times:

historicenvironment.scot

Closures

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Admissions policy

There is no discount for disabled visitors. Visitors on incapacity benefit or income support are entitled to a concession ticket.

We offer free entry for carers accompanying visitors with disabilities.

Symbols

The Access Guide uses a family of symbols to help you quickly view site conditions, site access and special facilities provided for visitors.

Refer to the inside front cover for a full list of symbols and their meaning.

Parking

Wherever possible we provide accessible parking. This provision is confirmed in individual site text in this Access Guide.

Blue badge holders will take priority over those without.

Visitors with limited mobility

To enjoy our properties to the full we recommend that visitors with limited mobility come with an assistant.

Wheelchair loan is available at some sites – please phone ahead to check availability.

Please be aware that many of our sites have grass or loose gravel paths, and that weather conditions may affect their condition and ease-of-use. Please check the site conditions with our staff in advance or on arrival at site.

Level access routes

Sites providing level access are confirmed in this Access Guide.

Visitors with visual impairments

At some of our sites, information is provided in the following alternative formats to help visitors with visual impairments.

- Large print site information
- Tactile models
- Audio tours
- Sensory tours and scented gardens.

Details of options available are noted for each individual site entry in this Access Guide.

Historic Scotland continues to work hard to improve the provision of such facilities.

Visitors who are deaf and hard of hearing

Portable induction loops with handsets are available on all audio tours.

All audio tours have large print scripts available.

Assistance dogs

Assistance dogs are welcome at all our sites. Please be aware of farmland and farm animals and keep all dogs under control.

Toilets

Some of our sites have adapted toilets. These are all unisex and are accessible on foot or with a wheelchair.

Where a toilet is described as adapted, visitors can assume a minimum of: a wide doorway; level access; toilet, sink and dryer/towels at an appropriate height for wheelchair users; grab bars; and an alarm cord.

Adapted toilets listed as nearby, but not on our sites are described as 'accessible' on either The Nationwide Disabled Access Register or by a local council.

Your comments

We welcome your feedback either to a member of staff on site or to our Customer Services team on **+ 44 (0) 131 668 8600**.

Contacts

Please contact the staff at a particular property for site specific questions. For general questions please contact our Customer Services team on **+ 44 (0) 131 668 8600**, or by email **customer@hes.scot**.

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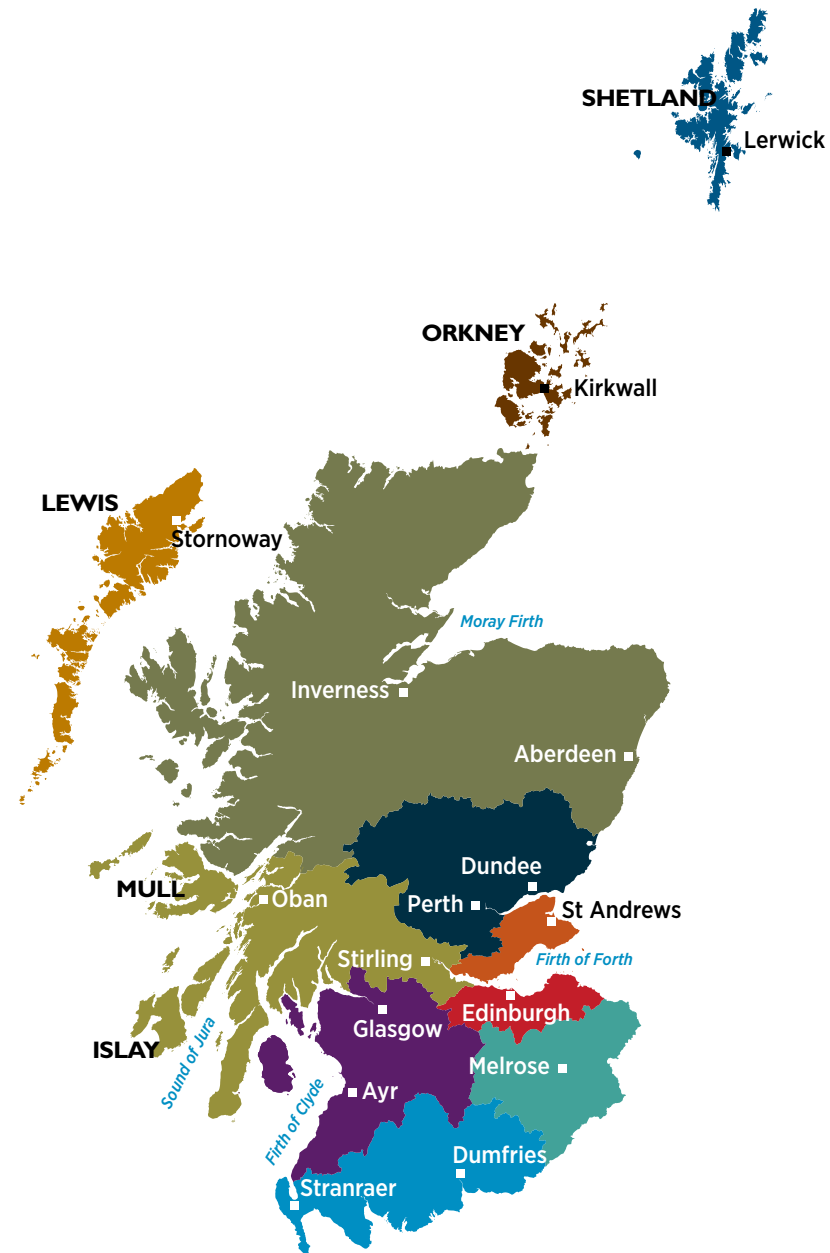


REGIONAL MAP OF SCOTLAND

All Historic Scotland sites are grouped into a total of 11 geographic regions, each identified by a specific colour.

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- Glasgow, Clyde and Ayrshire**
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- North and Grampian**
- The Western Isles**
- Orkney**
- Shetland**



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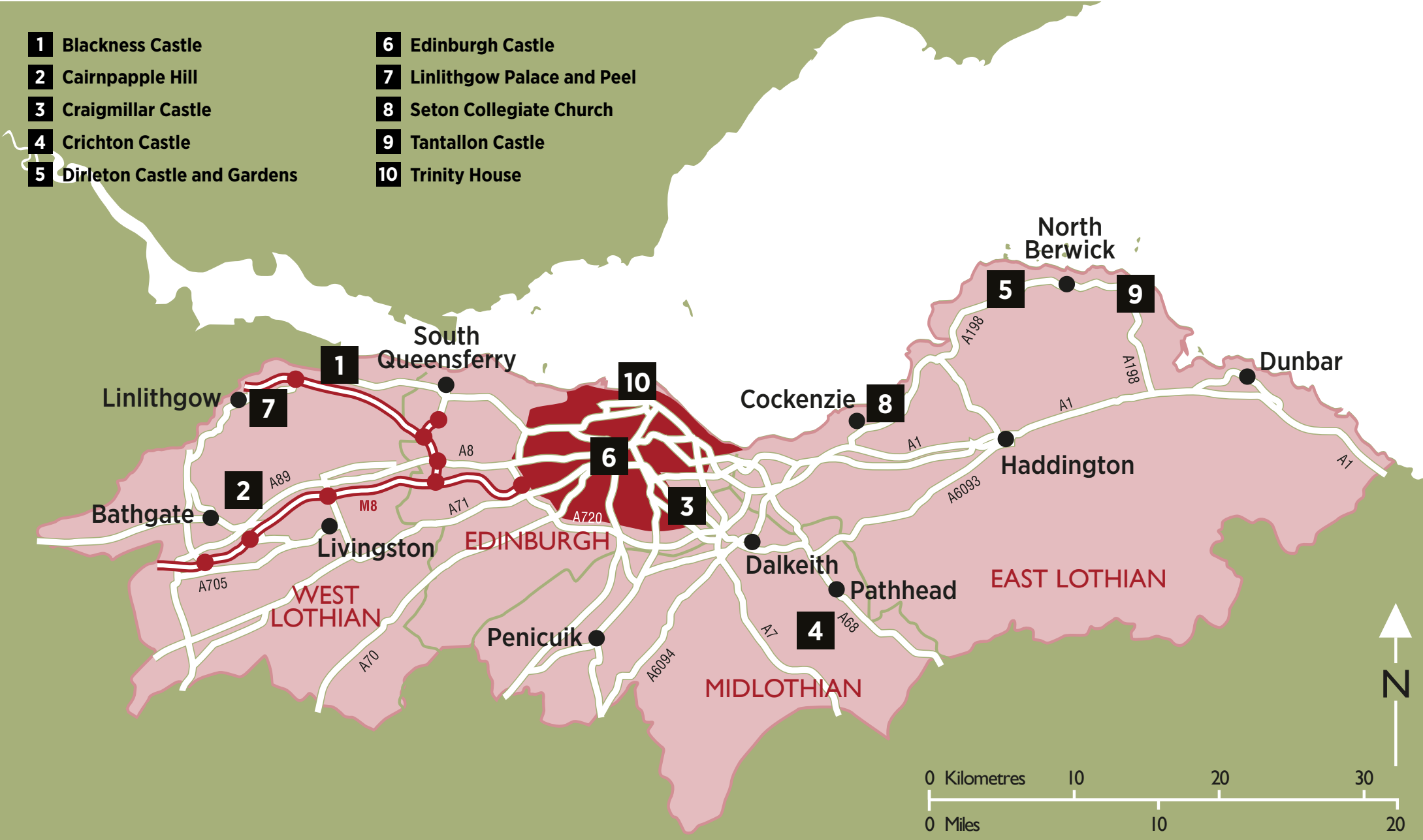
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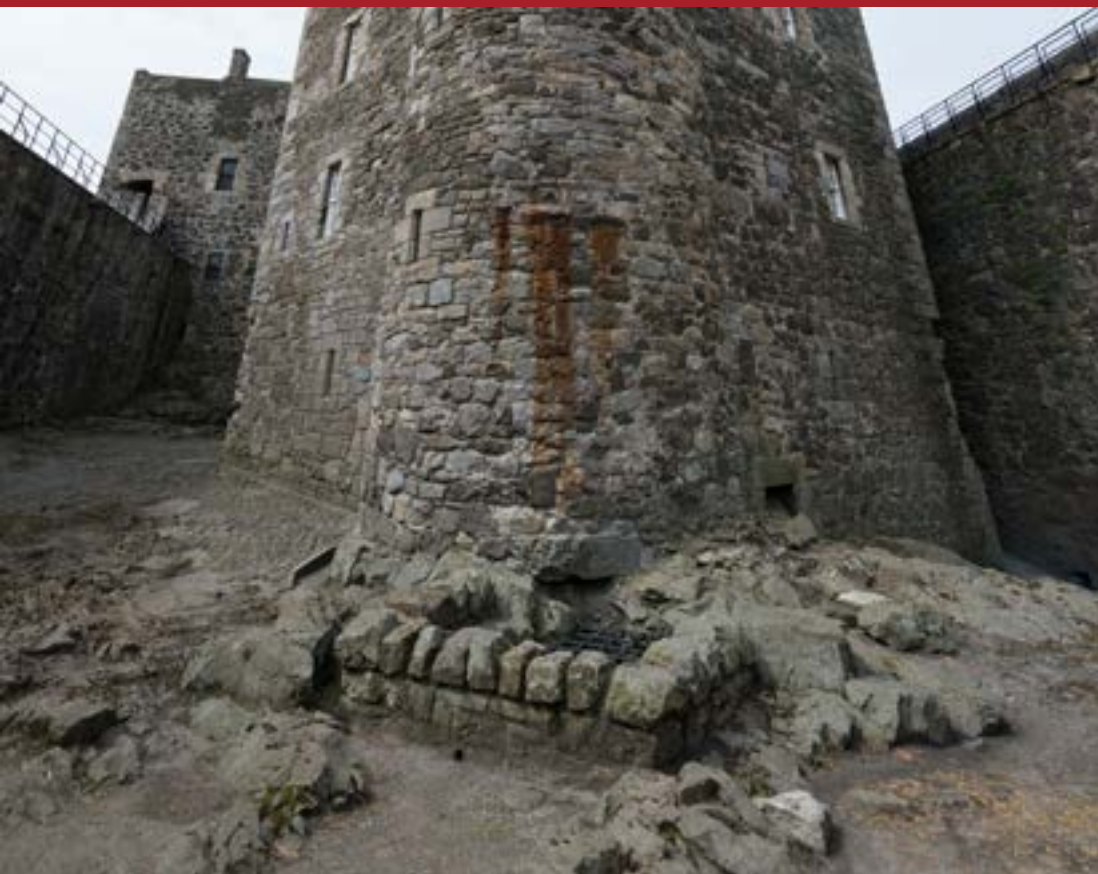


BLACKNESS CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01506 834 807

Parking

The car park is about 10m from the visitor centre. It has a rough gravel surface and no accessible spaces marked.

Approach to site

The main castle building is about 30m along a level gravel roadway and about 10m down a fairly steep, uneven path.

Visitor centre

Enter the shop via three concrete steps with a wooden handrail on both sides.

Monument

The entrance to the site has a gently sloping concrete plinth with a single handrail before stepping down to uneven natural rock at the entrance.

The ground level of the castle is mostly uneven rock or cobbles, and is slippery when wet.

The pier is of planked wood coated with an anti-slip surface.

The south (stern) tower is reached over a rough cut rock stair and a stone spiral staircase of 51 steps.

The east courtyard parapet (wall walk) is reached along the west spur, up a series of stone staircases or through the great hall, via a spiral staircase with no handrail.

The roof of the north (fore) tower is reached up 40 stone steps to the spur battery then along the battlements and up a further two sets (1 wood, 1 stone) of 7 steps.

The first floor is reached up a further 16 timber steps with a handrail on the left-hand side.

The mid tower is reached through a spring mounted wooden door.

The upper levels are reached via wide and even stone spiral stairs with no handrails.

There are four picnic tables and two benches on the lawn in front of the castle.

Surroundings

There is a large grassed area around the castle.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilets are at Tesco, Link Road, Bo Ness EH51 9AN; 3.4 miles.

CAIRNPAPPLE HILL

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01506 634 622
07717 541 999

Parking

There is lay-by parking surfaced with rough tarmac.

Approach to site

The site is approached over a distance of about 500m on rough uphill ground.

From the layby the path is up six narrow and uneven stone steps with a handrail on one side to a narrow kissing gate.

The route continues up a steep embankment with 51 steps cut into the ground. There is a double timber handrail.

An uneven path then leads across a field to another kissing gate. The path is fully fenced, and livestock is kept separate. The path can be muddy in wet weather.

The final path to the visitor centre is laid in loose gravel.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre has two stone steps, and contains graphic interpretation of the site.

There is one bench outside the shop.

Monument

The cairn is surrounded by a rough stony area.

The top of the cairn is reached by a set of 14 stone steps with no handrail.

Access to the interior of the cairn is by a metal ladder of 11 rungs.

Surroundings

There is a large grassed area around the monument.

Toilets

There are no toilets on site. The nearest adapted toilets are about 3.5 miles away at Beecraigs Country Park.

CRAIGMILLAR CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

0131 661 4445

Parking

The car park next to the visitor centre is surfaced with smooth tarmac. There is one accessible space. It is possible for visitors to be dropped off closer to the castle entrance.

Approach to site

The castle is reached from the visitor centre by a gently inclined 100m long tarmac path. There is a wooden bench with armrests halfway between the visitor centre and the castle.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre is on ground level and has a level threshold.

Monument

The castle is situated on relatively level ground. There is a steep grassed approach to the inner courtyard, which can be slippery in wet weather.

The courtyard is reached via a stone threshold. The castle has five levels.

The basement has a prison, cellars and bakery. It is reached down a stone staircase of 9 steps with a handrail.

The ground level contains the Dovecot, Inner Courtyard, Kitchen, Drawing Room and bottom level of the Towerhouse.

The first and second floors are reached via a wide spiral stone staircase with uneven steps and a single rope handrail.

The first floor has a kitchen, old dovecot and bedchambers. The second floor has the great hall, wall walk and a kitchen.

The third and fourth floors are reached by a narrow spiral staircase with uneven steps and a single rope handrail.

The third floor has the great hall gallery, and bed chamber. The fourth floor offers good panoramic views of Edinburgh.

Light levels can be low inside the castle, especially on the spiral stairs.

There is a bench in the castle courtyard.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet in the castle, about 120m from visitor centre.

CRICHTON CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01875 320 017

Parking

There is a rough gravel car park quite far from the castle. Visitors can be dropped off at the entrance by driving along the track and opening the gate. Please call 01875 320 017 for more information.

Approach to site

The site is approached through a latched kissing gate 1m wide and along a 400m long rough dirt track that can flood. This has some steep gradients up to 1.8 for 20m. There is a wooden gate 1m wide into the castle enclosure and then a short cobbled section.

Visitor centre

The ticket office has a small threshold and a timber step up with no handrail.

Monument

The ground floor is generally on the level and consists of the Courtyard, Chancellor's room, Crichton's lodgings, Bothwell range, Bakehouse and the Towerhouse floor. The surface is mostly loose gravel.

The first floor can be accessed by two sets of wide straight stone stairs with a handrail and one curved tapering stair without handrail from courtyard. It consists of the Hall, Kitchen, Pantries, Dining Room, Parlour and Old Hall.

The pit prison is accessed by a stone staircase with 10 steps and handrail.

Light levels within the castle are low as there is no electric lighting.

The Stables are 36m away from the castle over rough, grass covered terrain. The floor surface inside is level and covered with loose gravel.

Toilets

The nearest public toilet is about 5 miles away at Fordell Services on the A68.



DIRLETON CASTLE AND GARDENS

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01620 850 330

Parking

There is a public car park surfaced with smooth tarmac approximately 100m from the site entrance. Visitors can be dropped off 10m from the site. Please call 01620 850 330.

Approach to site

The site is approached along the road with a gentle downhill gradient and entered through a gate.

Visitor centre

Enter through a door with a ramp either side. Space is restricted, but the floor is level.

Monument

The Gazebo is 13m from the visitor centre, up a stairway of 12 steps with a wooden handrail.

The Dovecot is 173m from the visitor centre and down five stone steps with a handrail. It has a low (1.36m) and narrow (0.7m) doorway with a 75mm threshold and two steps down into the interior.

The route with the fewest steps to the castle is about 250m from the visitor centre. There are three stone steps and one timber step with a handrail onto the drawbridge which has a steep gradient.

At ground level are the ruins of the brewhouse, guardhouse, inner close, chapel and priest's room. The floor is uneven and there are several low door thresholds.

15 uneven stone steps, (eight of them are without a handrail), lead down to the bakehouse and vaults.

From the inner close (down 2 stone steps), eight uneven stone steps without a handrail lead down to the bottom level of the Ruthven tower. (There are also three stone steps down in the passage leading to the well).

A straight flight of eight wooden steps and three stone steps leads up to the first floor, consisting of the Great Hall, Kitchen, Portcullis Chamber and Lord's Hall.

Surroundings

There are extensive gardens with gravel walkways and wooden benches throughout.

Special features

The garden is particularly fragrant in the summer. It is all on the level with bound gravel surfaced paths round the perimeter and a flat grass lawn in the middle.

Toilets

There are public toilets next to the car park. The nearest public adapted toilets are on Quality Street, North Berwick.

EDINBURGH CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

0131 225 9846

Parking

Available on the esplanade for Blue Badge holders. The esplanade is closed from April to September due to the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Please call 0131 225 9846. The nearest car park is on Castle Terrace.

Approach to site

Approach to site is across the esplanade. It is surfaced with smooth tarmac and has a gradient of 5 degrees up to the castle. The furthest point of the esplanade is 110m from the castle.

Visitor centre

The ticket office is to the right after entry into castle. Disabled visitors will be met on the esplanade and their entry facilitated by staff at the drawbridge.

Monument

A mobility vehicle to Crown Square is available on request. It can accommodate most wheelchairs, motorised wheelchairs and mobility scooters, but this is dependent on their dimensions. There are also two manual wheel chairs available. Please enquire when entering the castle or ask any member of staff. All areas of the castle are accessed from a central, steep curved route.

It is 15 degrees at its steepest point, the average is five degrees and it is approximately 350m from entering the castle to the top level at Crown Square. It is surfaced with cobbles, which can be uneven.

The One O'clock Gun is just past the Argyle Battery, next to the Redcoat Café. It is on the level, but the exhibition about it is down 29 even straight stone steps, with a handrail.

The courtyard of the National War Museum (operated by National Museums Scotland) is reached down a cobbled ramp of 12 degrees. The museum has a level entrance and a wheelchair for loan to visitors at no charge. There is a public lift between the two floors.

A summary of the displays, in English, is available as part of the main audio-tour of the castle. A transcript of the audio-tour is available.

St Margarets Chapel and Mons Meg are further up the central route, through Foogs Gate. The approach to Foogs Gate is the steepest part of the castle route. The surface around the Chapel and Mons Meg is cobbled.

The Chapel has a small ramp up to a door 810mm wide.

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EDINBURGH CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



The Honours of Scotland have a ramp at the entrance, then a lift up to the first floor. There is a bronze replica of the Honours that can be touched.

The Royal Palace and apartments have no wheelchair access.

The Great Hall is currently accessed up a short flight of steps.

The Scottish War Memorial has a ramp entrance from Crown Square.

The Prisons of War exhibition has step-free access from Dury's Battery.

The vaults are accessed via numerous short flights of steps, with handrails on both sides. There is a virtual tour of the vaults for those unable to access them physically. There is step-free access to the lower part of the exhibition from Dury's battery.

Facilities

There is a audio guide available to buy from just past the Castle Gates on the right. The handsets operate by a push button system.

Assistance dogs are welcome.

Braille guidebooks are available on request from Admissions staff.

Cafés

The Redcoat Café, next to the Argyle Battery has step-free access.

The Tea Rooms in the Queen Anne Building are accessed by 3 steps from Crown Square. Step-free access is available – please ask a steward for assistance.

Shops

The main Gift Shop is on the right after entering the castle. It has step-free access but is approached up a steep, cobbled hill.

The Whisky & Bookshop is next to St Margaret's Chapel and has a small threshold

The Crown Gift Shop in Crown Square has five stone steps to enter.

Toilets

There are three sets of adapted toilets. The first is to the left upon entry to the castle. The second is in the Red Coat Café, and the third is in the Queen Anne building in Crown Square.

LINLITHGOW PALACE AND PEEL

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01506 842 896

Parking

Parking spaces are available at the front of the palace. There are two accessible bays next to the entrance. The surface is stone cobbles. The furthest bay is 5m from the entrance to the palace.

Approach to site

Approach directly from the car park.

Visitor centre

Entry is over a small (50mm) stone threshold and is level after that, but the surface is uneven. The visitor centre is on the level, while the shop is entered via a single step.

Monument

Ground floor The courtyard, the king's fountain and the old entrance are all on the level, the floor being surfaced with flagstones and some cobbles.

The first floor is reached by one of four stone spiral staircases. Three have handrails. All have uneven treads and around 25 steps.

The first floor includes the King's Chambers, Great Hall, Chapel Royal, and a small museum showing finds from the palace and peel.

There are many small level changes between rooms.

There are benches in the Palace courtyard.

Surroundings

The peel around the palace is large grassed park. There is a circular path of about 2.3 miles long that follows the lochside. It is surfaced with compacted gravel.

There are benches and picnic tables in the Peel.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is at Burgh Halls, about 110m from the site's main entrance.

SETON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01875 813 334

Parking

The car park is surfaced with smooth tarmac and spaces are clearly marked. There are two marked disabled bays.

Approach to site

There is a single large step down onto the site through the entrance gate. A portable ramp is available.

The site is about 150m from the car park along a tarmac path. The path is a little uneven, but is well drained.

Visitor Centre

Access to the visitor centre is by a consolidated gravel path. Enter by one small concrete step up with no handrail.

Monument

Entry to the church is across mown lawns and a short stretch of unconsolidated gravel.

The church is entered up a single stone step and through a heavy wooden door. Inside the crossing is level.

There are two small stone steps up into the choir.

There is one step into the sacristy.

The ruins of the priests' quarters are outside across a cut grass lawn.

The carved stone shelter is outside across a cut grass lawn.

A portable ramp is available.

There are wooden benches in the garden around the site.

Toilets

Access to the toilets is down a set of 13 steps formed of concrete with an earth and gravel tread. There is a secure handrail. There are then two concrete steps up into the toilet with no handrail.

The nearest adapted toilets are 1.5 miles away at Links Road, Port Seton, EH32. This is an attended facility managed by East Lothian Council.

TANTALLON CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01620 892 727

Parking

There is a small car park with two accessible spaces next to the visitor centre. It is level tarmac. There is a larger car park around 400m away from the visitor centre.

Approach to site

The castle is 250m from the visitor centre along an undulating grass pathway (steepest gradient 1:10) and across a timber bridge.

Visitor centre

Enter through a door 0.91m wide (by either a 1:20 ramp or three steps).

There are two picnic tables and two benches at the visitor centre.

Monument

The dovecot is 40m off the main pathway to the castle and can be reached via cut grass.

Enter the castle over a 6m section of cobbles into the grass courtyard. From here the whole castle can be seen and there is a good view of Bass Rock.

On the ground level there is stepped access into storage cellars and a kitchen.

The upper levels include the great hall and battlements and are reached by a series of uneven stone staircases,

both straight and spiral.

The mid tower has a spiral staircase with a handrail.

The fore tower has a safety rail.

Light levels can be low especially on the spiral stairs.

The grass can become muddy in places when wet.

There are four benches in the inner courtyard at the castle.

Surroundings

There are no marked out paths other than those to the castle and dovecot. The area is entirely grass covered, with several dips and rises.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet available for visitors next to the visitor centre.

TRINITY HOUSE AND MARITIME MUSEUM

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

0131 554 3289

Parking

There is no specific parking provided for the house. There is a car park for users of the Kirkgate Shopping Centre behind Trinity House. It is level, surfaced with tarmac and has three accessible bays. Parking is restricted to 90 minutes (after which a charge is introduced).

Approach to site

The main entrance to the house is up three wide, even, stone steps. There is also a ramped side entrance (gradient of 1:10, lower section at 1:12).

Viewing is by guided tour only.

Please telephone in advance to arrange this on 0131 554 3289.

Monument

The ground floor is level. There is access to the Captains' room and a guide to the collections for those unable to access the first floor.

There is a video display in the vaults, reached by nine, stone steps with handrail.

The first floor has an impressive collection display and is accessed by a large carpeted staircase with 22 even steps and handrails.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is at Taylor Gardens, half a mile from the museum. It is a RADAR scheme toilet.

SCOTTISH BORDERS



- 1** Dryburgh Abbey
- 2** Hermitage Castle
- 3** Jedburgh Abbey
- 4** Melrose Abbey
- 5** Smailholm Tower



DRYBURGH ABBEY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01835 822 381

Parking

There is a small level tarmac surfaced car park. It has two accessible bays.

Approach to site

From the car park to the visitor centre is along a 100m path surfaced with concrete paving slabs. It is mainly on the level with a slight incline near a gate.

From the visitor centre to the monument is a 130m long level concrete path with a short section of gravel which has a gradient steeper than 1:10.

Visitor centre

Access to the ticket office is step free. The exit is down a concrete ramp with a slight slope and a handrail on one side.

There is a bench on the path from the visitor centre to the monument.

Monument

The abbey nave and transepts have a short grass surface which is naturally firmer during dry weather. There are also areas of stone paving slabs.

There is a step free gravel surfaced route 100m long around the site to the gatehouse and refectory. These are also surfaced in gravel.

There is a flight of 10 uneven stone steps down into the cloister from the nave which does not have handrails. There is an alternative route from the refectory up into the cloister with 12 steps, with a handrail on one side.

The chapter house in the cloister is down one historic stone step and ten modern timber steps with handrails on both sides.

There are three picnic benches in the meadow, five benches in the cloister and two benches down by the River Tweed.

Facilities

A handling box is available.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 4 miles away at St Boswells Bus Stance, Main Street, St Boswells.

HERMITAGE CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01387 376 222

Parking

Roads to the site are narrow and winding with limited space for turning. The car park is surfaced with tarmac and is level. There are no accessible bays marked.

Approach to site

The site is 200m from the car park along a path that is mainly surfaced with grass. There are several steep gradients on the route – particularly across the old castle defences.

Visitor centre

The ticket office is 100m from the car park on the route to the castle. There is a shallow step in the entry doorway.

There is a bench next to the ticket office.

Monument

The area around the outside of the castle is cut grass.

The castle entrance has a slight threshold (70mm step). The courtyard is cobbled. The rest of the ground floor is surfaced with gravel.

An elevated walkway in the south-west corner is reached via a modern galvanized steel stairway of 13 steps with hand rails on both sides.

There is another steel access stair at the north-west corner with one handrail and 21 steep steps.

The north-east walkway is reached via 18 stone spiral steps (16 steps are 850mm wide with a handrail and two are 600mm wide).

Light levels inside the castle can be low, especially in bad weather.

There is a bench on the approach to the monument and two picnic tables beside the castle entrance.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is 6 miles away on Langholm Street, Newcastleton.

JEDBURGH ABBAY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01835 863 925

Parking

There is a public car park 100m from the site. Visitors can be dropped off at the front door.

Visitor centre

The ground floor (shop) has level access through 885mm wide swing doors.

There are two steps up into the stone museum.

The exhibition area and toilets are on the first floor up a modern spiral staircase with handrails either side.

There is also a level access route here. Please ask the steward on site to open this for you.

The exhibition area gives an excellent view of the entire site. There is also a virtual tour of the abbey available.

There are seats in the exhibition room.

Monument

The route through the remains of the abbey out-buildings (Cloister Range) and into the church is about 65m.

It starts as a timber decked steel bridge incorporating two flights of steps of 28 and eight steps. They have shallow treads and handrails on both sides. The route continues as gravel paths with stone steps.

There are four sets of steps, two with handrails. In addition there is a flight of nine unevenly spaced steps with no handrail at the east processional doorway into the church and a flight of eight unevenly spaced steps at the west processional doorway.

The floor inside the church is mainly level with a paved walkway through gravel. There are single steps to the crossing and high altar.

The route into the west side is 25 metres. It starts with 14 steps down and then two flights with 1-2 steps.

To access the kitchen, there is a flight of 7 steps without a handrail. The route continues with gravel and shallow stone steps. There is then a wooden platform with 2 steps up and 2 steps down.

To enter the undercroft, there are 6 narrow steps with a handrail. Then 6 steps followed by another step onto a cobbled path.

There are four benches in the cloister, two picnic tables in the orchard and one picnic table in the west range.

Toilets

There is a disabled toilet in the car park, 100m from the site. There is an accessible toilet next to the exhibition on the first floor.

MELROSE ABBEY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01896 822 562

Parking

Pay and display public car park 75m from the abbey (Scottish Borders Council) with two accessible bay. There is also on-road parking nearer to the site.

Approach to site

Approach from the car park is along a level, tarmac pavement.

Visitor centre

The ticket office a 78cm wide door with 7cm step at the threshold. Its exit is down a flight of eight stone steps with hand rails on both sides.

There is a level/ramped access route into the site via a locked gate to the churchyard. The steward can unlock this on request. The gate is 2.8m wide. The ground is uneven.

Monument

The path from the ticket office to the church is a level, cobbled surface. There is also ramped access (1:10 gradient) to the church from the graveyard.

A roof top view is accessible through a doorway of 130cm high and 86cm wide, via a stone spiral staircase of 74 steps with a rope hand rail on the inside only, and a small, low doorway giving access to viewing platform.

The cloister has a grass path around it and a grass ramp access from the church's nave. It can also be accessed from within the church down a ramp (1:7 gradient). From the cloister you can also visit the remains of the chapter house down a ramp (1:8 gradient).

The Commendator's house (contains abbey museum) is separated by Cloister Road to the north. Access by four stone steps down from the cloister level, then up seven stone steps with a wooden hand rail on one side.

There are gates with sliding latches on both sides of Cloister Road. There is a 42m long gravel surfaced path to the house (1:24 gradient).

There is a ramp (1:11 gradient) crossing the threshold of the Commendator's house. There is a heavy wooden door which is 88cm wide.

The first floor is reached by a wooden staircase of 15 even steps and three stone steps 84cm wide with a handrail on the inside only.

There are two picnic benches; one at the abbey and one in the Commendator's house grounds.

Toilets

Toilets are at the east end of the site via 6 stone steps with no hand rails. The nearest adapted toilet is on Abbey Street, 170m away.

SMAILHOLM TOWER

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01573 460 365

Parking

Accessed from the main road through Sandyknowe farm, and across a cattle grid. The trackway from the farm up to the car park has pot holes and prone to mud.

There is a small, level parking area with crushed stone surface. There are no accessible bays marked.

Approach to site

It is pedestrian access only from the car park to the tower.

There is a latched kissing gate leading from the car park up towards the castle. It is 90cm wide.

The tower is approached along a 190m earth path. It has an average gradient of 1:20 over the first 100m and 1:9 over the last 90m. It can be very muddy in wet weather and there may be cattle.

Entry to the site is through a metal gate 75cm wide (it can be opened up to a double gate of 2m wide).

Visitor centre

The visitor centre is entered through a low (96cm) and narrow (85cm) door. There is an original uneven threshold stone. There is a step up to the area in front of the counter. The upper level of the exhibition is reached by a modern

spiral timber and steel staircase of 12 steps with a handrail on the outer side.

Monument

The architectural remains next to the tower are viewed from a deep gravel surface.

The tower has three upper floors reached by a historic stone spiral stair. It is 89cm wide, has 63 steps (to the very top) and a rope handrail on the inner side.

There are four benches: one outside the tower entrance door and one on each of the three floors.

Light levels can be low inside the castle and visitor centre.

Surroundings

Smailholm Tower sits on uneven ground on a hill within pasture land.

On occasion there may be noise from shooting from the farm which is below the site.

Facilities

A free audio tour is available.

Toilets

There are no toilets at Smailholm. The nearest accessible public toilets are in Horsemarket, Kelso.

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY



- 1** Caerlaverock Castle
- 2** Cardoness Castle
- 3** Dundrennan Abbey
- 4** Glenluce Abbey
- 5** MacLellan's Castle

- 6** New Abbey Cornmill
- 7** Sweetheart Abbey
- 8** Threave Castle
- 9** Whithorn Priory and Museum



CAERLAVEROCK CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01387 770 224

Parking

Parking is available at two plastic reinforced grass areas. The main car park is on a slight incline. The overflow car park is level. Visitors can be dropped off at the visitor centre.

Approach to site

The main car park is about 100m away from the visitor centre on a tarmacked surface at an upward incline.

The overflow car park is 25m from visitor centre on a level tarmacked area.

Visitor centre

In front of the visitor centre is a gravel track which can be mucky in wet weather and has pot holes.

The visitor centre is 200m from the castle on tarmac and paved surfaces up a slope.

The visitor centre is step free. There is also level access to the café.

There is an exhibition on the Siege of Caerlaverock also on the level. This includes an audio visual presentation. There is no induction loop in the exhibition.

Monument

Nearing the castle after the moat there is a short but steep (1:6) downwards

grass section.

The main level route inside the castle is paved, and this route allows access around the courtyard to the south range from where there are excellent views of the east range and the moat.

There are steps down into some rooms, but most of these can also be viewed from the path. The majority of these rooms have gravel surfaces. Historic stone spiral stairs with handrails lead to the upper levels of the east range.

There are picnic benches and summer seats for visitors.

Surroundings

The woodland path to the old castle is approximately 200m long and involves numerous stepped and non-stepped level changes. It has earth and decked walkway sections. There are steps over the moat at the old castle.

Special features

Caerlaverock is in a countryside location that has many different types of habitat. This means there are numerous species of birds and plants to be enjoyed.

The woodland path joins the Caerlaverock National Nature Reserve.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet next to the exhibition.

CARDONESS CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01557 814 427

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park with accessible bays marked.

Approach to site

Cardoness Castle is at the top of a small but steep hill. It is reached up a steep concrete path with 33 steps.

The path does not have handrails all the way up. There is a very steep ramp leading from the courtyard to the entrance of the castle.

Visitor centre

The reception area has ramped access.

There are picnic benches and summer seats situated up some steps behind the visitor centre.

Monument

The castle has five upper levels. These are all reached by using a narrow (90cm) historic stone spiral staircase with 84 steps. The steps are uneven and there is no handrail.

Light levels in the lower rooms and staircase of Cardoness can be very low.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet in the visitor centre.

DUNDRENNAN ABBEY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01557 500 262

Parking

There is a large gravel surfaced car park with one accessible parking bay.

Approach to site

The route from the car park is 20m on a reinforced grass path. There is an 80mm step down through a 900mm gate. An alternate route over a gravel path into the cloister, avoids the gate.

Visitor centre

Access to the visitor centre is over uneven wall footings, up three steps and over a short ramp with a 100mm step with a handrail.

Monument

The abbey nave and transepts have a well maintained short grass surface which is naturally firmer during dry weather. The main routes around the monument are gravel or grass.

There is one step (150mm) onto the cloister path which is surfaced in gravel.

There are numerous archaeological remains within the grass around the site which can be difficult to see.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet to Dundrennan Abbey is about 6 miles away in the Harbour Square, Kirkcudbright.

GLENLUCE ABBEY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01581 300 541

Parking

The main car park is level with a gravel surface, about 70m from the site.

An accessible tarmac space is available adjacent the visitor centre. Please call 01581 300 541.

Approach to site

Approach from the main car park is 70m along a tarmac road with a slight downward incline of 1:30 to the visitor centre and museum.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre and museum has step-free access.

Monument

Most of the monument is on the level. There is a relatively even grass surface, which is naturally firmer during dry weather.

There are numerous archaeological remains within the grass. They include open holes approximately 30cm x 15cm, the remnants of a water supply system. These are not enclosed and can be very difficult to see on approach.

Two small steps lead to the cloister, which is surfaced in deep gravel.

The chapter house has three stone steps down into it, without a handrail.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilets to the abbey are about 4 miles away in Stairhaven, Glenluce.

MACLELLAN'S CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01557 331 856

Parking

The castle is located in the town centre, there is free on-street parking available nearby. Visitors can be dropped at the site gates.

Approach to site

From the site entrance it is approximately 50m to the visitor centre on a smooth hard surface and then another 50m to the castle entrance.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre and shop have step-free access.

Monument

The castle entrance has a stone door threshold.

The ground floor is mostly level and includes a reconstruction display in the kitchen. There is little natural light in the ground floor rooms.

The first floor is reached by a straight stone stair of 17 steps with a single handrail. There is a single stone step up into the great hall from the landing.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilets are 350m away on Harbour Square, Kirkcudbright.

NEW ABBEY CORNMILL

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01387 850 260

Parking

Small car park with one accessible space about 20m from the visitor centre. A larger public car park is about 500m away next to Sweetheart Abbey. Visitors can be dropped off at the rear of the mill.

Approach to site

Approached by tarmac pavements. From the public car park the site is about 500m along the main village road with a slight downward slope.

Visitor centre

The entrance from the main village street is through a low doorway and uneven cobbled area.

The visitor centre has step-free access from the rear of the mill into a small interpretation room. The inner door leading to the shop/ticket area is 69cm wide.

Monument

An interpretive display is located on the ground floor. The video presentation room is reached up a set of 14 modern stairs with a handrail on one side.

The mill is a separate building and reached over cobbled paths and through a narrow door.

The upper mill floors are reached

by historic steep wooden steps with rope handrails.

There is LED lighting throughout the visitor centre, the mill has spot lighting in places. When the mill is working there can be increased noise levels.

Surroundings

The garden at the rear of the mill has even access to the waterwheel. The main viewing area has three stone steps with no handrails.

Miller's field is part of the car park area and is uneven grassland with a fish pond. It can be very muddy when wet.

The mill pond is accessed via a steep stone stair at one end of the mill building which can be slippery when wet. There is a handrail on one side.

Access can also be via the road at the rear of the mill and has a steep incline and is used by some heavy traffic.

Benches are available in the viewing area of the garden, the millers field and at the mill pond.

Special features

Working demonstrations of the mill are given during the summer months. Please contact the site for information.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilets are in the public car park next to Sweetheart Abbey, 500m away.

SWEETHEART ABBEY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01387 850 397

Parking

There is a large public car park near to the Abbey. It is level and tarmac surfaced.

Approach to site

From the car park the entrance to the site is approximately 90m along a level tarmac road.

Visitor Centre

Ticket and retail sales are via a window of the steward's hut.

Monument

Sweetheart Abbey is on relatively level ground. The main routes around the monument are surfaced in gravel or short cut grass. Surfaces are firmer during, or following dry weather.

There is a good view of the remains of the abbey from the cloister path, which is surfaced in gravel.

There are numerous archaeological remains within the grass around the site and in the nave, which can be difficult to see.

There are steps down into some rooms, but these can also all be viewed from the cloister path.

There is one step up from the porch into the nave.

The chapter house remains are accessed by six stone steps with no handrails.

There are some benches available in the abbey grounds.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is in the public car park next to the abbey.

THREAVE CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

07711 223 101

Parking

There is a level, gravel surfaced parking area.

Approach to site

Visitors travel on a small boat to the Threave Castle island.

The jetty is about 800m from the car park along a mostly level gravel path. There are eight wooden gates along the path. They all have 'easy latch' opening systems.

The jetty is down six concrete steps.

Visitors step into and out of the boat.

Monument

There are many steps to access the interior of the castle. Both open tread stairs and narrow spiral stairs lead to the upper levels of the castle, all of which have handrails.

Pathways and surfaces on the island are mainly grass and undulate across the monument site.

Toilets

There are no toilets on the island.

The nearest public toilets are by the car park, and include an adapted toilet.

WHITHORN PRIORY AND MUSEUM

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01988 500 700

Parking

Public parking is approximately 70m away, but visitors can be dropped off at the entrance to the monument.

Visitor centre

The museum has step-free access and is level.

Approach to the site

The museum and priory are approached along a tarmac road and pavements from the public parking.

Monument

From the museum, the priory site is about 20m along a tarmac path.

There is a narrow wooden gate into the priory grounds.

The ruined nave of the cathedral church sits on a small but steep hill.

All entrances into the nave have at least one step and are approached across grass.

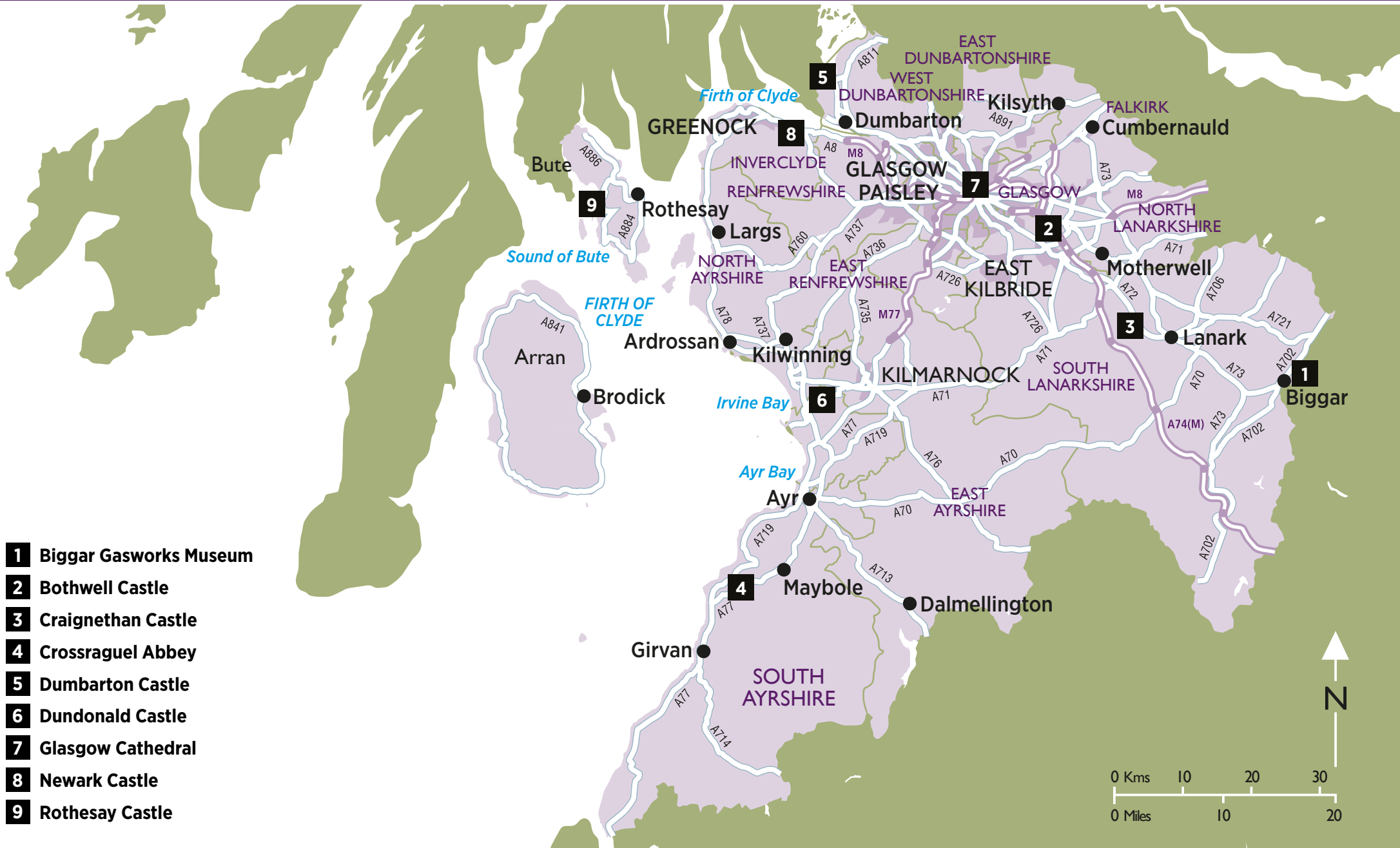
The vaults have numerous level changes in them and are accessed down historic stone steps. There are no windows and light levels can be very low. The floor inside the vaults is gravel.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is in 'The Whithorn Story Exhibition', about 200m away on Whithorn's main street.

GLASGOW, CLYDE AND AYRSHIRE





- 1** Biggar Gasworks Museum
- 2** Bothwell Castle
- 3** Craignethan Castle
- 4** Crossraguel Abbey
- 5** Dumbarton Castle
- 6** Dundonald Castle
- 7** Glasgow Cathedral
- 8** Newark Castle
- 9** Rothesay Castle



BIGGAR GASWORKS MUSEUM

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01899 221 050

Parking

A level, gravel surfaced car park is available 20m from the museum.

Approach to site

Approach to site is by a 50m long level, but uneven, part tarmac surfaced lane from the car park or the village main street.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre has a single step.
The exhibition has a short film.

Monument

A central courtyard gives access to all buildings. It has mainly a gravel surface with some brick paths. Most buildings have a single step.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 20 miles away on Main Street, Leadhills.

BOTHWELL CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01698 816 894

Parking

There is a level part tarmac and part gravel surfaced car park about 160m from the castle.

It is possible for visitors to be dropped off at the castle entrance.

Approach to site

Approach to site is a level grass and concrete path 163m long.

Visitor centre

Visitor centre has a step free access.

Monument

The grassed courtyard has a paved pathway around two main sides.

The upper and lower levels of the donjon are accessed by spiral stairs. The stair has 50 steps. They both have rope handrails on one side.

The great hall is reached by a timber stair of 21 steps with single handrail.

The exhibition in the cellar is down a set of six straight uneven steps.

There are benches in the courtyard.

Toilets

Nearest adapted toilet is at Tesco's, Bothwell Road, Uddingston, G71 7ET.

CRAIGNETHAN CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01555 860 364

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park.

Visitors with mobility difficulties can park down the hill by the outer wall. Please contact staff on arrival or call in advance for guidance.

Approach to site

Approach to site is about 85m on tarmac at a downward incline of up to 1:4, then 25m on level bound gravel.

Visitor centre

The shop has a single step at the doorway.

Monument

The outer and inner courtyard are all on the level and have short cut grass and pavement.

The ditch caponier is accessed down a narrow (0.7m) spiral staircase of 31 steps and has a sloping and rough floor.

The upper stories in the tower house and the cellars and basements are reached by various straight flight and spiral stairs of up to 38 steps. These steps are historic.

Light levels can be low in parts of the castle.

There are benches around the site and

seats in the room next to the toilets.

Ongoing conservation work around the site may involve works vehicles requiring access during the day or workmen using power tools which can be noisy.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 2.5 miles away at Shawlands Park Hotel, Ayr Road, ML9 2TZ.

CROSSRAGUEL ABBAY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01655 883 113

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park adjacent to the site.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre is step free.

Monument

The main routes around the monument are surfaced in gravel or grass. The grass is very well maintained, but is naturally firmer during dry weather.

There are numerous archaeological remains within the grass which can be difficult to see.

There are threshold steps into some rooms, but these are not on main circulation routes.

The gatehouse is up a stone spiral stair. This is a historic stair, with uneven steps. There is no fixed handrail and light levels can be very low.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 7 miles away at Debenhams, Ayr Central Shopping Centre, KA7 1TN.

DUMBARTON CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01389 732 167

Parking

There is a small, level, tarmac surfaced car park.

Approach to site

The approach to the site is along a short path on a slight incline.

There are about 40 steps to the King George Battery, the first 14 of which have no handrail.

Visitor centre

The shop and artefact display are in the Governor's House. There is a threshold at the door.

Monument

The castle site is very large, steep and rocky. All areas are reached by several narrow stairways, many historic.

The Governor's House (shop and artefact display) is up the first set of stairs at the entrance to the site at King George's Battery.

The Spur, Spanish and Bower Batteries are on a long, narrow path of largely stone slabs with loose gravel at the end. There are around 50-60 steps on this path that runs along the south west wall. It finishes in a dead end.

The Guard House (contains an exhibition on the history of the castle) and Portcullis Arch are reached up a

very long, steep, narrow and historic set of stairs between the two rock peaks of the site.

Further on, the remains of the White Tower are on the top of the highest point of the site, reached by another very long, narrow set of stairs. This route is exposed and can be extremely windy.

The French Prison, Wallace Tower, One Gun and Duke of York's Batteries are reached along a loose gravel path with a slight incline from the top of the stairs just after the Portcullis Arch.

The Duke of Argyll's and Prince Regent's Batteries are up another set of steep steps from just after the Portcullis Arch. The Magazine, at the top of the second peak, is reached by a steeply inclined loose gravel path.

There are two benches on the terrace at the back of the Governor's House. There are three picnic benches: one on the terrace behind the Governor's House; one on the cleft between the peaks by the French prison and one next to the Duke of Argyll's gun battery.

The site is largely external. The site may close depending on weather conditions.

Toilets

Nearest adapted toilet is about 1 mile away at Asda, St James Retail Park, Dumbarton, G82 1RB.

DUNDONALD CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01563 851 489

Parking

There is level, tarmac surfaced car park, with a dropped kerb adjacent to the visitor centre.

Approach to site

There is a steep, anti-slip-surfaced tarmac path for 120m then 30m of level gravel path up to the castle.

Visitor centre

Visitor centre has step-free access.

Monument

The castle is surrounded by banked grass surfaces.

Inside, much of the castle can be seen from the ground floor which is level and has a stone slabbed surface.

The first floor is reached by an L-shaped set of 15 steep stone stairs with no handrail.

The second floor is reached by a modern metal open backed spiral stair of 38 steps with a handrail.

On a dull day the castle can be a little dark, although the inner stairs, lower hall and prison pit have electric lights.

Toilets

Nearest adapted toilet is about 3.6 miles away at Tesco Extra, Riverview Retail Park, Irvine, KA12 8AY.

GLASGOW CATHEDRAL

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

0141 552 6891

Parking

There is a public car park across the High Street, about 80m from the Cathedral west door.

Approach to site

Approach to site is over paving, lowered kerbs and cobbles.

Monument

The west door has a stair lift down into the nave and a call point. Please use this or call the stewards on 0141 552 6891 to have the door opened.

The main entrance on the south side has four stone steps up into the nave.

The nave is level with a smooth slabbed floor.

The choir is up five stone steps or via the stair lift.

The sacristy is up two steps and down eight.

The crypt is down 25 steps with a single handrail.

The Blackadder aisle is down 25 steps with handrails in places.

There can be loud noises from the organ at times.

There are pews in the choir and chairs around the nave and lower church.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is at St Mungo Museum about 15m away.

NEWARK CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01475 741 858

Parking

There is a large, level, tarmac-surfaced car park.

Approach to site

Visitors approach along a level gravel drive and stone paved path 42m long.

Visitor centre

Visitor centre and shop have step free access.

Monument

The ground floor of the castle has level access and includes the kitchen, wine cellar and bakehouse.

The first and second levels, which include the great hall, the gatehouse, and the gallery are reached by stone stairs with a handrail. They can be uneven.

The keep spiral stair has 63 steps and leads to the wallhead.

Light levels are low in many areas.

There are benches in the great hall.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 400m west of the castle heading towards Greenock.

ROTHESAY CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01700 502 691

Parking

There is a drop off point at the entrance.

Visitor centre

The shop has ramped access.

Monument

The castle is reached across a wooden bridge with a slight upward slope.

At ground level there is a courtyard which contains a chapel and a residential tower, later converted into a dovecot.

The courtyard has a combination of grass and pavement surfaces.

The dungeon is accessed by climbing down a metal ladder with 10 rungs.

The gatehouse upper level is accessed by two sets of stairs – one straight and one spiral. Both can be uneven.

There are three sets of stairs to the great hall.

There are benches on site: five in the courtyard; three in the great hall; one in the latrine tower.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilets are at the Ferry Terminal, about 200m away.

CENTRAL AND WEST



- 1** Argyll's Lodging
- 2** Bonawe Historic Iron Furn
- 3** Castle Campbell
- 4** Doune Castle
- 5** Dunblane Cathedral
- 6** Dunstaffnage Castle and (
- 7** Inchmahome Priory
- 8** Iona Abbey and Nunnery
- 9** Kinneil House
- 10** Stirling Castle



ARGYLL'S LODGING

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01786 450 000

07765 714 998

Parking

There are accessible spaces marked on the esplanade at Stirling Castle. Visitors can be dropped off at the door.

Approach to site

There is a steep slope down to the site from the car parking at Stirling Castle. Approach by a side gate to access the ground floor, via the gardens.

Visitor centre

Access to Argyll's Lodging is by guided tour only. Tours leave from Stirling Castle at set times (call 01786 450 000 for details). You must have a Stirling Castle entry ticket to visit Argyll's Lodging..

Monument

The ground floor, which includes the hall and kitchens is mainly level.

The upper floor, which includes the dining room and chambers, is reached via a large historic straight stair. There are 18 wooden steps with a handrail on one side.

There are benches outside and seats inside.

There is an accessible garden.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet on site.

BONAWE HISTORIC IRON FURNACE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01866 822 432

Parking

There is a rough gravel-surfaced car park.

Approach to site

Visitors approach the site along a gravel-surfaced path.

Visitor centre

The shop has step-free access.

Monument

Bonawe is on a hill. The main circular route round the buildings is on gravel and grass surfaces and is approximately 250m. The ground is uneven in places.

The main exhibition room has a set of eight wooden stairs with handrails on both sides, joining two levels. Both levels can be accessed from outside without using the stairs.

There are some benches around the site.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is 9.5 miles away at Tesco, Lochside, PA34 4HP.



CASTLE CAMPBELL AND GARDENS

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01259 742 408

Parking

The closest available parking is 500m from the site. The car park is accessed up a steep (gradient approximately 1:10) single-track road with passing places. The car park has a tarmac surface on a slight slope.

Approach to site

Visitors pass through a latched metal pedestrian gate at the top of the car park. Progress along a tarmac road 500m long, with a descending gradient of approximately 1:8. There is a cattle grid on the route. The footpath crosses over a narrow wooden footbridge with steps either end and handrails on both sides. The surface on the castle side of the footbridge is briefly very uneven and rocky before reverting to tarmac. The remainder of the approach is undulating tarmac.

Please be aware there are no street lights on the route to the castle.

Visitor centre

The shop is very small, and is entered up two wooden steps with no handrail.

Monument

The courtyard has very uneven cobbles. The cellar floor of the tower, containing an interpretation display, is reached by a straight timber stair of 15 steps

with a handrail.

A stone spiral staircase gives access to the upper levels and is 85 steps to the top of the towerhouse. This is a historic stair, so not all of them are level or square. The stairs have a fixed handrail. Light levels can be very low in winter.

The top two tower rooms are lit by daylight only so light levels can be low.

The interactive castle model emits sounds when activated by a button-press.

There are internal tables and seating available for about 18 people at the bottom of the tower. There are two chairs in the tower cellar with the dressing up costumes.

Surroundings

The grass terrace at the front of the property offers superb views of the surrounding landscape. The top terrace is accessed via a cobbled path and two small steps which have no handrails. The middle terrace has stepped access with partial handrail.

There are four benches on the top terrace in the garden and two benches on the middle terrace.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 1 mile away at the Post Office, Dollar, FK14 7EJ.

DOUNE CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01786 841 742

Parking

There is a level, tarmac-surfaced car park with two accessible bays. Visitors can be dropped off at the castle by reversing a car up to the gate. Please call the site in advance of doing this on 01786 841 742, and be aware of pedestrians using this route.

Approach to site

The path to the castle is 275m long. It starts off on tarmac at a slight incline and ends with a very steep gradient and rough, uneven cobbles. These can be very slippery when wet. The route is visible from the car park.

Visitor centre

The entrance has rough uneven cobbles and is on an upward slope with a single handrail. The visitor centre has four high uneven stone steps up into it and no handrail.

Monument

The courtyard is grassed and uneven. The ground floor exhibition is step-free.

The first floor, including Kitchen, Great Hall and Duke's Hall, is reached up a straight stair of 13 steps with a handrail. There are several raised thresholds.

The second floor, containing the Duchess's Hall and other chambers, is reached by uneven spiral staircases with handrails.

Surroundings

The castle sits in extensive wood and parkland. There is a footpath to the village of Doune and a riverside walk below the castle.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet in the cottage, about 300m from the castle along an artificial grass surface.

DUNBLANE CATHEDRAL

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01786 823 388

Parking

There is some on street parking, including an accessible space, approximately 50m from the cathedral entrance on Kirk Street. There is also a public car park, including two accessible spaces, behind the cathedral approximately 100m away.

Approach to site

Approach to site is on a level tarmac path approximately 50m from the street to the south entrance.

The south door is accessed by a ramp, the door itself is very heavy.

Monument

The nave, choir and chapter house are on the level on stone or tile floors.

Access to the tower is up four wooden steps with a single handrail on the left.

Access to the Clement Chapel is by a short flight of stone spiral stairs with a single cast-iron hand rail on the left.

The gallery is reached by a narrow stone spiral staircase with no handrails.

There may be loud noises at the site when the organ is being played. Practise sessions can take place throughout the week.

Light levels are lower in the Belltower,

the west spiral staircase and balcony, and the Clement Chapel.

Pew and individual seating is available in most areas of the cathedral.

Surroundings

The cathedral is surrounded by a graveyard. This has tarmac paths, but is mostly grassed.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is at the Cathedral Halls on The Cross approximately 50m from the cathedral entrance. It is open 09:30 - 12:00. It is closed on weekends.

Further publicly accessible adapted facilities are in the Stirling Council Offices 75m from the cathedral. These are open from 09:00 - 17:00 Monday-Friday. They are closed at the weekend.

DUNSTAFFNAGE CASTLE AND CHAPEL

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01631 562 465

Parking

The main car park is situated 200m from the castle. There is a small parking area behind the castle, 50m from the visitor centre, for visitors with a disability. Visitors can be dropped off 10m from the visitor centre.

Approach to site

From the main car park the approach is 200m along an upward gravel track. The castle is 25m from the visitor centre.

Visitor centre

The shop has step free access. The display room is reached by a straight stair of 10 steps with a solid handrail.

Monument

The castle entrance is up 26 steep historic stone steps with a handrail.

The main routes within the castle are gravel, tarmac and grass.

The battlements are up a modern wooden staircase of 30 steps with handrails on both sides.

The gatehouse is accessed via a modern staircase of 12 steps with a handrail. The upper levels of the gatehouse are reached via a narrow 28 step spiral stair with a handrail.

The chapel is approached by a 50m

rough earth path which is steep in places and can be boggy.

There is a bench outside the visitor centre and one inside the castle.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet.

INCHMAHOME PRIORY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01877 385 294

Parking

There is a rough tarmac-surfaced car park on the mainland.

Approach to site

A small motor boat ferries visitors to the island. There is a small wooden threshold into the boat shed and a jetty surfaced with uneven stone paving. Visitors must be able to climb into and out of a boat.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre is accessed by an uneven stone jetty and up two shallow steps.

Monument

Whilst the priory itself is relatively level, the main routes around the island are not surfaced, and are rough and uneven, with tree roots and large stones.

The routes around the priory are grass and gravel, and are firmer during periods of dry weather.

There is a large open area around the priory that gives good views of the buildings.

There is a small threshold into the nave, and larger ones (100mm) into the cloister.

Toilets

Toilets are near the reception area and are up 5 earthen steps. The nearest adapted toilet is at the Lake of Menteith Hotel on the mainland.

IONA ABBEY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01681 700 512

Parking

Cars are permitted on the island only with a permit from the local authority office in Oban. Blue badge holders (with a permit) can take vehicles on the ferry. Parking is limited on the island. There is no parking within the abbey grounds. A taxi service is available, on 07810 325 990.

Approach to site

Approach along a single 600m road from the ferry pier uphill to the abbey.

Monument

The abbey complex sits within an area of well kept grass. From the entrance, a dust path brings visitors and vehicles to the buildings.

The entrance to the church is stepped, though alternative access to the nave through the cloisters is step-free. Two sets of steps lead from the nave to the crossing. The choir runs from the east side of the crossing with a step at either end and two shallow steps take the visitor to the communion table.

The cloisters are on the north side of the church. The four sides are level and the entrance is ramped.

The shop is in the north west corner of the cloisters. Shop access is through a tight, steep angled ramp and the floor

slopes gently along the length of the shop.

St Columba's Shrine is to the left of the church's main door. It is very small and has a narrow doorway.

The museum and the Michael Chapel are two separate buildings on the seaward side of the Abbey complex. The dust path takes visitors round and both have steps nearer the entrance. It is possible to move onto the grass and gain access that way. Both buildings have shallow steps at the entrance to prevent flooding. The museum houses a collection of carved stones.

The Oran Chapel is outside the grounds. A narrow gate leads to a narrow dust path which winds round the graveyard and to the door of the chapel. The door is wide with a step inside.

Benches are on site during the summer months.

Toilets

There are no toilets on site. The nearest adapted toilets are located at the Iona Community Shop opposite the abbey.

KINNEIL HOUSE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01506 842 896 (Linlithgow Palace)

Parking

Cars are parked in the lawn area at the entrance to the house at the start of the red blaze track. Visitors with mobility difficulties will be allowed to park closer.

Approach to site

The site is open to the public eight days of the year.

Access to the house is by guided tour starting from Kinneil Museum, about 200m from the house. The tours are timed and have limited capacity.

There are two routes used to get to the house. One is via a short section of tarmac road and then along a red blaze drive for about 270m. The surface is uneven. The other route follows a hard-core path for about 230m before crossing a small section of grass and gravel path. There is a small step.

Monument

The entrance to Kinneil House is via one stone step down to a gravel path, then one step up, through a narrow doorway and then five steps down to reach the main corridor. The entrance corridor consists of flagstones which can be uneven followed by a further corridor to the right made of rough concrete screed.

The stone display is on the ground floor through a narrow doorway.

There is a small stone lip and then 15 narrow steps up with a handrail to reach the first floor. There is one step down into the first painted room and then another step up to go into the second painted room.

The painted rooms can have low light levels as only natural light is used to protect the paintings.

The second floor is up 27 narrow steps with a small platform halfway. There is no handrail.

Access to the roof is by a narrow metal doorframe with three steps up, over a small metal lip and one large concrete step down. The door has a very low lintel. The roof area is largely flat with some shallow guttering in the floor and one small ramp between the two areas.

There is a viewing gallery in the tower on a wooden platform that can be reached over the grass lawn about 9m from the main entrance. There is a small ramp down with a little lip between the stone and wooden surfaces.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is at Kinneil Museum which is about 200m from the house.

STIRLING CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01786 450 000

07765 714 998 (Duty Manager)

Parking

There is a large tarmac area for parking on the Esplanade. It has five accessible parking bays, around 65m from the castle. A courtesy vehicle is often available to transport visitors with mobility difficulties to the highest point of the castle. Please contact a staff member on your arrival.

Approach to site

The approach to the castle from the car park is up a maximum gradient of 1:15. The route is cobbled.

Visitor centre

Admission tickets are purchased from the shop in the entrance courtyard. It has wide doors and is step-free.

An induction loop is available.

Monument

The main route through the castle is 160m long from the gate to the Inner Close. It is surfaced with cobbles and has a maximum gradient of 1:9.

The refurbished Royal Palace of James V can be entered from the Inner Close. Within the palace apartments there are no steps and the surface is smooth. A lift can take visitors to the Stirling Heads Exhibition on the first floor.

The Vaults have step-free access from the Inner Close.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders' Museum has 26 stone steps up into it.

The Great Kitchens are accessed down a set of 7 even steps with a handrail to the left hand side.

The Tapestry Exhibition is in the Nether Bailey, 200m from the Outer Close along a cobbled track with a maximum downward gradient of 1:7.

There are bench throughout the castle.

Special features

There are interactive and multi-sensory displays in the Vaults.

An audio-descriptive audio guide is available on request.

There is an exhibition on the castle within the Queen Anne Garden which has level access.

The castle has three shops. All have wide doors and step-free access.

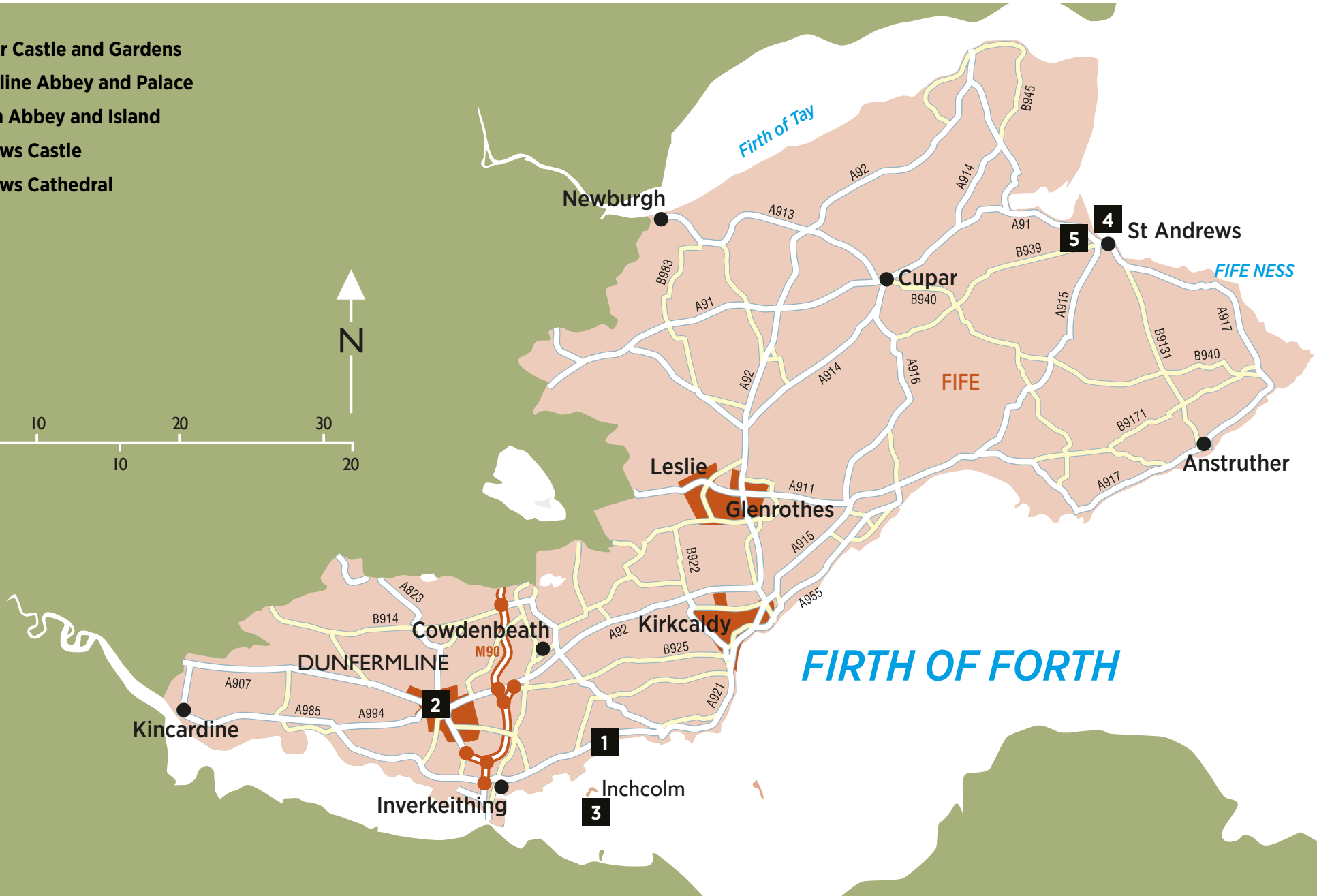
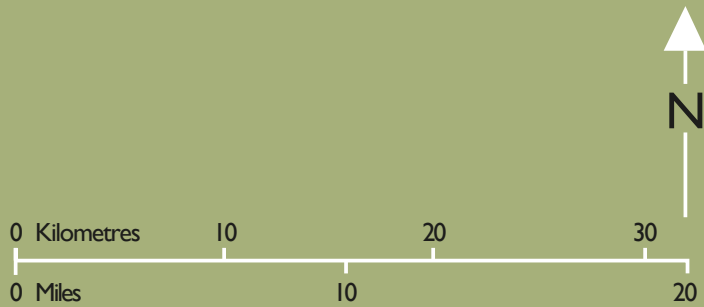
Toilets

There are adapted toilets off the Guardroom Square, in the café and in the Great Hall.

THE KINGDOM OF FIFE



- 1** Aberdour Castle and Gardens
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- 5** St Andrews Cathedral



ABERDOUR CASTLE AND GARDENS

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01383 860 519

Parking

Accessible parking spaces are available next to reception. Please phone 01383 860 519 to check availability. The main car park is at the railway station.

Approach to site

From the station car park there are two routes. The shorter route (approx 150m) involves a flight of 25 wooden stairs with a handrail. The longer route is relatively level (approx 500m).

Visitor centre

Access into the reception area is level.

Monument

The ground floor includes stables, kitchen, store and tower house. There are two steps down into the kitchen, which has a cobbled floor.

Upper levels, including the hall and apartments are reached via spiral stairs (with a single handrail). Small steps, raised thresholds and low level walls are found throughout the castle.

Surroundings

The castle has a walled garden with level access. Its paths are a mixture of compacted gravel and cobbled surfaces.

A terraced garden, orchard and dovecot are accessed via steps or a steep grass bank. No paths are marked, and the garden is grass throughout.

Café & shop

The café has step-free access, but a narrow door (approx 1m) with a sharp turn. The shop has level access.

Special Features

A border in the garden has strongly-scented flowers.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 500m away at Aberdour Railway station.

DUNFERMLINE ABBEY AND PALACE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01383 739 026

Parking

The site is in two parts, the Abbey Nave, and the Palace. There is no visitor car park at the site.

It is possible to drop visitors off at the entrance to the site. There is on-street parking around 100m from the gatehouse entrance, and around 150m from the north entrance in the Abbey to the Nave. There are no accessible bays.

Approach to site

The palace and nave are both approached by pavements, which are mostly level. There are several entrances into the Abbey Nave. Only the north entrance has level access.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre is around 25m along a narrow 1250mm gantry surfaced with wooden slats. There are then two steep stone steps down into the ticket office with no handrail.

Monument

There is access to a level tarmac path that overlooks the Palace. This requires a key from the visitor centre.

Please phone the site on 01383 739 026 if you cannot access the visitor centre. A steward will come out to greet you.

The main route into the palace from the visitor centre is down a very narrow stone spiral stair of 23 steps, without a handrail. From here there are further stone steps down into the lower level of the palace, also with no handrail.

The lower level of the palace has raised thresholds and projecting archaeological remains.

The refectory is reached up three wooden steps with a single handrail and then down a stone spiral staircase with no handrail.

An exhibition on the history of the Abbey and Palace is reached up 18 wooden steps with a single handrail.

A carved stone exhibition is reached down four stone steps with a single cast-iron handrail on the left.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 140m from the abbey in Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Galleries, where a Changing Places toilet is also available.

INCHCOLM ABBEY AND ISLAND

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01383 823 332

Parking

On-street parking is available in South Queensferry.

Approach to site

Two commercial ferries sail to the island, both from South Queensferry (Maid of the Forth, 0131 331 5000; Forth Boat Tours, 0870 118 1866).

Both boats have narrow gangways onto them. The island pier has 20 stone steps (the descent may be shorter, depending on the tide).

Visitor centre

There is a loose gravel path from the ferry landing to the visitor centre. It is accessed up a metal stair with handrails on both sides. Alternatively, please speak to a steward for ramped access.

Monument

The abbey is 180m from the landing up a gentle slope. There are threshold steps at both the east and west doors, which lead to the cloister and chapter house. Light levels can be very low.

The abbey's upper levels are reached by uneven historic stairs.

The bell tower is reached by a very narrow and steep stone spiral stair and then steep wooden ladder-steps.

Surroundings

The First and Second World War ruins are reached along very uneven, steep rocky paths. Gulls may attack during nesting season (March – July) if you get too close.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilets are on the mainland, about 1.5 miles from the ferry piers, at Tesco, Ferry Muir, EH30 9QZ.

ST ANDREWS CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01334 477196

Parking

There is no visitor parking at this monument. There is on street parking, but the nearest car park is at the Bruce Embankment about ¾ mile away. Visitors can be dropped at the castle.

Visitor centre

Visitor centre access is via five steps down with handrails to either side or a ramp without handrails. Once inside the centre is on the level.

There is an informative exhibition with audio visual and diorama presentations.

Monument

The castle is about 50m from the visitor centre, over grass reinforced with narrow strips of concrete.

The castle courtyard is entered over a wooden bridge. The courtyard is grass covered and much of the castle can be seen from it.

The south range first and second floors are up stone spiral steps with single handrails.

The sea and kitchen towers are up stone steps with single hand rails.

The mine and counter mine are down very uneven rock steps. The passage is very low and narrow.

Special features

There is a multi-sensory exhibition in the visitor centre.

An audio guide is available in English.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet on site next to the exhibition.

ST ANDREWS CATHEDRAL

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01334 472563

Parking

There is no specific parking for the site, but on street parking is available nearby. Visitors can be dropped off in front of the war memorial at the top of North Street.

Approach to the site

There are two entrances to the Cathedral when approaching from the town centre.

The main gate leads to 10 stone steps followed by a compacted gravel area that leads to a level grassed area.

The other entrance gate is situated next to the war memorial at the top of North Street. The memorial gate gives level access to a compacted gravel path which leads down the length of the site.

The gravel path eventually connects to a third gate in the northern perimeter wall. This third gate allows access from the coastal path to the site up two stone steps. Thereafter access is over grass through the graveyard and around the site ruins.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre is accessed over cut grass and a 100m section with narrow strips of concrete at the entrance. There is level access to the two main rooms of the museum via two ramps. One of the

ramps is situated near the entrance of the visitor centre. The other ramp is situated on the other side of the building and is opened by a steward when requested. There are four steps to access the shop and a further five steps to access the third smaller room of the museum.

Monument

St Andrews Cathedral is mainly on ground level though there are steps and raised thresholds throughout the grounds. There are many gravestones and other trip hazards surrounding the main walkways.

St Rule's Tower is reached by a narrow turnstile (48cm) requiring a token which is part of the admission price. There are narrow (69cm) and uneven spiral stairs leading to the top.

Light levels are low in parts of the museum.

There are benches outside around the site. There is a chair in the visitor centre.

Toilets

There is one adapted toilet on site.

PERTHSHIRE, KINROSS AND ANGUS



- 1** Arbroath Abbey
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- 9** St Serf's Church, Dunning
- 10** St Vigeans Museum
- 11** Stanley Mills



ARBROATH ABBEY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01241 878 756

Parking

There is a small, tarmac surfaced parking area on a slight incline.

Approach to site

Approach to site is about 20m on a paved path.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre has step-free access and a platform lift to the first floor. There are large viewing windows and a virtual reconstruction of the abbey with an induction loop.

Monument

Most of the Abbey is relatively level with grass and gravel surfaces.

The nave and cloister have step-free access. The sacristy has two stone steps down into it.

The lower gatehouse range has an audio-visual display with ramped access.

The abbot's house displays are reached via a stone spiral stair on several levels with a handrail from the first floor. The ground floor is accessed down a narrow ramp.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet on site.

BROUGHTY CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01382 436 916

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park with accessible bays marked.

Approach to site

Approach to site is about 50m along a cobbled surface with an upward incline.

Visitor centre

The castle is in the care of Historic Environment Scotland. The museum, run by Leisure and Culture Dundee, is inside the castle up a set of historic stone spiral steps with a single handrail.

Monument

There are steps and level changes in and around the castle.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 500m away on The Esplanade.

DUNKELD CATHEDRAL

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01786 431 326

Parking

There is a small parking area for use by visitors with mobility difficulties. Please contact in advance as a gate needs to be opened to allow vehicles in.

Monument

Most paths around the site are paved.

There is a wooden ramp down into the nave, which is grass surfaced.

The bell tower which contains a display of carved stones is accessed from the graveyard, over a small threshold stone.

The east end of the cathedral is the local parish church. It has a small threshold on entry.

Surroundings

There is an extensive, grassed graveyard and a grassy riverside area next to the cathedral.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is 500 yards away at the North end car park.

EDZELL CASTLE AND GARDEN

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01356 648 631

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park. There is an accessible bay.

Approach to site

The castle is about 150m along a bound gravel path and then over grass.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre is accessed up a short ramp and has a small exhibition inside. A manual wheelchair is available.

Monument

Ground level includes the kitchen, bakehouse and cellars.

The courtyard is surfaced with cobbles.

The tower house upper levels are up a stone spiral stair of 61 steps with no handrail.

The garden is about 120m from the visitor centre over a compacted stone path. There is a grass path through it.

The first floor in the summer house is reached by a stone spiral stair with 23 steps and no handrail.

The display of carved stones from the garden is in the basement and down one step.

There are benches around the site: four in the walled garden, one in the courtyard, two picnic table/bench sets adjacent to the visitor centre.

Special features

There are dressing up costumes.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet in the visitor centre.

ELCHO CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01738 639 998

Parking

There is a level, loose gravel surfaced car park.

Approach to site

Approach to site is 20m from the car park, through a swing gate and along a grass-bar path. The gate can be opened completely to allow wheelchair access.

If using public transport, the site is about a mile walk through a farm from the main road.

Visitor centre

Visitor centre has step-free access but is very small.

Monument

The entrance has a stone threshold.

The ground floor, including cellars and the kitchen, is relatively level but the floor is uneven in places. There is a step down into the kitchen. Light levels can be low.

The first floor, which includes the great hall and private chamber, is up a stone spiral stair of 18 steps with no handrail. The upper levels are accessed by narrow spiral stone staircases with no handrails.

Surroundings

The castle is located in a large grassed area with several trees.

There are picnic tables available and an apple orchard at the site.

Toilets

Nearest adapted toilets are about 3 miles away at Tesco, Perth Rd, PH2 8DX.

HUNTINGTOWER CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01738 627 231

Parking

There is a small parking area 12m from the visitor centre. It is level and tarmac surfaced.

Approach to site

The visitor centre is about 12m from the castle, across gravel and a flat stone path.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre has step-free access.

Monument

The west tower is up 13 stone steps with an aluminium banister on one side, which leads to the Great Hall. An original spiral stair with 37 stone steps and a rope handrail, takes visitors to battlements of the west tower.

The Laigh hall in the east tower is accessed on the ground floor by a ramp. There is a step at the entrance. Step-free access through an education area can be arranged by the steward. A stone spiral stair of 26 steps leads to the first floor hall which has a painted ceiling.

The stairs continue with 19 steps to the bedroom, then a further 18 steps to the battlements.

There is a metal handrail on all these stairs. There is a walkway all around the battlements, with an uneven surface. There is also a wooden walkway of 12 steps which joins the two towers at first floor level.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet on site.

LOCHLEVEN CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01577 862 670

Parking

There is a large level, gravel surfaced car park 90m away from the mainland pier. Visitors can be dropped nearer the pier. Call 01577 862 670 to arrange.

Approach to site

The castle is on an island. Visitors must be able to climb into and out of a boat.

Lochleven is a nature reserve and the only dogs allowed on the island are guide dogs and assistance dogs.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre is on the mainland and has step-free access over gravel.

Monument

The piers on the island rise and fall with water levels and can be slippery.

The castle is about 30m from the pier up a grass slope. This can be very muddy in wet weather.

The courtyard is grass and gives access to all the ranges on the ground floor.

The Glassin tower and bottle dungeon are through a narrow doorway.

The first floor and second floors of the main tower, which include the room where Mary Queen of Scots was held captive, are accessed up a modern wooden stairway. The steps have open backs and there are railings on either side.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet located in the public toilets in the car park. These toilets are open from April – October.

Toilets are available on the island, down a slope which can be slippery. A hand sanitiser is provided as there is no running water.

MEIGLE SCULPTURED STONE MUSEUM

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01828 640 612

Parking

There is no specific visitor parking. The nearest on street parking is around 30m away.

Approach to site

The site is approached along a fine gravel path 10m long. There is a set of five concrete stairs with a handrail.

An alternate route is to go via the main gate of the cemetery. There is a path that leads to the museum. There is a ramp allowing access to the main door of the museum from the cemetery side. There is a ramp inside the building.

Visitor centre

The museum has a raised threshold and then is on the level. There are narrow sections between displays.

Toilets

Nearest adapted toilets are about 6.5 miles away at Tesco, Welton Road, PH10 6NQ.

ST SERF'S CHURCH DUNNING

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01764 684 497

Parking

There is no specific parking on site. Visitors may be dropped off at the entrance to the monument. There is parking in the village approximately 25m away.

Approach to site

The approach to the site is 20m along a level tarmac path.

Visitor centre

There is a threshold at the entrance to the Church and is then level beyond.

Monument

The Dupplin Cross is displayed in the West tower.

Surroundings

The church is surrounded by a graveyard. It has well cut grass. There are several low-lying and toppled grave stones.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 7.5 miles away at B&Q, Crieff Road, PH1 3NZ.

ST VIGEANS MUSEUM

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01241 433 739

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park about 150m from the museum.

Approach to site

Approach to site is 150m from the car park, over a tarmac bridge, and along the pavement.

Monument

There is a very slight threshold into the museum.

The museum is on two levels. They are connected by a 1:15 ramp.

Special features

There are hands-on interactives, audio and tactile displays.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet in the museum.

STANLEY MILLS

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01738 828 268

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park in front of the visitor centre, separate from the main car park. Accessible spaces are signed.

Approach to site

Approach to site is across the road, down a ramp or a short flight of stairs to the entrance.

Visitor centre

The shop and visitor centre are reached from the Bell Mill. This is all on the level.

Monument

Stanley Mills comprises five rooms which can all be reached by lifts.

The first room, known as '200 years of cotton', is on the ground floor of the Bell Mill. The floor has uneven areas. There is seating.

The tar room is in the basement of the Bell Mill and consists of a short narrow corridor. It is reached by either a spiral staircase or lift.

The archaeology room is also in the basement. The floor is a metal walkway.

The wheel pit walkway is reached through a doorway with no steps and has a metal walkway floor.

The interactive room is in the ground floor of the Mid Mill and is reached

through a doorway from the wheel pit walkway with a slight bump up. It can also be accessed from the main stairwell. The floor here is concrete and relatively even. There is seating.

The carding room is on the first floor of the Mid Mill and is reached by two flights of stairs or the lift. This room has an even concrete floor and there is seating.

The spinning room is on the first floor of the Bell Mill. Access is up two flights of spiral stairs or the lift from the ground floor. The floor has uneven surfaces due to the nature of the historic floor. There is seating.

The artefact store, only opened to the public on request or on open days, is on the second floor of the Bell Mill and reached by the spiral staircase or the lift from the spinning room.

The terrace is at the side of the Bell Mill and is reached by a steep slope from the front of the visitor centre.

There is exhibition space at the top of the Bell Mill. The lift goes as far as the floor below, then there are about 15 steps with handrails up to the top floor. The floor in the room is uneven. There is seating.

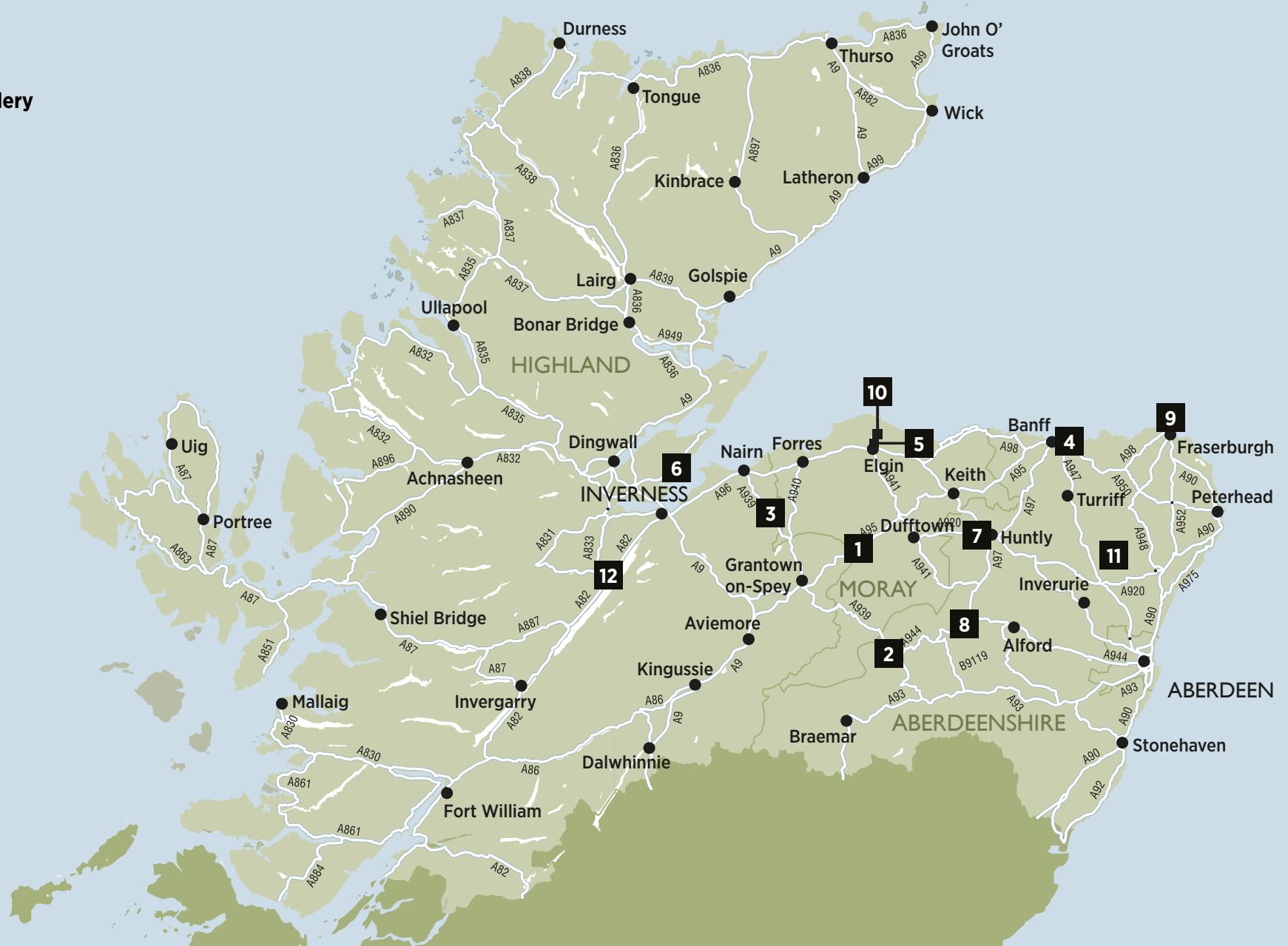
Toilets

There is an adapted toilet in the carding room and one in the interactive room.

NORTH AND GRAMPIAN



- 1** Balvenie Castle
- 2** Corgarff Castle
- 3** Dallas Dhu Historic Distillery
- 4** Duff House
- 5** Elgin Cathedral
- 6** Fort George
- 7** Huntly Castle
- 8** Kildrummy Castle
- 9** Kinnaird Head Castle
Lighthouse and Museum
- 10** Spynie Palace
- 11** Tolquhon Castle
- 12** Urquhart Castle



BALVENIE CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01340 820 121

Parking

There is a small tarmac parking area.

Approach to site

The car park is adjacent to the ticket office. The castle is then 40m across a hard level surface and 25m over cobbles.

Visitor centre

Access into the shop is up two short ramps.

Monument

The ground level of the castle has generally uneven surfaces, and includes the bakehouse, servants' quarters and storage cellars.

Light levels in these rooms can be low.

The castle's upper levels are accessed via a stone spiral staircase with 38 steps.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet next to the shop. The door is quite heavy, please ask a steward if you need assistance with opening the door.

CORGARFF CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01975 651 460

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park some distance from castle. Visitors can be dropped off at the castle entrance. Please call 01975 651 460.

Approach to site

Approach to site is 350m over loose gravel up a hill with a gradient of 1:5 and through a 75cm wide kissing gate.

Visitor centre

Visitor centre and shop are on the first floor and reached up 12 stone steps with a single handrail. There is an induction loop at the counter.

Monument

At ground floor level is a reconstructed whisky still.

At first floor level via the visitor centre is an officer's apartment and reconstruction of the kitchen.

From the first floor a spiral stone staircase of 30 steps with a single handrail leads to the cellars.

A timber staircase of 14 steps with a single rail leads to a reconstruction of the soldier's barracks on the second floor.

The third and fourth floor are reached by further flights of 14 timber steps each with a single handrail.

Special features

Dressing up costumes available.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 6.5 miles away at the Post Office, Strathdon Spar Shop, AB36 8UL.

DALLAS DHU HISTORIC DISTILLERY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01309 676 548

Parking

There is a level tarmac car park .
Accessible bays are marked.

Approach to site

Approach to site is 60m along
a level tarmac and paved path.

Visitor centre

Visitor centre has step free entry.
There is an audio visual presentation
with an induction loop.

Monument

The ground floor is generally level,
with some raised thresholds.

It consists of the Malting Floor, Kiln,
Mash House, Yeast room, still house,
receiver room, warehouse.

Some areas in these rooms are only
accessible up steps.

The barley loft on the first floor is
reached via a set of 14 steps outside the
shop entrance. They are timber, open
risers and have a handrail on both sides.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet on site near
the visitor centre.

DUFF HOUSE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01261 818 181

Parking

There is accessible parking at the back of the house. The main car park is further away and is covered with loose gravel.

Approach to site

Approach to site is 20m over level pavings from the accessible parking spaces or 100m from the main car park. The paths are loose gravel and earth.

Visitor centre

Visitors enter on the ground floor. There are steps down into the area but a side door can be opened which avoids these.

Monument

There is a lift in the house allowing wheelchair access to all upper levels.

Surroundings

The area around the house is a gravel drive with lawns beyond.

Special features

There is an introductory audio visual presentation available for visitors.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet inside the house.

ELGIN CATHEDRAL

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01343 547 171

Parking

There is no specific visitor parking. The nearest on street parking is several metres away. Visitors can be dropped off at the entrance.

Approach to site

The site is entered from the street over tarmac and paved pavements.

Visitor centre

The shop has a small threshold step.

Monument

Access into the cathedral is down six stone steps with a central handrail and up a further flight of four stone steps.

There are numerous small level changes and archaeological remains throughout the site. The surface is mainly cut grass.

There are stone steps without a handrail down into the chapter house.

The two towers of the West Front house an exhibition of the cathedral's carved stones. The ground floor rooms have level access. One houses a touchscreen, allowing visitors to view each room and each stone in the collection, as well as to see the panoramic views from the top of the tower.

The higher levels in the towers are accessed by narrow stone spiral staircases with a handrail most of the way up. The final 10-15 steps of each tower are without a handrail.

Light levels on the stairs can be very low.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet in the shop.

FORT GEORGE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01667 460 232

Parking

There is a gravel/tarmac surfaced car park with four accessible bays.

Approach to site

Visitors approach 200m along a tarmac path, then a 15m section over cobbles to the ticket shop. There is another 5m to the fort interior.

Visitor centre

There is level access into the shop. Six mobility scooters and two manual wheelchairs are available for visitors.

Monument

The fort is very large (620m from end to end). It is mainly on the level with tarmac surfaced roads and pavements.

Ramps with a gradient of 1:6 lead up onto the ramparts. They have a reinforced grass surface.

Fort George is a working military base and loud noises, bangs and low flying helicopters are a regular occurrence.

There are benches around the site.

Special features

Audio presentations with induction loops are available, and an audio visual presentation of the 'Fort George Story'.

Dressing up costumes are available.

Motorised scooters are available for visitors.

The scooter models available are: Legend Classic (Pride Mobility) TGA, Model Number 14088044 TGA, Model Number 14166012

Toilets

There are adapted toilets in the centre of the site and in the café.

HUNTLY CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01466 793 191

Parking

Accessible parking spaces are available in a level, tarmac car park next to the entrance. A larger car park is across the road opposite the visitor centre.

Approach to site

The main entrance door has a ramp 8m long with a gradient of 1:12 leading up to it.

Visitor centre

The shop has step free access.

Monument

The outer buildings are all at ground level, though there are some steps, ramps, gravel and cobble surfaces.

The main door has a metal handrail, and opens onto stairs leading to the kitchen. Access to the basement is down a large stone staircase of 25 steps with a rope handrail.

There are a further six wooden, and four stone, steps down to the prison.

There are 13 large wide steps, with metal handrail, from the main castle entrance to the ground floor.

26 stone steps with metal handrail lead to the first floor; and 33 wooden steps with a handrail lead to the second floor.

From the servants' quarters on the ground floor to the top of the tower there is a narrow spiral stair case of 92 steps with a rope handrail.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet near the castle, along a gravel path.

KILDRUMMY CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01975 571 331

Parking

There is a level, gravel surfaced car park.

Approach to site

The visitor approach to site is 800m from the visitor centre up a gently sloping gravel path.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre has step-free access.

Monument

The castle is at ground level, but there are stone thresholds and obstacles.

The courtyard is surfaced in cobbles and cut grass. Most rooms (gatehouse, great hall, chapel, bakehouse etc) are surfaced with deep gravel.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is about 15 miles away at Asda, Steven Road, AB54 8SX.

SPYNIE PALACE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01343 546 358

Parking

There is a level, gravel surfaced car park.

Approach to site

Approach to site is 40m along a gravel path with a slight upward incline.

Visitor centre

The shop has level access with no thresholds or steps.

Monument

The routes around the monument are surfaced with gravel or cut grass.

At ground level are the kitchen, north, south and west range.

The ground is uneven and there are protruding archaeological remains.

The basement of David's tower is reached down uneven stone steps. It can be very dark.

The upper levels are reached up historic stone spiral stairs.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet on site within the shop area.

TOLQUHON CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01651 851 286

Parking

There is a level tarmac car park 80m from the site. A smaller gravel surfaced car park 5m from the visitor centre can provide alternative access.

Approach to site

The approach to the site is 80m along a level gravel surfaced path.

Visitor centre

The shop has step-free access. It is exited up 4 steps or a short ramp.

Monument

The castle is 75m up a gravel path.

The ground floor is gravel and stone surfaced and includes the bakehouse, brewhouse, wine cellar and kitchen. There are numerous steps and the floor is generally uneven.

The first floor is reached via a historic stone staircase of 14 steps. It includes the hall and gallery.

A viewing point on the battlements is reached up a stone spiral stair of 19 steps.

Surroundings

There are west and east pleasances (garden) that are grass surfaced.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet in the shop.

URQUHART CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01456 450 551

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park with nine disabled spaces marked.

Approach to site

Approach to site is across the car park.

Visitor centre

There is a lift down to the exhibition, film, shop and café area. The film has an induction loop.

Monument

From the visitor centre, there is a steep tarmac path down to the castle and a bridge into the keep.

There are paths throughout the castle, all in tarmac or bound gravel.

The guardhouse and remaining battlements are up a narrow spiral stair.

The Grant tower has a first floor and basement which are reached via narrow historic stone turnpike stairs.

The watergate is at the bottom of a sloped tarmac path.

The ruins of the early castle and dovecot are up a steep and stepped tarmac path.

Benches are located around the site.

Special features

Both motorised and manual wheelchairs are available from the visitor centre.

The scooter models available are: Pride, Colt Deluxe Envoy

Toilets

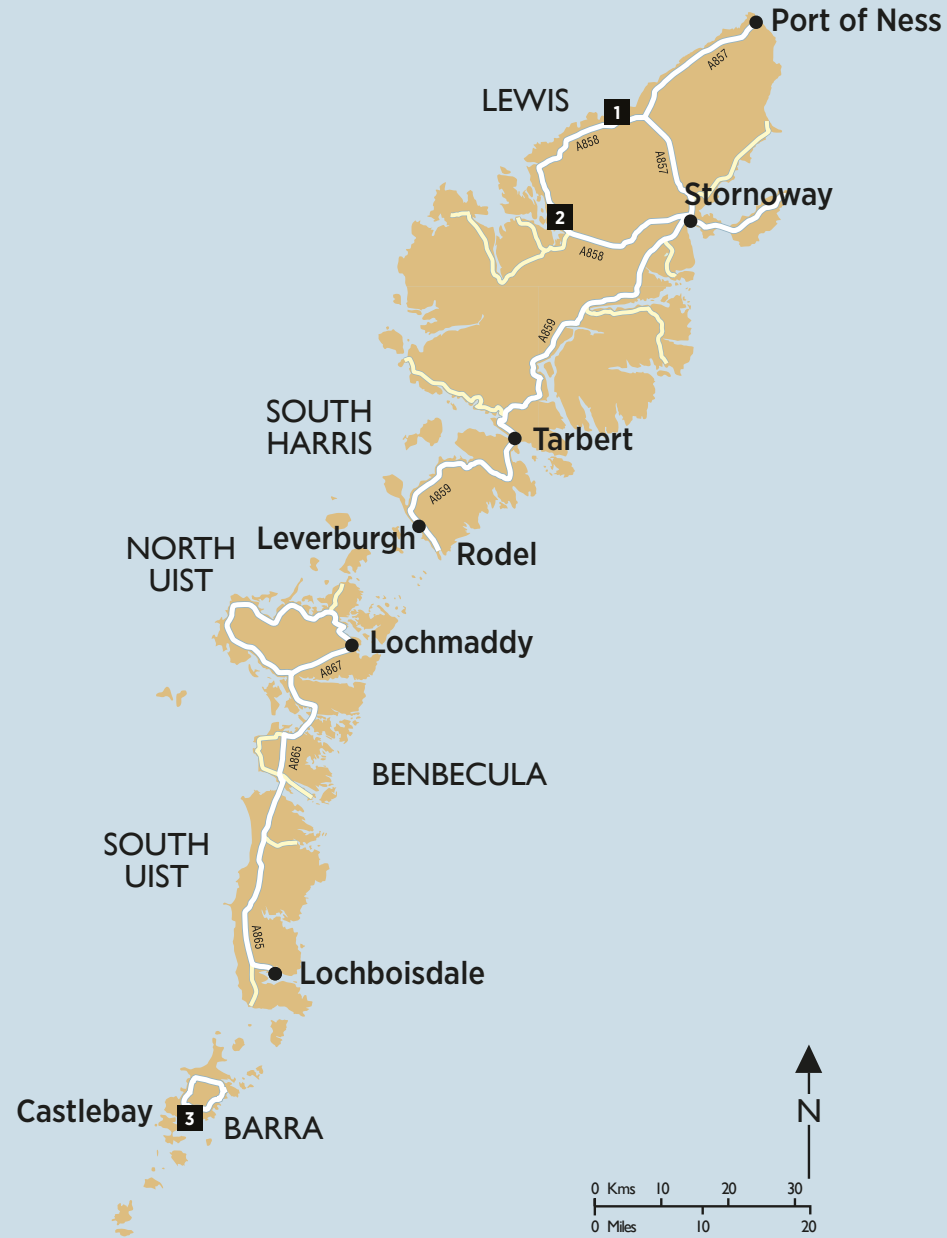
There is an adapted toilet in the visitor centre.



THE WESTERN ISLES



- 1** The Blackhouse, Arnol
- 2** Calanais Standing Stones
- 3** Kisimul Castle



THE BLACKHOUSE, ARNOL

Key things to remember

Facilities



Site contact number

01851 710 395

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park. There are no accessible bays marked out.

Approach to site

Approach to site is about 25m across a relatively level tarmac surface.

Visitor centre

The shop and exhibition has a small ramp at the door.

Monument

The Blackhouse is all on one level. The doors and ceilings are very low, and there are some narrow passageways. The floors are uneven and it can be very dark. It can also be very smoky, because of the open fire.

The Whitehouse is reached over a large rough stone drain cover and a slight threshold at the door.

The ruined blackhouses are accessed over an uneven grass surface.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet in the visitor centre.



CALANAIS STANDING STONES

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01851 621 422

Parking

The main car park is level and tarmac surfaced. There is also a small gravel surfaced car park next to the stones.

Approach to site

From the main car park it is about 25m to the visitor centre. It is then around 300m up a loose gravel track.

Visitor centre

A level paved courtyard with outdoor seating leads to the shop which has wheelchair access.

The exhibition area, cafe and toilet, which are on the same level can be accessed from the shop.

Monument

There are three gates to the site. The one on the main path from the visitor centre is a kissing gate. A local authority road runs close to the perimeter of the site and the two remaining access points.

The area around the stones is covered in grass, peat and heather and can be uneven.

There is a section of the site close to the corn drying kiln that has undulations.

The ground can be wet and it is recommended to wear appropriate footwear.

Special features

There is an audio visual presentation available for visitors to the visitor centre.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet in the shop area. The toilets are open 24hrs a day, all year round.

KISIMUL CASTLE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01871 810 313

Parking

There is no parking at the site. There is on street parking near the jetty.

Approach to site

A small boat is used to ferry visitors to the Castle Island. Call 01871 810 313 for the sailing times.

There are no steps on the mainland jetty but it is steeply sloped. The island jetty has eight stone steps up into the castle. Visitors will need to be confident stepping into and out of the boat.

Visitor centre

The shop is within the castle, and so is accessed up the eight steps from the jetty, and then across an uneven courtyard.

Monument

There are eight steps into the castle courtyard. Once there are uneven steps into all the buildings, and most routes are surfaced with gravel.

The tower and walkway are reached by two flights of stone and timber stairs.

Inside the tower there is a set of steep timber steps to the first floor and stone steps to the second floor.

The castle has several very low doors.

Toilets

There are no public adapted toilets on Barra.

ORKNEY



- 1** Bishop's and Earl's Palaces, Kirkwall
- 2** Broch of Gurness
- 3** Brough of Birsay
- 4** Hackness Martello Tower and Battery
- 5** Maeshowe
- 6** Skara Brae Prehistoric Village



BISHOP'S AND EARL'S PALACES, KIRKWALL

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01856 871 918

Parking

There is no specific parking for the site. The nearest parking is on Thomas Street about 350m away.

Approach to site

Access to Bishop's Palace is straight off the street through an iron gate and down some wooden steps.

There are two routes to the Earl's Palace, both of which involve steps. From Palace Road there is a path with two steps up and one step down followed by one into the monument.

From Watergate there are three steps up, a short path then two steps down and one into the monument.

Visitor centre

Once inside the Earl's Palace grounds, the visitor centre has step free access.

Benches are available outside the visitor centre on a grassy surface.

Monument

The ground floor of the Bishop's Palace is mainly on the level and surfaced with gravel.

Access to the first floor of the tower is up wooden steps followed by narrow stone steps with a rope handrail.

The ground floor of the Earl's Palace

includes the kitchen and an interpretive display. These are reached by two wide stone steps.

The first floor includes the Great Hall and bedchambers and is reached by a wide historic stone staircase without a handrail.

The second floor is reached by a narrow historic stone spiral stair.

Light levels can be low especially around some of the staircases.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is at Kirkwall & St Ola Community Centre, Broad Street; about 120m away.

BROCH OF GURNESS

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01856 871 918

Parking

There is a large, level, gravel surfaced car park.

Approach to site

Approach to site is 180m along a gravel surfaced path. There is a kissing gate, which can be opened to allow wheelchair users into the site.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre has a single step into it.

Benches are available outside the visitor centre.

Monument

The site has uneven ground and is mostly grass surfaced. There are numerous steps and level changes in the broch ruins. There is also a great deal of protruding archaeology for visitors to navigate. Some of the paths between buildings can be narrow.

Toilets

The nearest accessible toilet is in the car park on the other side of the bay, by Evie Sands (locally known as Aikerness Beach). The toilets are approximately 1.5 miles away by road.

BROUGH OF BIRSAY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01856 841 815 (Skara Brae)

Parking

There is a level, tarmac surfaced car park on the mainland.

Approach to site

The approach to the Brough of Birsay is initially down a set of 15 steps with a partial handrail and then about 100m across a tidal causeway.

This consists of large boulders, stones, sand and seaweed and may be slippery. There is then a steep path up to the site.

Visitor centre

The shop and exhibition are located on the island, over the tidal causeway. Once there, they have step-free access.

Monument

Once on the tidal island, the site is all on one level. The ground is uneven and covered in short cut grass. There are protruding archaeological remains.

Toilets

There is an adapted toilet at Skara Brae which is about 8 miles away by road.

HACKNESS MARTELLO TOWER AND BATTERY

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01856 701 727

Parking

There is a level, loose gravel surfaced parking area. Cars can be parked closer to the Martello Tower if required for access - please let the steward know.

Approach to site

The tower is about 15m across a road and grassed area. The barracks and visitor centre are another 200m down a gravel road (which has a cattle grid) and across a grassed area.

Visitor centre

Visitor centre is in the barracks. There is a slight threshold into the building, but it is then level.

Seating is available in the visitor centre.

Costumes are available in the visitor centre.

Monument

The tower is reached via a set of very narrow and steep metal steps with a handrail.

Inside there is a basement level and upper level. Both are reached by a narrow stone stairway.

The top of the tower is reached by a metal ladder with a handrail.

The barracks are entered over a small threshold and are then on the level.

Toilets

The nearest adapted toilet is in the RNLI building on Longhope Pier, approximately 3 miles away.

MAESHOWE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

For enquiries and booking:
01856 851266

All visitors are advised to book tours in advance on our website at historicenvironment.scot/maeshow

Parking

Visitors to Maeshowe park at the Maeshowe Visitor Centre in Stenness. Accessible parking bays are available.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre has level access and accessible toilets. There is an introductory film. Virtual reality headsets are also available, allowing visitors to explore Maeshowe's interior without physically accessing the site.

A shuttle bus transports visitors on a five minute journey to Maeshowe. The bus can accommodate a wheelchair (though there is no wheelchair access to Maeshowe itself), but please contact the site about this service as bus facilities may vary.

Approach to site

The cairn is reached across a busy main road from the coach stop. The route is then through two metal latch gates and 400m along a path surfaced with gravel and stone and uneven grass, to another metal gate. It is on a slight downward slope. The final approach is a 1:5 gradient over a set of stone

ridges to the entrance gate.

Monument

Maeshowe has a small threshold and a low (1.19m) and narrow (0.7m) entrance. The entrance passage is 10m long, with flagstone floor. The passage is unsuitable for most wheelchairs. If you are in any doubt please contact the site team in advance of your visit.

The main chamber has a gravel surface. The walls are protected by a metal barrier and lighting is provided by mains electricity and torches.

A steward conducts all tours in the monument.

Light levels inside the tomb can be low.

Surroundings

Maeshowe is in the Heart of Neolithic Orkney, surrounded by unspoilt farmland. It commands views over the lochs of Harray and Stenness. From here, visitors can see the Standing Stones of Stenness, the Ring of Brodgar and the Barnhouse stone.

Being in a rural setting the site boasts a wealth of wildlife, flora, fauna and domesticated cattle and sheep.

Toilets

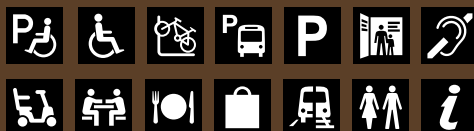
There is an accessible toilet in the visitor centre.

SKARA BRAE PREHISTORIC VILLAGE

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01856 841 815

Parking

The level, tarmac surfaced car park, next to the visitor centre has accessible bays. Visitors with limited mobility can be dropped off directly outside of Skail House.

Approach to site

Approach to site is 500m from the visitor centre, through a timber latch gate and along a mainly bound, crushed stone path.

Visitor centre

The visitor centre has ramped access. Inside it is all level. There is a large exhibition with an introductory film and several computer interactives such as 'make a pot' and 'build a roof'. The exhibition has subdued lighting.

Monument

A replica house is 5m from the visitor centre. The entrance is low and narrow (about 65cm wide and 210cm tall). The passageway into the replica has low light levels.

From there it is about 500m through a wooden latch gate to the original houses. They are seen from stone and grass paths. Some sections of the site path are very narrow (about 50cm).

There are steps with handrails leading to some areas.

There are Stewards at the monument who can provide assistance if required.

There is a bench next to the site hut at the monument which is down a short flight of stairs. There are two benches spaced along the path to the site.

Skail House is 140m from Skara Brae visitor centre on a crushed stone path. The ground floor of the building is on the level. The upper floors are reached via stairs. There is a bench to the rear of Skail House.

Special features

There are two motorised scooters and two manual wheelchairs are available for visitors.

The scooter models available are: Envoy

Toilets

The visitor centre has an adapted toilet.

SHETLAND



1 Jarlshof Prehistoric and Norse Settlement



JARLSHOF PREHISTORIC AND NORSE SETTLEMENT

Key things to remember



Facilities



Site contact number

01950 460 112

Parking

Visitors can park in the Sumburgh Hotel car park, which is level and gravel surfaced.

Approach to site

Approach to site is down a steep (1:10) 8m long ramp and 150m along a wide grass drive to a level gravel path.

The paths in front of the visitor centre are cobbled.

Visitor centre

Visitor centre has step-free access and a number of interactive displays.

There are two steps without handrails down onto the site.

Access to the site can be made through a side gate when the visitor centre is busy. Please request this from the steward as the gate is locked.

Benches are available outside the visitor centre and seating is also available inside.

Costumes are available.

Monument

The paths around the site are gravel, and bound stone. There are changes of level and protruding archaeology. Some of the iron-age buildings have narrow (500mm) and low entrances.

The wheel house is down very uneven stone steps with no handrails.

The top of the laird's house is up a modern spiral metal staircase with a single handrail.

Toilets

The nearest available adapted toilets are about 1 mile away at Sumburgh Airport, ZE3 9UK.

A-Z SITE DIRECTORY



A-C

Aberdour Castle

Aberdour,
Fife
KY3 0SL

OS NT 192 854
Tel 01383 860 519

Arbroath Abbey

Abbey Street,
Arbroath,
Angus
DD11 1EG

OS NO 643 413
Tel 01241 878 756

Argyll's Lodging

Castle Wynd,
Stirling
FK8 1EG

OS NS 772 938
Tel 01786 450 000

Balvenie Castle

Castle Road,
Dufftown,
Keith
AB55 4GH

OS NJ 326 408
Tel 01340 820 121

Bishop's and Earl's Palaces

Watergate,
Kirkwall,
Orkney
KW15 1PD

OS HY 448 108
Tel 01856 871 918

Blackhouse

42 Arnol,
Bragar,
Isle of Lewis
HS2 9DB

OS NB 311 484
Tel 01851 710 395

Blackness Castle

Blackness,
Linlithgow,
West Lothian
EH49 7NH

OS NT 055 083
Tel 01506 834 807

Bonawe Iron Furnace

Taynuilt,
Argyll
PA35 1JQ

OS NN 010 318
Tel 01866 822 432

Bothwell Castle

Castle Avenue,
Uddingston,
Lanarkshire
G71 8BL

OS NS 688 593
Tel 01698 816 894

Broch of Gurness

Aikerness,
Evie,
Orkney
KW17 2NH

OS HY 381 268
Tel 01856 751 414

Caerlaverock Castle

Glencaple,
Dumfries
DG1 4RU

OS NY 025 656
Tel 01387 770 244

Cairnpapple Hill

No postal address –
1 mile from Torphichen

OS NS 987 717
Tel 01506 634 622

C-D

Cardoness Castle

Gatehouse of Fleet,
Castle Douglas,
Kirkcudbrightshire
DG7 2EH

OS NX 590 522
Tel 01557 814 427

Castle Campbell

Dollar,
Clackmannanshire
FK14 7PP

OS NS 961 993
Tel 01259 742 408

Corgarff Castle

Strathdon,
Aberdeenshire
AB36 8YP

OS NJ 254 086
Tel 01975 651 460

Craigmillar Castle

Craigmillar Castle Road,
Edinburgh
EH16 4SY

OS NT 283 705
Tel 0131 661 4445

Craignethan Castle

Blackwood,
Lesmahagow,
Lanarkshire
ML11 9PL

OS NS 815 463
Tel 01555 860 364

Crichton Castle

Pathhead
EH37 5XA

OS NT 380 611
Tel 01875 320 017

Crossraguel Abbey

Maybole,
Ayrshire
KA19 8QH

OS NS 275 083
Tel 01655 883 113

Dallas Dhu Distillery

Mannachie Road,
Forres,
Morayshire
IV36 2RR

OS NJ 035 566
Tel 01309 676 548

Dirleton Castle

Dirleton,
East Lothian
EH39 5ER

OS NT 516 839
Tel 01620 850 330

Doune Castle

Castle Road,
Doune
FK16 6EA

OS NN 725 014
Tel 01786 841 742

Dryburgh Abbey

Dryburgh,
St Boswells,
Roxburghshire
TD6 6RQ

OS NT 591 316
Tel 01835 822 381

Duff House

Banff
AB45 3SX

OS NJ 690 633
Tel 01261 818 181

D-G

Dumbarton Castle

Castle Road,
Dumbarton,
Dunbartonshire
G82 1JJ

OS NS 398 744

Tel 01389 732 167

Dunblane Cathedral

The Cross,
Perthshire
FK15 0AQ

OS NN 782 014

Tel 01786 823 388

Dundrennan Abbey

Dundrennan,
Kirkcudbrightshire
DG6 4QH

OS NX 749 475

Tel 01557 500 262

Dunfermline Abbey and Palace

St Margaret's Street,
Dunfermline,
Fife
KY12 7PE

OS NT 090 873

Tel 01383 739 026

Dunstaffnage Castle

Castle Grounds,
Dunbeg,
By Oban,
Argyll
PA37 1PZ

OS NM 882 344

Tel 01681 700 512

Edinburgh Castle

The Esplanade,
Edinburgh
EH1 2NG

OS NT 251 735

Tel 0131 225 9846

Edzell Castle

Edzell,
By Brechin,
Angus
DD9 7UE

OS NO 584 961

Tel 01356 648 631

Elcho Castle

Rhynd,
Perth
PH2 8QQ

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Orkney Islands

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Tel 01738 627 231

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Tel 01975 571 331

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Melrose Abbey

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Roxburghshire
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OS NT 548 341

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Dumfries
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OS HY 231 188

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Fife
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Tel 01334 477 196

St Andrews Cathedral

The Pends,
St Andrews,
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OS NO 513 166
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OS NO 018 144
Tel 01764 684 497

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Stirling
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OS NS 790 940
Tel 01786 450 000

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New Abbey,
Dumfries
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OS NX 965 622
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North Berwick,
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EH39 5PN

OS NT 595 850
Tel 01620 892 727

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DG7 1TJ

OS NX 739 623
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