

# Gardens, Castles, Ancient Monuments, Antique Centres and Wildlife near Duntrune House, Dundee ,Angus

## Gardens

### University of Dundee Botanic Gardens, Dundee

Relax in 21 acres of tree, shrubs and plants collected worldwide. Tropical Temperate plant houses with fruits, flowers and giant Victoria water lily. Coffee shop, plant and gift sales. Disabled facilities.

Opening Times:

March - October: Daily: 10:00-16:30; November - February: Daily: 10:00-15:30

Adult £3.90; senior £2.90; Child £2.90; Family £10.00

<http://www.dundeebotanicgardens.co.uk/>

### Pitmuies Gardens

House Of Pitmuies Guthrie, Forfar, Angus, DD8 2SN

Two walled gardens adjoin 18th Century House sheltering long mixed flower borders, superb delphiniums and old-fashioned roses. Spacious lawns, woodland, river and loch side walks

1st April - 31st October Daily 10am-5pm

### Megginch Castle Gardens

Megginch Castle Gardens, Errol, nr Perth, PH2 7SW Scotland

A fifteenth century castle, altered by Robert Adam in 1790, with a nineteenth century garden.

Megginch Castle Gardens have ancient yews, topiary, an astrological garden, a fountain parterre, a courtyard with a dovecote and a walled garden with a long herbaceous border.

April to October Daily 2pm to 5.30pm

Adult £2.50

### Glamis Castle Gardens

Springtime - perhaps the most dramatic season when the mile long avenue is lined with swathes of daffodils.

Summer – superb displays of rhododendrons and azaleas with their spectacular colours can be seen around the grounds. This is also the time to relax and enjoy the heady scents of the flowers in the Italian Garden.

Autumn – the abundance of trees in the grounds ensures the visitor is treated to a glorious spectacle of autumnal colour.

NATURE TRAIL – As you walk along the trail, enjoying the sights, look out for Kingfishers and Dippers along the banks of the Glamis Burn

PINETUM – This mixture of formal and natural habitation provides a haven for wildlife. Look out for red squirrels – habitual visitors to the area and now a rare sight in Britain.

Open: March to October 10:30am to 5:30pm.

<http://www.glamis-castle.co.uk/>

### Many National Trust Gardens [www.nts.org.uk](http://www.nts.org.uk)

Branklyn Garden, Perth

Falkland Palace

Hill of Tarvit

House of Dun

### Broughty Ferry Rock Garden

Delightful rock garden containing plants and flowers from all over the world. Water feature including a tadpole friendly pond. Woodland walk and fine trees.

Open all year and free.

### Camperdown Country Park

Coupar Angus Road, Dundee

Dundee's largest public park consists of 395 acres of beautiful parkland containing many rare trees, 18 hole golf course, horse riding, tennis and award-winning adventure playground

Open all year and free

### Clatto Country Park

Parkland surrounding 24 acres of water. Facilities include visitors centre, play area, picnic areas, woodland walks. During the summer months a variety of water sports are available.

Park & woodland open at all times.

## CASTLES

Broughty Ferry Castle and Museum A 15th Century estuary fort, housing fascinating displays on the life and times of Broughty Ferry, its people and the environment and wildlife that lives close by. A range of exciting hands-on exhibits, plus fantastic views of the River Tay. Shop, refreshments.

April - September

Monday - Saturday: 10am-4pm Sunday: 12.30pm-4pm

October - March

Tuesday - Saturday: 10am-4pm Sunday: 12.30pm-4pm Admission Free

Restenneth Priory The chancel and tower of the priory church of Augustinian canons. The lower part of the tower is very early Romanesque work.

Brechin Cathedral Round Tower One of the two remaining round towers of the Irish type in Scotland, built in the late 11th century with a remarkable carved doorway. Capped by a stone roof added in the 15th century. View exterior of the tower, but the adjacent church houses a magnificent collection of carved stones.

Claypotts Castle An outstanding example of 16th-century Scottish architecture, which is both intact and little altered. The castle owes its striking appearance to asymmetrical square garret chambers corbelled out over two circular towers at diagonally opposite corners. Built by John Strachan between 1569 and 1588, and later owned by 'Bonnie Dundee', John Graham of Claverhouse, it was inhabited into the 19th century. External viewing only. Tel 01786 431 324 for special opening

Arbroath Abbey Founded in 1178 for monks of the Tironensian order by King William the Lion, Arbroath Abbey is famous in Scottish history for its association with the Declaration of Arbroath. In this document of 1320, Scotland's nobles swore their independence from England.

A visitor centre provides an insight into the abbey's history and an exhibition on the Declaration is within the Abbey. The shop features a range of local products made in Tayside. In Arbroath town centre on the A92. Open all year.

Summer

1 April to 30 September Monday to Sunday 9.30am to 5.30pm

Winter

1 October to 31 March Monday to Sunday 9.30am to 4.30pm Adult £5.50 Child £3.30 Concessions £4.40

Cycle Routes – [Site on the National Cycle Network](#)

Tealing Dovecot and Earth House An elegant dovecot of the late 16th century standing in a modern farmyard. A short walk leads to the remains of an earth house, or souterrain, of Iron Age date, a curving underground passage, now uncovered. Re-used stones with Bronze Age rock carvings can be seen in its walls. Limited parking in farmyard beside Dovecot

Meigle Sculptured Stone Museum Displays 26 carved stones dating from the late eighth to the late tenth centuries. Making up one of the most important collections of early medieval sculpture in Western Europe, they are all that survives of a centre of Pictish wealth and patronage. In Meigle 10km west of Glamis off the A94. Open summer only. 1 April to 30 September Monday to Sunday 9.30am to 5.30pm Adult £4.00 Child £2.40 Concessions £3.20

Cycle Routes - [Site on the National Cycle Network](#)

Huntingtower Castle Also known as The House of Ruthven, Huntingtower Castle comprises two fine and complete tower houses. The hall of the eastern tower has a fine painted ceiling. Just west of Perth off the A85 to Crieff.

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October 1 October to 31 October Monday to Sunday 9.30am to 4.30pm

Winter 1 November to 31 March Monday to Sunday 9.30am to 4.30pm Last tickets sold at 6pm (4pm in winter) Christmas and New Year Period Closed 25th, 26th December and 1st, 2nd January

Adult £4.50 Child £2.70 Concessions 3.60 Cycle Routes - [Site on the National Cycle Network](#)

Elcho Castle Elcho Castle is a handsome and remarkably complete 16th century fortified mansion with three projecting towers. 8km northeast of Bridge of Earn off the A912 and close to Rhynd. Open summer only. 1 April to 30 September Monday to Sunday 9.30am to 5.30pm Adult £4.00 Child £2.40 Concessions £3.20 Cycle Routes - [Site on the National Cycle Network](#)

Scottish Antiques and Arts Centre [www.scottish-antiques.com](http://www.scottish-antiques.com)

Rait Village Antiques Centre – 15 showrooms and coffee shop

## WILDLIFE

Tentsmuir Forest Fife, Scotland. Leuchars is the nearest town or village. Tentsmuir is a popular, extensive pine forest planted on the sand dunes at the mouth of the River Tay. There is a wide variety of plants, wildlife and architectural heritage.

Loch of Kinnordy The lochs, mires and fens of the reserve are surrounded by farmland. On the reserve wildfowl, wading birds and ospreys visit regularly in the spring and summer, when black-necked grebes may also occur. In winter, the reserve is full of wildfowl. Daily 9 am to dusk (closed Saturdays in September and October). There is no fixed entrance fee. However, a suggested donation for non-members of a £1 parking fee is gratefully received to help maintain the reserve. See the hustle and bustle of the colony of black-headed gulls.

RSPB Loch of Kinnordy Nature Reserve Ducks, gulls, grebes and ospreys in a water world of lochans, viewed from bird-watching hides. Disabled access. No visitor centre or toilets. Close to Kirriemuir. £1 for parking. On the B951, 1 mile west of Kirriemuir by Kirriemuir. 9am – dusk [www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)

Montrose Basin Visitor Centre and Wildlife Reserve Come and see magnificent wildlife and enjoy a superb panorama from the comfort of this unique centre. Three remote video cameras, shop, videos, displays, classroom.

Admission Charges Adult £3 Concession/Student £2 Family £5.00

15 Mar - 15 Nov Daily: 10.30am-5pm

16 Nov - 14 Mar Friday-Sunday: 10.30am-4pm

Interactive displays for all ages, bird-viewing areas and a gift shop offering light refreshments. Toilets and disabled access is also available. Free parking. [www.swt.org.uk](http://www.swt.org.uk)

Camperdown Country Park Dundee's largest public park consists of 395 acres of beautiful parkland containing many rare trees, 18 hole golf course, horse riding, tennis and award-winning adventure playground Open at all times.

Monikie Country Park Signposted off A92. Developed around former reservoirs, the park has a ranger service and features angling, guided walks, water sports and bird watching Monikie Country Park, Monikie by Broughty Ferry Summer Daily: 9am-9pm Winter Daily: 9am-Dusk

Crombie Country Park Woodland covers 200 acres around Crombie Loch. Ranger service, angling, wildlife watching.

Summer Daily: 9am-9pm Winter Daily: 9am-Dusk

Templeton Woods Adjacent to Camperdown and Clatto Country Parks. 120 acres of woodland with interpretation centre, displays of forestry and wildlife. Red squirrels. Guided walks, trails, viewpoints, picnic areas Open at all times.

Forfar Loch Country Park The park extends over an area of 93 acres. Forfar Loch dominates the park. Ranger service organises guided walks and events throughout the year.

Ranger Centre opening hours April – October Daily 1pm-4pm

November – March Daily: 2pm-4pm

Elephant Rock Between the tiny coastal villages of Usan and Boddin stands an unusual rock which looks like an elephant lumbering out to sea.

Lunan Bay Spectacular and usually deserted beach. A large inlet of the North Sea on the coast of Angus, Lunan Bay lies to the south of Montrose between Boddin Point and the Lang Craig

Balgavies Loch Scottish Wildlife Trust loch reserve with springs and deep holes. Wide variety of birds and other wildlife Balgavies Loch

On A932, 4 miles east of Forfar [www.swt.org.uk](http://www.swt.org.uk)

Seaton Cliff Nature Trail From the north end of Victoria Park promenade the trail winds for 1.5 miles along the cliffs to Carlinheugh Bay. Extensive birdlife interest and fascinating rock formation

Reekie Linn Falls Spectacular waterfall in the natural gorged woodland, its spume effects accounting for its 'smoky' description. Picnic area On B954 south west of Kirriemuir.

Scurdie Ness A distinctive lighthouse marks the headland of this rocky stretch of coastline approaching Montrose

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In addition below are further areas for bird watching.

Loch of Lintrathen. (SWT) NO280550

8 miles west of Kirriemuir on B951

A SSSI and Ramsar site. Access restricted to key holders (opens car park and hide) as the loch is a public water supply (Keys from Montrose Basin Ranger). Several parking places on surrounding public roads with good views of loch. Pink footed and greylag geese during autumn/winter. Facilities

Montreathmont Forest. (Forestry Commission) NO580540

4 miles south of Brechin on A933

Open access from rides on foot only. Mostly conifer plantation with some deciduous trees, open moor and ponds. Capercaillie and woodcock plus all common woodland birds. IMPORTANT - please DO NOT search for capercaillie during the lekking season. The Scottish conservation organisations are concerned that disturbance may adversely affect breeding success.

Monifieth Beach NO495321

Broughty Ferry Beach NO455310

Loch Lee NO430802

16 miles north west of Edzell

Natural loch set in dramatic mountain setting 20 minute walk from car park in Glen Esk.

Caenlochan National Nature Reserve NO210780 Large mountainous plateau with arctic plants and sub-arctic birds. Access from Glen Clova and Glen Isla.

Auchmithie NO683443

3 miles north of Arbroath

Cliffs good for puffins in summer.