

INSIDER'S GUIDE to Angus

100 unmissable experiences





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Welcome to the Insider's Guide to Angus

The Insider's Guide was created with the help and insider knowledge of people who live in Angus and people who love to visit Angus. They voted on their top things to see and do across 10 different categories.

Almost 300 people voted for their favourite attractions. The top 10 in each category were used to produce an Insider's Guide to Angus, featuring 100 unmissable experiences for you to enjoy.

The categories have been thoughtfully designed to cater to your unique interests, making it easy for you to enjoy the things you love most. Whether you're looking for amazing locally produced food and drink, inspiring cycling routes, photogenic beauty spots, unforgettable family days out, unique coastal spots, or surprising hidden gems, it's all in Angus and all in the guide.

We've even included a handy checklist so you can mark off each experience along the way. So take a look at the many experiences on offer and start planning your next Angus adventure!

01

BEAUTY SPOTS

- Arbirlot Falls
- Caterthuns
- Carrot Hill
- Corrie Fee, Glen Doll
- Shakin Brig, Edzell
- Montreathmont Forest
- Elephant Rock, Montrose
- Kinpurney Hill
- Vale of Strathmore
- Loch Brandy, Glen Clova



Arbirlot Falls

Calling all nature lovers and adventure seekers!

Hidden away near Arbroath, the charming village of Arbirlot has a secret up its sleeve: a spectacular 23-foot waterfall. To get there, you'll embark on a family-friendly 4-mile adventure along the Arbirlot Natural Trail. This scenic path winds through the stunning Angus countryside, following the gentle flow of the Elliot Water.

Imagine this: fresh air filling your lungs, the sound of the babbling brook, and the anticipation building as you approach the hidden gem. You'll stumble upon a picture-perfect waterfall, cascading over moss-covered rocks, with a charming rustic stone bridge completing the scene.

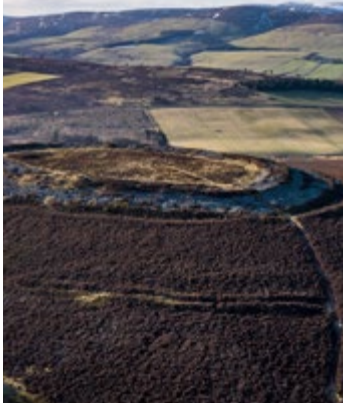
This spot is impressive in any season, but the autumn colors paint an especially magical picture. So, lace up your walking shoes, pack a picnic basket, and get ready to be enchanted by the beauty of Arbirlot!

Did you know?

The village of **Arbirlot** dates back at least to 1000AD when it is believed that Danish Invaders destroyed the first church here.

Did you know?

The inner wall of the the **White Caterthun** near Edzell probably measured about 40' in thickness.



Caterthuns

Ever wondered what life was like in the Iron Age?

Well, the Brown and White Caterthuns have you covered! These impressive Iron Age hilltop enclosures guard the stunning landscape of Strathmore like giants from a bygone era.

Each fort is unique – the Brown Caterthun is a master of disguise, blending in with its heather-covered earth ramparts, while the White Caterthun has a large stone rampart and ditch. It's likely the Caterthuns once served as both military and ceremonial centres.

And the best part of your visit? The views across rolling hills and sparkling glens like something from a landscape painting.



Carrot Hill

This little gem in the Sidlaw Hills might only be 850 feet tall, but the panoramic views it offers are anything but small. Imagine gazing across a tapestry of fertile fields stretching as far as the eye can see, all the way to the majestic Cairngorms in the north.

Stop for a while and enjoy one of the best views in Angus.



Corrie Fee, Glen Doll

Visit a secret paradise nestled deep within Glen Clova. Imagine a majestic glen carved by powerful glaciers, leading you to a massive amphitheater sculpted by the Ice Age. That's Corrie Fee.

This picture-perfect spot isn't just a stunning place to be, it's a haven for rare plants you won't find anywhere else in the UK. Think of it as a secret garden for wildflowers, bursting with colour and life in the summer.

Getting to Corrie Fee is easy – just follow the scenic forest tracks from the Glen Doll Ranger Centre. It's a peaceful walk perfect for the whole family. If you're feeling adventurous, you can climb out of the corrie up the side of Fee Burn.

Whether you're a seasoned hiker or a casual nature enthusiast, Corrie Fee has something for everyone.

So pack your sense of wonder, lace up your walking shoes, and get ready to discover the magic of this unforgettable location.

Did you know?

Many people swim and paddle in the river below Edzell's **Shakin Brig** during the summer months.



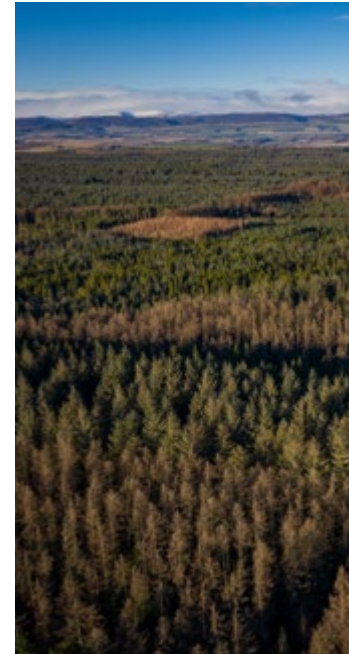
Shakin Brig, Edzell

Calling all thrill-seekers and nature lovers! Get ready to shake things up (literally) at the Shakin Brig, a hidden gem tucked away in the charming village of Edzell.

As you cross the River North Esk, you'll feel the bridge gently wobble under your feet – a gentle shaking sensation that gives the bridge its name. It was constructed around 1900 but is well-maintained and completely safe (and fun!) for all the family.

Stop for a moment on the bridge to soak in the stunning scenery. Listen to the calming gurgle of the river below, watch for playful salmon making a splash, and admire the peaceful surroundings.

Once you reach the other side, you'll discover hidden pebble beaches perfect for stone skipping or even dipping your toes in the cool water. Feeling adventurous? Follow the scenic riverside path and explore the enchanting woodlands beyond.



Montreathmont Forest

Pronounced “Mon-trim-ont” by the locals, this enchanting woodland lies just south of Brechin and is your gateway to a world of wonder. The 1,700-acre forest is crisscrossed with paths, making it perfect for a relaxing walk or an adrenaline-pumping mountain bike ride. In winter, you might even see husky racers zipping through the snow!

Keep your eyes peeled and you might spot buzzards soaring overhead, red squirrels scampering by, and even owls, woodcock, or cuckoos in the trees.

This woodland also whispers tales of a forgotten past. Montreathmont was home to an airship station in WWI and played a secret role as a listening post and codebreaking centre during WWII.

Elephant Rock, Montrose

Elephant Rock is a coastal arch of volcanic rock situated in a secluded bay, sculpted by waves into what looks like an elephant resting by the sea. The coastal walk to this unique location offers breathtaking views across the North Sea.

Don't forget your camera, because this is one elephant you won't want to forget!





Kinpurney Hill

Climb Kinpurney Hill, one of the most famous hills in the Sidlaw range, to find Kinpurney Tower, a prominent Angus landmark that's visible for miles around.

The tower was built in 1774 by James MacKenzie, a keen astronomer who used it as an observatory. It was restored in the 1970s and stands next to the site of an unfinished iron-age fort.

Once at the top, you can gaze across the vast Strathmore valley, all the way to the enchanting Angus Glens. It's a panorama you won't forget!

Vale of Strathmore

Known as the "Great Glen", Strathmore stretches for 50 miles, offering endless opportunities for adventure.

Within this valley lies a hidden gem called Lumley Den. This former glacial overflow channel is perfect for an intriguing walk. You'll encounter a charming little cottage, abandoned quarries, and even a tiny loch along the way. Climb Angus Hill for beautiful panoramic views across Strathmore up to the Angus Glens.



Did you know?

Glen Clova is one of the most beautiful places in eastern Scotland, with great walks for hiking.



Loch Brandy, Glen Clova

Nestled within the majestic Cairngorms National Park, Glen Clova is a hiker's paradise, and Loch Brandy is its crown jewel. 2,000 feet above sea level, you'll be surrounded by craggy peaks and a picture-perfect loch with crystal-clear water reflecting the rugged beauty of the landscape.

The entire area around Loch Brandy creates an incredible landscape that needs to be seen to be believed. Before you lies a deep pool of dark water snuggling in the curving arms of rock which rise up dramatically from the quiet shores.

The walk to Loch Brandy is an adventure in itself, with some steep, challenging sections. So remember to pack your sense of adventure and dress for the ever-changing Scottish weather!

Once you reach the top, the panoramic views are absolutely breathtaking. The cozy Glen Clova Hotel awaits your return, offering warm hospitality and well-deserved refreshments.

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COAST & WATERS

- Arbroath (Seaton) Cliffs
- Loch of Lintrathen and Backwater Dam
- East Haven
- Forfar Loch
- Loch Lee
- Lunan Bay
- Reekie Linn
- Montrose Beach
- Arbroath Harbour and Bell Rock Lighthouse
- Scurdie Ness



Arbroath (Seaton) Cliffs

This four-mile coastal walk is like something out of a storybook.

Imagine towering red cliffs, secret coves, mighty blowholes spraying ocean mist, and secluded beaches perfect for a spot of relaxation. You might even stumble upon some natural sea caves to explore.

This family-friendly trail winds along the spectacular Seaton Cliffs, just north of Arbroath. Keep your eyes peeled for unique red sandstone rock formations like the “Deil’s Heid”, a stack with a distinctive, menacing face.

The adventure starts at the seafront car park in Arbroath and takes you through a 1,850-acre wildlife haven called the Seaton Cliffs Nature Reserve. Here you can spot all sorts of wonderful Scottish wildlife, from soaring seabirds to colourful butterflies and beautiful wildflowers. And if you visit between June and August, you might even see the distinctive spotted burnet moth.



Did you know?

The **Seaton Cliffs** are one of the best places in Angus to see bottlenose dolphins playing in the waves.

Did you know?

Both **Loch of Lintrathen** and **Backwater Reservoir** supply water to Angus and Dundee.



Loch of Lintrathen and Backwater Dam

Loch of Lintrathen is a picture-perfect inland loch and haven for wildlife. In the summer, the air comes alive with the melodies of breeding songbirds, while winter transforms the landscape into a cosy haven for flocks of migrating geese.

Ready to explore? Lace up your walking shoes and follow the scenic circular trail that hugs the loch's shoreline. Breathe in the fresh air, soak in the tranquillity, and let your worries melt away.

And if you're looking for a longer adventure, the legendary Cateran Trail is just a stone's throw away, as is an eight-mile walk around nearby Backwater Reservoir, known locally as the Backwater Dam.



East Haven

A short drive or cycle from nearby Carnoustie, East Haven is a charming seaside village brimming with history and beauty.

This hidden gem dates all the way back to 1214, making it one of the oldest fishing communities in Scotland. After admiring the beautifully kept community garden, enjoy a long walk along the village's unspoiled beach to marvel at the spectacular views out to sea.



Forfar Loch

Forfar Loch is your gateway to a relaxed, scenic adventure.

Enjoy the beautiful walking trail that circles the whole loch, taking around an hour to complete. It's especially awesome for the little ones because, after your walk, you can hit the park for some playtime fun!

But keep your eyes peeled along the way because this loch is teeming with life. You might spot a flash of blue – that could be a kingfisher. Watch out for shy otters or even a sneaky beaver. Keep an eye out for furry foxes and graceful roe deer. And if you look up, you might see an osprey diving down to catch its lunch.

The Countryside Rangers regularly run nature events for those who want to learn more about the plants and animals that call Forfar Loch home.



Did you know?

Loch Lee is one of the best places in Scotland to spot an adder, Scotland's only snake.



Loch Lee

Are you ready to explore a stunning loch, breathe in fresh mountain air, and maybe even spot some incredible wildlife? Loch Lee awaits!

Nestled deep within the Glen Esk valley, surrounded by majestic mountains, Loch Lee is your gateway to an unforgettable adventure. Follow the path around the loch's edge, perfect for a leisurely stroll and a picnic lunch with a view. Feeling more adventurous? Tackle the Loch Lee Waterfall Circuit, a 15.8km loop that takes you past stunning wildflowers and offers incredible hiking, walking, and nature-spotting opportunities.

Keep your eyes peeled on your walks because Loch Lee is teeming with wildlife. This is one of the best places in Scotland to spot an adder, Scotland's only snake. You might see them basking in the sun near the rocks. And look out for palmate newts and tadpoles wiggling around in the ditches during late spring and early summer.



Lunan Bay

Get ready to be wowed by one of the most compelling places in Angus — Lunan Bay, a beach once voted Scotland's most scenic.

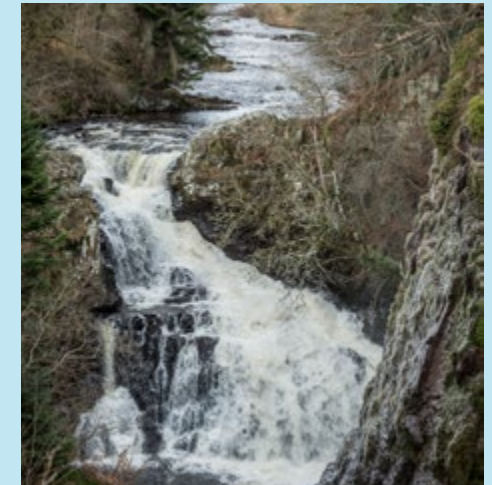
There really is something for everyone here. Walkers can relish the stunning coastal views, families can build epic sandcastles, horse riders can gallop along the shore, and surfers can catch some huge waves.

Take a walk along the beach to discover a hidden river, climb the impressive sand dunes, spot colourful wildflowers, peek into mysterious rock pools, and even explore a secret cave. Then follow the coastal path and be mesmerised by the breathtaking bay views.

Reekie Linn

Reekie Linn is a thundering double waterfall hidden within the woodlands just north of Alyth.

Your memorable visit starts with a short, pleasant woodland walk, listening to the growing roar of water getting louder with each step. A breathtaking sight unfolds as you see a mighty torrent of water cascading down a massive 24-meter drop, sending a refreshing mist spraying into the air.





Montrose Beach

Get ready to soak up the sun at Montrose Beach, a sprawling golden beach that stretches for three glorious miles along Montrose Bay.

The beach is a short walk or cycle from Montrose town centre and offers something for everyone. There are hours of fun to be had at the playground, amusement centre, pitch and putt, and modern Seafront Splash play area.

Relax on the beach before walking the circular route that starts near the play area and follows the entire coastline. Winding its way north for over 4km, you'll enjoy stunning beach and river views, woodland, heathland, and even a magnificent viaduct.

Arbroath Harbour and Bell Rock Lighthouse

Visit Arbroath to take a walk around a bustling, working harbour.

Admire the hard-working fishing boats bringing in their daily catch and soak up the lively atmosphere. While you watch, grab some freshly caught fish and chips or an authentic Arbroath Smokie before taking a memorable boat trip along the coastline to see the spectacular Arbroath Cliffs and the Bell Rock Lighthouse.



Did you know?

On a visit to **Scurdie Ness** you might see seals, bottlenose dolphin or on rare occasion, humpback whale.



Scurdie Ness

This unique coastal location on the south side of the River South Esk is famous for two things: stunning scenery and hidden treasures!

The word 'Scurdie' is the local term for the volcanic rock that forms the headland (known as the 'Ness'). Join the locals and visitors who spend hours combing the rocky shoreline for sparkling semi-precious agates.

The walk to Scurdie Ness lighthouse is a different kind of gem to discover, with its elevated views over the stunning Montrose Bay. Keep your eyes peeled for playful seals or even bottlenose dolphins frolicking in the waves. If you're lucky, you might even catch a glimpse of a rare, majestic humpback whale!

You can follow the route beyond the lighthouse on foot or by bike towards Usan, Boddin Point, and then Lunan Bay. This is a fantastic way to explore this dramatic and memorable part of Angus for a few hours.

03

CYCLING ROUTES

- Arbroath Harbour to Barry
- Edzell to Inchbarn
- Monifieth to Carrot Hill
- Circuit of Montrose Basin
- Keptie Pond to Letham Grange
- Kinnordy to Kingoldrum
- Kirriemuir to Loch of Lintrathen
- Kirriemuir to Glenisla
- Forfar to Glenogil
- Letham, Guthrie and Pitmuies



Distance: 30km (19 miles)
Grade: Easy
Ride time: 2 hrs

Arbroath Harbour to Barry

This relaxed loop starting from bustling Arbroath Harbour is perfect for a leisurely ride with a healthy dose of history and hidden gems.

Take a moment to soak up the atmosphere of this working harbour before pedalling your way towards Arbroath's Signal Tower Museum. This spot is a treasure trove of knowledge about the iconic Bell Rock Lighthouse.

From there, get ready for some stunning coastal views. The route takes you alongside the beautiful Easthaven Beach before cycling past the legendary Carnoustie Championship course, which has hosted the Open an impressive eight times.

Finally, you'll reach Barry Mill. This hidden gem is a rare example of Scotland's industrial heritage, and it's definitely worth a stop to explore its rich history before returning for refreshments in Carnoustie town centre or Arbroath's Westway retail park.



Did you know?

Barry Mill produced oatmeal and other foods, as well as providing work for local people, for almost 800 years.

Distance: 8.5km (5.3 miles)
Grade: Easy
Ride time: 30 mins



Edzell to Inchbare

This easy loop takes you on an exciting journey from Edzell to Inchbare, through the Edzell Woods and back again.

Perfect for a family outing, this route follows the curvy River North Esk for most of the way, with plenty of opportunities to spot friendly ducks and maybe even a fish or two!

On your way back, you'll cycle under Edzell Arch, an impressive archway stretching across the road. The route also takes you past the Edzell Golf Course and Edzell Muir Park – the perfect spot for a post-cycle picnic if the weather is good. Edzell also has several cafes and restaurants.



Distance: 32.5km (20 miles)
Grade: Easy/Moderate
Ride time: 2-3 hrs

Monifieth to Carrot Hill

Ready to conquer some hills and soak up stunning scenery?

This Angus countryside loop is perfect for a challenging but rewarding ride. Starting at Monifieth's Ethiebeaton Park, wind your way through rolling hills on quiet B-roads. The climb up Carrot Hill is worth it for the views. Refuel at the local farm shops and cafes before cycling back to Monifieth via Monikie and Newbigging.

Distance: 35km (22 miles)
Grade: Medium/Hard
Ride time: 2 hrs 20 mins



Circuit of Montrose Basin

Explore the best of Montrose on this enjoyable route that starts at Montrose Sports Centre and takes you around Montrose Basin, over River South Esk, and past Montrose Harbour.

You start by heading out into the scenic countryside around Montrose, with rolling hills and stunning views of Mearns and Glen Esk keeping you company. Keep your eyes peeled for the historic House of Dun – it's the perfect spot for a pitstop and some refreshments.

Next, you'll conquer the Bridge of Dun, with the historic Caledonian Railway line running nearby. The route then takes you around the stunning Montrose Basin, past its excellent visitor centre, and then back to Montrose.

Feeling adventurous? Take a detour to see the iconic Scurdie Ness Lighthouse up close before refuelling in Montrose with some delicious treats available from the many cafes and shops in town.

Did you know?

At **St Vigeans Museum** one of the carved Pictish stones used as a grave cover shows a man consumed by beasts, perhaps warning of Hell.



Distance: 20km (12 miles)
Grade: Easy
Ride time: 1 hr 30 mins

Keptie Pond to Letham Grange

Ready for a fun and easy bike adventure around Arbroath? This loop takes you to hidden gems like the shimmering Keptie Pond (perfect for a pitstop to spot some interesting pond life) and the mysterious Hercules Den.

Part of the route follows the St Vigeans Nature Trail, which starts near one of Scotland's most picture-perfect churches, St Vigeans. Heading back to Arbroath, you'll see the majestic Abbey and other unique locations like the bustling harbour and the Signal Tower Museum. Feeling peckish after your adventure? No worries, Arbroath town centre has plenty of delicious refreshments waiting for you.

Some parts of this route are traffic-free and include unmade road sections, making it a safe and exciting way to explore nature on two wheels for all ages and abilities. So, grab your helmets, hop on your bikes, and get ready for an unforgettable adventure!



Kinnordy to Kingoldrum

This short but scenic bike ride around Kirriemuir's beautiful countryside is perfect for a quick bit of outdoor exercise or a fun family outing.

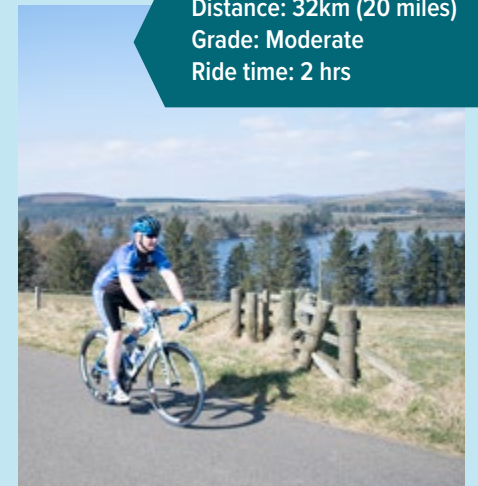
You'll visit the charming little village of Kingoldrum, then continue on to see the stunning Loch of Kinnordy. This little loch is a wildlife haven, so look out for deer peeking out from the trees or majestic osprey soaring through the sky in summer.

Distance: 15km (9 miles)
Grade: Moderate
Ride time: 1 hr

Kirriemuir to Loch of Lintrathen

This moderate route starts in Kirriemuir town centre and whisks you past the stunning Loch of Kinnordy nature reserve.

You'll then embark on a scenic loop around the sparkling Loch of Lintrathen. Listen out for melodies of breeding songbirds in summer or watch flocks of majestic greylag geese migrate in winter. Finally, refuel with treats at the Wee Bear café or Kirriemuir town centre.



Distance: 32km (20 miles)
Grade: Moderate
Ride time: 2 hrs

Distance: 56.3km (35 miles)
Grade: Difficult
Ride time: 3 hrs 30 mins



Kirriemuir to Glenisla

Ready to conquer some hills and soak up some incredible Angus scenery?

This challenging route starts in Kirriemuir and climbs through spectacular glens scenery, with inspiring views of the Loch of Lintrathen and the Loch of Kinnordy nature reserves.

On the return leg to Kirriemuir, you'll pass the historic Balintore Castle, which has been welcoming guests since 1860. Imagine all the stories these walls could tell! Feeling hungry after conquering those climbs? Well, there are plenty of pitstops for refreshments, lunch, or dinner, including Kirriemuir town centre, Glenisla Hotel, Peel Farm, or the Wee Bear Cafe.

Forfar to Glenogil

This moderate to challenging route takes you through stunning Glenogil, with jaw-dropping landscapes and historic locations along the way.

You'll pass Cortachy Castle, a stunning 15th-century time capsule. You'll find refreshments at the Drovers Inn Memus, a legendary pub with over 300 years of history (rumour has it Rob Roy himself stopped off here). You can also refuel at Finavon Hotel or Forfar town centre.

Distance: 51.5km (32 miles)
Grade: Moderate/Hard
Ride time: 3 hrs 30 mins



Did you know?

Dunnichen Hill is the site of the Battle of Nechtansmere of 685 AD, where Elfrith of Northumbria was defeated by the Picts.



Distance: 33.5km (21 miles)
Grade: Moderate
Ride time: 2 hrs 10 mins

Letham, Guthrie, and Pitmuies

This moderate route starting at Letham Square is like a journey through time.

You'll encounter historical churches like Dunnichen Parish Church, built in 1802 and located within a graveyard, and the impressive Guthrie Parish Church, designed by the famous architect Thomas Telford.

You'll also cycle through the heart of Montreathmont Forest, once a royal hunting ground and now a network of tracks offering an unforgettable cycling experience among long avenues of conifers bordered by gorse bushes, thistle and wild grasses.

Your cycle will take you past the beauty of Balgavies Loch and Pitmuies Gardens before returning to Letham for well-deserved refreshments.

See these trails and more at www.visitangus.com/biking-trails-in-angus

04

FAMILY DAYS OUT

- Kirriemuir Hill
- Brechin Castle Centre
- Auchterhouse Country Sports
- Caledonian Railway
- Glamis Castle
- Monikie Country Park
- Redwings Mountains Horse Sanctuary
- Newton Farm Tours
- West Links, Arbroath
- Murton Farm, Tearoom and Nature Reserve



Kirriemuir Hill

At Kirriemuir Hill, there's something for everyone, including a wonderful Peter Pan-themed play park where kids can set sail on Captain Hook's ship and have adventures with Peter Pan and the Lost Boys, plus green open spaces and family-friendly walks.

Kirriemuir Camera Obscura, one of only three in Scotland, provides a fascinating glimpse of historic technology and boasts stunning 360-degree views of the surrounding countryside including the hills and Angus Glens.

Enjoy a bite to eat and drink in Café Obscura, including locally sourced, freshly-ground coffee and delicious scones with jam and clotted cream. There are also sweets, crisps, ice creams, and souvenirs on sale. Or why not bring a picnic to enjoy on the hill whilst enjoying the great outdoors.

Kirriemuir Camera Obscura and Café Obscura are managed and staffed by Kirriemuir Regeneration Group volunteers.

Did you know?

The Camera Obscura was gifted to the town by Sir J M Barrie, the creator of Peter Pan, along with the cricket pavilion. You can visit J M Barrie's Birthplace in Kirriemuir's town centre.

Did you know?

Brechin Castle Centre is set within a 70-acre country park featuring an intriguing woodland fairy trail.



Brechin Castle Centre

Brechin Castle Centre has something for everyone. Kids of all ages can spend hours enjoying the play area, go-karts, zip lines, jumping pillows, and giant sandpit. The farm-themed courtyard has pedal tractors, climbing structures, and water play to keep younger kids smiling.

Follow the magical fairy trail through the woods and around the loch. Look for tiny houses, sparkling fairy dust, and even a friendly gnome! It's the perfect way to capture unique family photos and make lasting memories.

Visit the garden centre to find gifts and homeware, or relax and enjoy the beautiful views with a delicious coffee and scone.



Auchterhouse Country Sports

Ready to swap those screens for some real-life fun? Look no further than Auchterhouse Country Sports! This family-run attraction is all about getting active in the great outdoors.

Try your hand at clay target shooting, or how about trying an archery session where you can learn to shoot like Robin Hood (with some expert help!)?

The Clay Doo Cafe will fuel you with treats and refreshments.



Caledonian Railway

The Caledonian Railway in Brechin is your ticket to a charming family adventure. Hop on board a traditional coal or diesel-powered train and chug along the four-mile track through beautiful Angus countryside, taking in the unique sights, smells, and sounds that make this experience truly special.

It's a step back in time that will leave kids in awe and desperate to return for one of the station's special events which take place throughout the year – see their website to find out what's on.

Feeling peckish after your train ride? The Whistle Stop Cafe on Platform 1 is waiting to refuel you with delicious lunches, home-baked treats, and even hearty breakfasts on weekends.

This family-friendly railway is run by a team of passionate volunteers, and all the funds go towards keeping this piece of history alive. So, climb aboard, find a seat, and enjoy a fun and educational day at the Brechin Caledonian Railway!

Did you know?

Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth II, was born at **Glamis** in 1930



Glamis Castle

Calling all history buffs, royalty enthusiasts, and little adventurers! Ready to explore a real-life castle straight out of a storybook? Glamis Castle has some fascinating stories to tell – it's the legendary setting for Shakespeare's Macbeth and the childhood home of the Queen Mother.

Step back in time on a guided tour and hear all about the castle's enchanting history. Enjoy spooky ghost stories, tales of royal visitors, and some fascinating castle facts.

There's plenty to keep children entertained, including a wooden playpark with a flying fox and other fun equipment. Explore the walled garden with its beautiful water features and Monet-style bridge. Look for the resident roe deer, hare, pheasants, squirrels, and otters.

After all that exploring, refuel with delicious meals, cakes, and refreshments in the Victorian Kitchen Restaurant. And don't forget to grab a special souvenir from the gift shop to help remember your magical day at Glamis Castle.



Monikie Country Park

Get ready for a fun-filled day at Monikie Country Park, where there's something for everyone, including a fun-filled playground for the little ones to explore, with fort structures and play equipment galore.

While they're busy being little adventurers, parents can relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery on one of the many walking trails around the park's former reservoirs.

The park's watersports centre (open from April to October) offers opportunities to try windsurfing, sailing, rafting, kayaking, paddleboarding, and canoeing.

Redwings Mountains Horse Sanctuary

The 220 acres of beautiful paddocks and woodlands at Redwings Mountains Horse Sanctuary near Forfar are home to horses, ponies, donkeys, and mules.

Take a walk around the sanctuary and meet these gentle animals who love some attention! After a relaxing stroll, enjoy warm drinks and tasty snacks in the Nosebag Café. Grab a souvenir to remember your special day in the on-site gift shop.





Newton Farm Tours

Newton Farm is your chance to experience authentic farm life in the heart of Angus!

Run by friendly farmers Graeme and Louise, this award-winning farm isn't your average petting zoo. They'll take you on a fun and educational tour, introducing you to all their animal friends. You can even hand-feed cows, sheep, goats, and Lucy, the micropig.

Your mini farmer can help collect eggs from the henhouse or take the adorable alpacas for a walk. The kids will also love hearing stories from this real farming family and learning where their food comes from – it's like a science lesson come to life!

Did you know?

You can adopt or sponsor some of the friendly animals that call **Murton Farm** home.



West Links, Arbroath

Is there anything better than a seaside town?

Arbroath is the perfect place to keep kids entertained for hours in all weathers. Start with a visit to Jumping Joey's play centre before experiencing Pleasureland, the biggest indoor funfair in Angus. Crazy golf, paddling pools, and mini-racing cars can be enjoyed at West Links playpark too. Finish with a relaxing family walk along the beautiful esplanade.



Murton Farm, Tearoom and Nature Reserve

Ready for a fun-filled farmyard adventure, just a hop, skip, and a jump from Forfar? Murton Farm is your one-stop shop for a day filled with learning, laughter, and meeting some adorable furry (and feathery) friends!

The farm's adorable Kune Kune pigs, friendly goats, donkeys, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, and chickens are all waiting to say hello. And after making new friends, children will have a blast in the excellent play area, enjoying the sandpits, pedal tractors, an adventure trail, basketball net, footballs, and many other outdoor toys.

Feeling like a nature walk? Murton Nature Reserve is right there, with stunning lochs, wetlands bursting with wildflowers, and all sorts of birds and dragonflies to spot. It's a little explorer's paradise!

Murton Tea Room is the perfect place to refuel after a day of exploring, no matter the weather.

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FOOD & DRINK

- Fish and shellfish
- Butchers and game dealers
- Breweries
- Fruit and vegetables
- Distillers and distilleries
- Juice, coffee and tea
- Bakers and confectioners
- Visitor experiences
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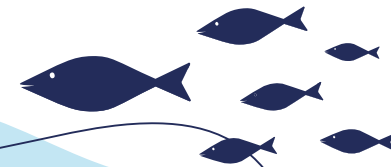
Fish and shellfish

Angus is known for its legendary seafood, and there's no catch quite like the Arbroath Smokie. This world-famous smoked haddock has a history as rich and smoky as its flavour.

It all started in the charming fishing village of Auchmithie, where fishwives used whisky barrels to smoke their fish on sticks. By the late 19th century, many fishermen and their families relocated to Arbroath, lured by better housing.

The tradition of the Smokie has lived on. Today, the Arbroath Smokie is exported all over the world but can be bought from Arbroath fishmongers. Follow the Arbroath Smokie Trail and learn all about the fascinating history of this local legend.

Angus boasts a bounty of other fresh catches, too. Enjoy langoustine scampi, monkfish, scallops, mackerel, and classic haddock and cod at the many fantastic restaurants, hotels, and fish and chip shops across the region.



Did you know?

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Did you know?

You can discover the history and taste of **Aberdeen Angus beef** on the Aberdeen Angus Trail.



Butchers and game dealers

Angus is famous for its legendary Aberdeen Angus cattle. This breed has been around for centuries, and their meat is known for its melt-in-your-mouth taste and juicy perfection. Discover the history and taste of Aberdeen Angus beef on the Aberdeen Angus Trail.

Local butchers also offer fresh lamb, pork, rabbit, and venison. You can buy all kinds of natural, free-range game and gamebirds from Angus suppliers, including pheasant and partridges. Game is a versatile and tasty option, and venison can be a delicious substitute for beef in your favourite recipes.

You'll also find award-winning pies, sausage rolls, and haggis throughout the region.



Breweries

Angus is a craft beer haven.

Sample delicious brews from Strathmore Brewery, known for their traditionally crafted ales, or choose a tasty IPA or dark stout from Redcastle Brewery.

Carnoustie-based Shed 35 also creates a range of tasty ales. For vegans, MòR Beers brews classic styles and seasonal specials—all vegan-friendly! **You'll find local brews online or in Angus pubs, shops, and farmers' markets.**



Fruit and vegetables

Calling all veggie lovers and fruit fanatics! From raspberries and strawberries to asparagus and potatoes, there is an impressive choice here in Angus. It's no wonder the region is home to some of the world's best jam, marmalade, and chutney makers, including MacKays.

Visit HOPE Organic Garden in Arbroath between April and December to buy organic vegetables and fruit grown within the grounds of Hospitalfield House.

During peak season, pop-up farm shops, vending machines, and roadside stalls selling healthy Angus produce are everywhere. It's your chance to buy directly from the farmers – it's almost like picking your groceries straight off the vine!

Want to get in on the picking action? Charleton Farm near Montrose lets you pick your own fruits and veggies, from classic berries to juicy apples and even festive pumpkins! So grab your basket and get ready for a fun-filled farmyard adventure.

Did you know?

Angus boasts many other fantastic drinks producers like **Carnoustie Distillery and Redcastle.**



Distillers and distilleries

Scotland has experienced an artisan drinks revolution in recent years, and Angus is no exception. You'll find an exciting range of spirits here, including whisky, vodka, and gin.

As the national drink, no county in Scotland would be complete without its own whisky distillery, and Glencadam in Brechin has been distilling it since 1825.

The Arbikie Highland Estate is your one-stop shop for unique spirits. They use homegrown ingredients to craft delicious vodka, gin, and whisky, including their famous Tattie Bogle Vodka – the first potato vodka in Scotland!

Speaking of potatoes, Hatton of Ogilvy is another family farm turning spuds into spirits. Hop on their farm tour to see how it's done, explore their new visitor centre, and sample their vodka in a historic setting.

Finally, head to The Bothy Experience in Glamis, home to the award-winning Gin Bothy, to taste their amazing gin and other delicious treats.



Juice, coffee, and tea

Brechin-based Ella Drinks has been supplying award-winning berry juices across Scotland for over 20 years, sourcing fruit from their farm and nearby farmers. Appley Ever After produces delicious apple juice using apples from its orchard at Downiemill.

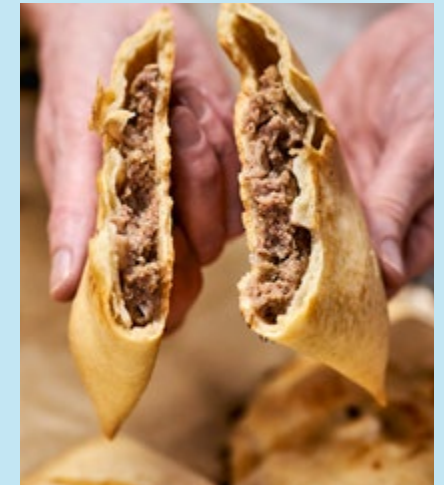
The Sacred Grounds Coffee Company roasts traceable, ethically traded coffee in Arbroath. You can try it at local cafes or buy it online. And Maison Dieu roasts and serves fresh coffee from their Brechin cafe.

Kinnettles Gold Tea is Scotland's first 100% pure black tea, grown, plucked and handmade on their farm in the Strathmore Valley.

Bakers and confectioners

Sweet tooth? Visit a local chocolatier, baker, or confectioner. Artisana creates stunning cakes and the gooiest, chocolatiest brownies. In Kirriemuir, Baked by Belle crafts delicious handmade truffles. And Good Food Good Feelings offers all-natural, vegan snacks like smoothies and energy bars.

Get a sugar rush at Kirriemuir's Star Rock Shop, the oldest sweet shop in Scotland. Something savoury? Try WeeCook's pies or the famous Forfar Bridie – a must-try!





Visitor experiences

Ever wonder how vodka is made from potatoes? Jump on the Tattie Box Tours trailer at Ogilvy Spirits and go on a behind-the-scenes distillery tour. See how their award-winning vodka is crafted, from growing spuds to the final bottling, with a free sample at the end.

Visit Arbikie Distillery to immerse yourself in a true field-to-bottle experience. Learn how they distil from scratch using homegrown crops, including potatoes, rye, and peas.

The Bothy Experience in Glamis lets you peek behind the curtain of their award-winning Gin Bothy. Explore the distillery at your own pace or book a tasting on Saturdays for an in-depth gin journey.



Did you know?

Many Angus farm shops have cafes where you can enjoy their delicious home-baking.



Markets

Feast your eyes and taste buds at an Angus farmers' market! Every 1st Saturday, the Angus Farmers' Market pops up in Montrose, with the Carnoustie market on the first Sunday, and on the 2nd Saturday, it's Forfar's turn. Expect fresh produce, homemade goodies, local crafts, and a warm welcome.

Arbroath Market is another must-visit, with everything from fresh-brewed coffee and yummy cakes to hot pies. Smaller towns often host their own markets, too.



Farm shops and delis

Angus is a feast for the senses when it comes to fresh, local food from its fantastic farm shops and delis.

Visit Milton Haugh Farm and Corn Kist tearoom to meet the friendly farmers, grab some homemade jams, enjoy a delicious lunch, and stock up on all sorts of goodies.

Stop by Tillygloom, a charming family farm near Brechin, for free-range eggs, duck eggs, tatties, neeps, and other seasonal produce. Buy eggs, jams, and homemade treats from their vending machine, The Egg Box.

For all your festive needs, visit South Powrie Farm. They raise the juiciest KellyBronze turkeys this side of Christmas and sell all the trimmings, too – think homemade stuffing, Christmas puddings, and fresh farm veggies.

Gather in Carnoustie is a cafe and deli with a mouthwatering selection of local produce, fresh fruit and veg, delicious cheese, and tasty homemade salads.

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HIDDEN GEMS

- Kirriemuir Den
- Auchmithie
- Castle Hill, Forfar
- Pictish Stones at Aberlemno
- Tayside Police Museum
- Friockheim Woods and Village
- Craigmill Den, Carnoustie
- Queen's Well, Glen Esk
- St Vigeans Museum
- The Scott Wilson Memorial



Kirriemuir Den

Ready to escape the busyness of life and enjoy some wonderful natural surroundings?

Look no further than Kirriemuir Den – a leafy haven waiting to be explored! This peaceful spot dates back to the 1800s and offers something for everyone.

Enjoy a peaceful walk, strolling through the trees, listening to the babbling of the Gairie Burn. There's even a play area to keep the little ones entertained, as well as a charming bandstand.

Feeling adventurous? Explore the "Cuttle Well", a natural spring recently restored by local heroes, the Kirriemuir Regeneration Group. And for a truly spectacular view, head to the High Bridge near Lochmill and check out the waterfall, which is especially impressive when the burn is full of rainwater.

Whether packing a picnic basket, planning a family game day, or just needing a quiet walk in nature, Kirriemuir Den is the perfect Angus escape.



Did you know?

Kirriemuir Den was opened in 1867 and extended later in the 19th century.

Did you know?

Castle Hill was once surrounded by water as Forfar Loch came right into the town at that time.



Auchmithie

Hidden along the Angus coast, just north of Arbroath, lies a secret gem called Auchmithie. This charming village sits high on cliffs overlooking a pebble beach, a quirky old harbour, and some fascinating rock formations.

Lace up your walking boots and conquer the challenging (but rewarding) coastal path. The route takes you from Auchmithie to Arbroath, stopping at Carlingheugh Bay to explore hidden caves, look for colourful Jasper stones on the pebble beach, and soak up the dramatic scenery.

An interesting fact about this special hidden gem is that the origins of the Arbroath Smokie began here many years ago.



Castle Hill, Forfar

Angus hides a historical secret: Castle Hill, a locked Pictish fort with spectacular views.

Pick up the key from Mr. Ali's newsagent or the Chapter & Verse restaurant and unlock your own adventure.

Climb the quaint cobbled lane and you'll be standing where King Malcolm Canmore built his castle back in the 11th century.



Pictish Stones at Aberlemno

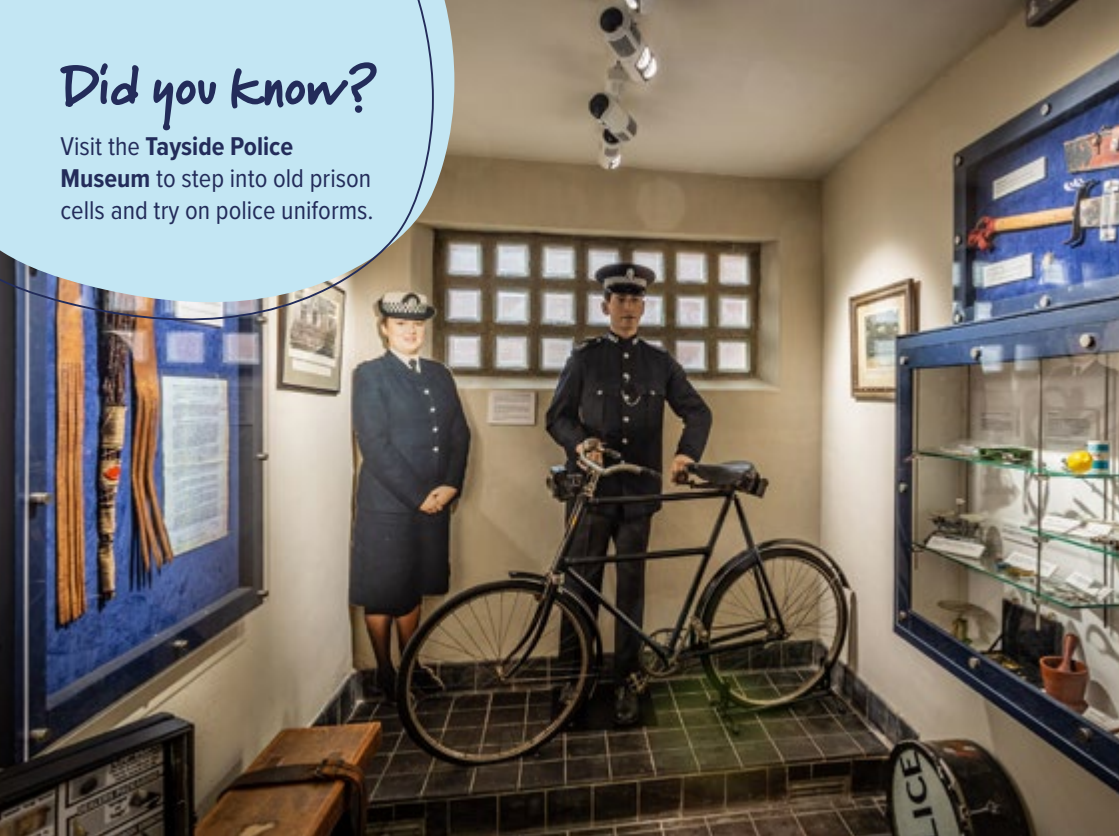
Angus has another hidden gem waiting to be unearthed: the Aberlemno Pictish Stones. These ancient carvings, dating back to around 500 AD, are some of the finest surviving examples in all of Scotland!

Imagine stumbling upon these mysterious stones tucked away in the charming village of Aberlemno. Three stones stand proudly by the roadside, each etched with fascinating Pictish symbols that spark the imagination. The fourth one stands guard in the village churchyard – a massive red sandstone cross-slab over two meters tall! This one's special because it might tell the story of a legendary battle back in 685 AD.

Want to delve deeper? Head to The Pictish Room, located behind the village hall. There, you'll find a treasure trove of replica stones, carvings, and info boards that bring Angus' Pictish past to life. Check online for opening times before you go.

Did you know?

Visit the **Tayside Police Museum** to step into old prison cells and try on police uniforms.



Tayside Police Museum

The **Tayside Police Museum**, tucked away in Kirriemuir police station, is a treasure trove of law enforcement history in Dundee, Perth & Kinross, and Angus from the 1800s to the 1980s. It's one of the few police museums in Scotland.

Run by passionate volunteers, this museum is packed with fascinating finds, documents, and photographs. You'll see old uniforms, peek at police equipment from the past, and get a glimpse of some historic weapons. You can even step into old prison cells and try on some costumes! There are also displays dedicated to the brave Special Constables, the Police Pipe Band, and police awards from the past.

You can also read the story about the last person hanged in Dundee, William Henry Bury, who was responsible for multiple murders that took place in London in 1888 and claimed to be Jack the Ripper during his confession.



Frickheim Woods and Village

Nestled outside Arbroath is a charming village called Frickheim. This hidden gem dates back to 1814, when textile workers flocked here to work in a massive flax-spinning mill.

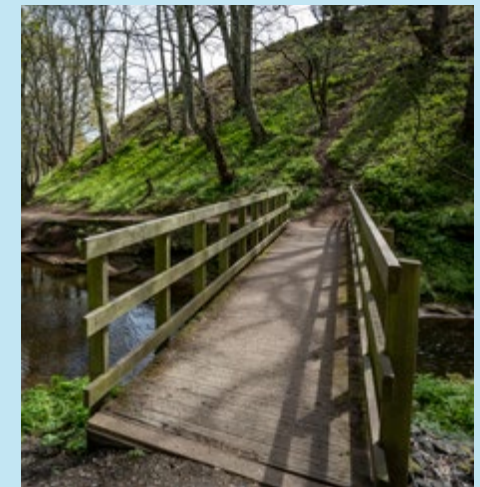
Frickheim has two woods waiting to be explored. The new forest (planted in the mid-90s) is teeming with red squirrels and deer. Or follow the farm track from Gordon Place through the short woods.

For something to do on a cold or rainy day, The Hub at Frickheim offers many indoor activities, including a cafe, gym, sensory room and more. And the Star Inn or The Railway pub are perfect spots for lunch and a drink.

Craigmill Den, Carnoustie

Unwind with a peaceful stroll through Craigmill Den, a secret woodland just outside Carnoustie. This hidden gem is a haven for wildlife, with over 70 bird species recorded here.

Pass the remains of an old weir and follow the Mill Lade – a channel that once powered a historic mill wheel. It's a short walk, so explore Craigmill Den as part of a longer route from Carnoustie or East Haven.



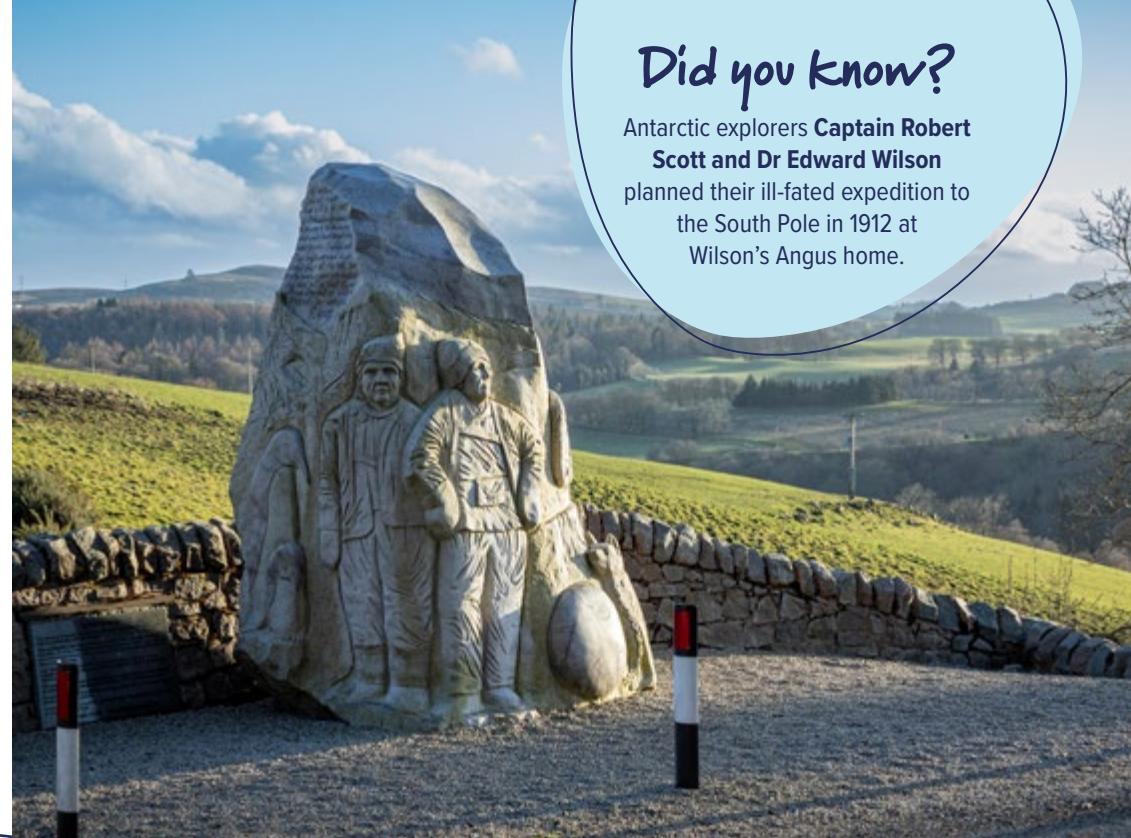


Queen's Well, Glen Esk

Hidden amongst the beauty of Glen Esk lies the Queen's Well. But this isn't an ordinary well – it's shaped like a royal crown and was built in 1861 to honour Queen Victoria!

Queen Victoria and her consort Prince Albert purchased Balmoral Castle and delighted in travelling the mountain routes surrounding it. In 1861, they rode from Balmoral to Glen Mark and met with Lord Dalhousie beside a well, where they were refreshed by the spring water.

Lord Dalhousie erected a monument in the shape of a royal crown over the well to commemorate this. There are many scenic hiking routes around Glen Esk that lead to this historical landmark.



Did you know?

Antarctic explorers **Captain Robert Scott and Dr Edward Wilson** planned their ill-fated expedition to the South Pole in 1912 at Wilson's Angus home.

St Vigeans Museum

Visit St Vigeans, a village with a surprising past as a Pictish religious centre.

Their museum boasts an incredible collection of 38 Pictish stones, all found in this small Angus village.

The most famous item in the collection is the Drosten Stone, a cross-slab with an ornate cross and fantastic beasts, as well as a rare Latin and Pictish inscription dating from before 843AD.



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The Scott Wilson Memorial

Angus has a tribute to two legendary explorers tucked away in the scenic Glen Prosen; the Scott Wilson Memorial, a giant granite monument unveiled in 2012.

Captain Robert Scott and Dr Edward Wilson, famous for their Antarctic adventures, planned their incredible (and unfortunately ill-fated) South Pole expedition here in Angus at Wilson's home in 1912. Dr Wilson lived nearby at Burnside Lodge, where Captain Scott often visited him.

Created by local sculptor, Bruce Walker, The Scott Wilson Memorial honours these courageous explorers. It features sculptures of both men, their trusty ponies, loyal dogs, and even some curious penguins. The monument includes inscriptions written by the explorers, adding a personal touch.

Discover this impressive monument near the entrance to Glen Prosen, just a short detour from Dykehead. The Scott Wilson Memorial can be part of a lovely circular walk with stunning views that takes in the Airlie Monument and Dykehead. **So make a day of it and explore this spectacular part of Angus.**

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NATURE & WILDLIFE

- Montrose Basin Visitor Centre
- Loch of Kinnordy
- Glen Lethnot
- Glen Doll
- Balgavies Loch
- Wild South Esk
- Arbroath Cliff Trail
- Glen Esk
- Barry Buddon
- Montrose Bay



Montrose Basin Visitor Centre

Just outside Montrose lies a paradise for bird lovers, Montrose Basin. Sprawling over 750 hectares, this incredible wildlife haven is home to over 80,000 migratory birds!

From September to October, Montrose Basin is one of the best places in Scotland to see majestic pink-footed geese. Four perfectly positioned bird hides scattered around the reserve get you close to all kinds of wonderful bird species. You might even spot a playful seal or two!

But Montrose Basin isn't just about exploring the great outdoors. The 4-star visitor centre has mesmerising panoramic views across the reserve, and it has binoculars and telescopes to help you get a closer look. The interactive games, microscopes, and special wildlife portal are loved by kids, young and old. There are also fun family events throughout the year.

So come explore Montrose Basin and see what incredible wildlife awaits!



Did you know?

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Did you know?

Loch of Kinnordy has a bird feeding station and three hides offering perfect views of the wildlife.



Loch of Kinnordy

Looking for a secret haven bursting with wildlife? Head to Loch of Kinnordy, near Kirriemuir – a shallow loch nestled among woodlands and farmland.

Keep your eyes peeled in the summer for majestic ospreys soaring through the sky. You might even spot otters frolicking in the water or red squirrels scampering through the trees. Dazzling butterflies and dragonflies add a touch of magic at this time of year too.

Winter brings whooper swans gracefully gliding on the water and pink-footed and greylag geese honking hello. You might even hear the call of great spotted woodpeckers or catch a glimpse of kingfishers.



Glen Lethnot

Glen Lethnot is the most peaceful of the Angus Glens, perfect for escaping the hustle and bustle of daily life. It's home to some incredible wildlife, including ground-nesting birds, red grouse, and mountain hares.

Look out for black-tailed godwits with their beautiful orange-necked breeding plumage, numerous meadow pipits, as well as curlews, lapwings, oystercatchers, wheatears, buzzards and even cuckoos.



Glen Doll

This stunning glen, carved by ancient glaciers, is the perfect location for nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts. Glen Doll is where you can experience waterfalls rushing through the valley and hike through forests to reach epic viewpoints with breathtaking views.

You'll encounter iconic Scottish wildlife, like the golden eagles soaring overhead and red deer and red squirrels scampering through the undergrowth. There are even whispers of elusive wildcats in the area!

The crown jewel of Glen Doll is Corrie Fee, a dramatic national nature reserve. Here, you'll discover rare alpine plants that can't be found elsewhere in the UK.

Want to learn more about the Glen? Stop by the Glen Doll Ranger Base, located at the edge of the Cairngorms National Park. The base is the starting point for many special events, like informative ranger-led walks that teach you more about the area and its wildlife.

Did you know?

Naturalists have long recognised **Balgavies Loch** as an important site for wildlife due to its abundance of wildflowers, waterfowl, and breeding songbirds.



Balgavies Loch

Nestled between Forfar and Friockheim, Balgavies Loch is another secret spot for spotting special Scottish wildlife. Enjoy peaceful walks around this scenic loch, surrounded by reedy marshes and cool willow trees. Keep your ears open for the calls of water rails and great crested grebes, or watch ducks like goldeneyes, teals, and wigeons relax in the winter months.

The loch offers some great walks, including a memorable circular route where you can spot ospreys, waterfowl, and breeding songbirds. The warmer months bring a varied selection of wildflowers, such as tufted loosestrifes and coralroot orchids.

Visit between April and July to see the beautiful flowers around the loch and breeding birds. Between October and March is the best time to see the most wildfowl. So come explore Balgavies Loch at any time of the year and see what wildlife wonders await!

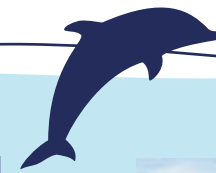


Wild South Esk

The Wild South Esk trail is a 50-mile wildlife adventure following the River South Esk all the way from the majestic Cairngorm Mountains to the North Sea.

Discover ten unique locations to explore, from Glen Doll to Ferryden, with over 15 local walks and some cycling routes to choose from. And to help you identify all the wildlife you'll encounter, there are beautifully illustrated information panels along the way.

Visit the Wild South Esk website to plan your South Esk experience using their interactive map and special itineraries, which include birdwatching trails and seasonal adventures. Discover the wild beauty of Angus along the River South Esk!

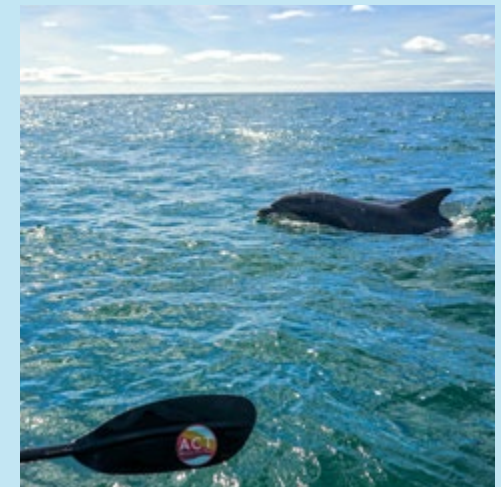


Arbroath Cliff Trail

Arbroath's Cliff Top trail is a 4-mile adventure along stunning cliffs that feature secret coves, sea caves, and unique rock formations, like the 'Deil's Heid'.

This family-friendly walk winds through Seaton Cliffs nature reserve. In the summer, it's a haven for wildflowers. Look out for spotted burnet moths or the UK's smallest butterfly, the Small Blue.

The cliffs are also a popular spot to see bottlenose dolphins!





Glen Esk

The longest of the Angus Glens, Glen Esk stretches for almost 15 miles of pure beauty, offering a range of trails for all abilities, winding through stunning scenery.

Glen Esk is the best place in Scotland to see adders, Scotland's only snake. Take the trail to Loch Lee, and you'll find them basking on the roads on a sunny day. Look out for other wildlife, including majestic ospreys or golden eagles soaring above, as well as palmate newts and tadpoles in the spring and early summer.

Late spring also offers a chance to see wildflowers like dog violets and primroses.

Did you know?

Montrose Beach is a three-mile haven that stretches all the way from Montrose to the River North Esk.



Barry Buddon

Barry Buddon is a historic military training area with scenic coastal walks and unique wildlife.

It's a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), which means it's home to a rich variety of insects, animals, and rare plants.

This is an active training area, so there will be times when it's closed to the public. Check the Carnoustie Community Development Trust website or Facebook page for Live Firing Schedules.



Montrose Bay

Montrose Bay offers seven miles of golden sands and rocky headlands to explore, plus exciting marine mammals like bottlenose dolphins.

Montrose Beach stretches three miles from Montrose to the North Esk River. Look south, and you'll see the iconic Scurdie Ness Lighthouse standing guard. Take the circular walk along the entire beach before looping back through a scenic inland route, passing the impressive North Water viaduct.

The bay borders the Montrose Basin Local Nature Reserve and is home to St Cyrus National Nature Reserve, so you'll see all sorts of fantastic wildlife on your walk, including migratory birds, depending on the season.

The bay is ideal for nature lovers and families, and easy to get to from Montrose town centre by foot and by bike. Families will love the modern, purpose-built Montrose Seafont Splash play area, and the beach is perfect for building sandcastles or splashing in the waves.

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PLACES TO EAT

- But n Ben, Auchmithie
- Andreou's Bistro, Arbroath
- Armstrong's Bar & Restaurant, Glamis
- Glen Clova Hotel
- Room with a View Restaurant, Piperdam
- Roo's Leap, Montrose
- Drovers Inn, Memus
- Sinclair's Kitchen, Forfar
- Peel Farm
- WeeCook Kitchen, Carnoustie



But n Ben, Auchmithie

Angus has a secret gem tucked away in a charming village called Auchmithie. The But n Ben is a charming, homely restaurant serving traditional Scottish food.

Enjoy a special lunch, dinner, or afternoon tea (with delicious cakes!) in this friendly, relaxed spot. The But n Ben is famous for its fresh seafood dishes, including the local delicacy Arbroath Smokie, mussels, oysters, crab, and lobster – all caught locally.

But that's not all. The But n Ben also serves melt-in-your-mouth Aberdeen Angus beef, venison from Royal Deeside estates, and fresh seasonal vegetables from local farms. Nut-free, gluten-free, dairy-free, and vegetarian options are available, too.

So next time you're in Angus or exploring the Arbroath Cliff Trail, skip the ordinary and head to the But n Ben for a delicious and unforgettable Angus food adventure. Your taste buds will thank you!

Did you know?

You can stop in for a delicious, traditional meal at the **But n Ben** as part of a walk along the Arbroath Cliff Trail.



Did you know?

At **Andreou's Bistro**, all the fish, vegetables and meat are sourced from within a ten-mile radius of the restaurant



Andreou's Bistro, Arbroath

Andreou's Bistro on Arbroath's High Street brings the Med to Angus!

This cosy spot serves up delicious, homemade, authentic Greek and Mediterranean food bursting with flavour. Imagine melt-in-your-mouth Lunan Bay goat curry or a flavour-packed harissa falafel burger with tangy tomato and chilli sauce. All prepared with fresh, local ingredients sourced within 10 miles.

Every bite is a taste of their passion for authentic Greek cooking. Andreou's Bistro is loved for its friendly service, reasonable prices, and because there's something for everyone. They have fish, meat, vegan, vegetarian, and gluten-free options and a great kid's menu.



Armstrong's Bar & Restaurant, Glamis

This relaxed and contemporary bar and restaurant situated close to **Glamis Castle** serves delicious **local Scottish food**. Enjoy the beer garden in summer or cosy up by the fireplace in winter. Expect friendly service, great prices, and a tasty kid's menu. Visitors recommend the traditional dishes served here for their taste and presentation and are particularly impressed by the scallops, deer, and sirloin steak.



Glen Clova Hotel

Nestled at the edge of the epic Cairngorms National Park lies a hidden gem: the **Glen Clova Hotel**. This family-run favourite with two restaurants and two bars has been welcoming explorers since **1850**.

The Glen Logie Restaurant boasts stunning views of the Angus Glens – perfect for a breakfast feast or a memorable dinner with a view. For a cosier experience, try the Brandy Bothy, the hotel's dog-friendly restaurant with excellent lunch and dinner options.

Both restaurants use fresh, local ingredients, including lamb, beef, and even venison from the hotel's own farmland! Enjoy unique dishes like pheasant burgers and langoustine scampi. Thanks to their delicious vegetarian and vegan options, there are options for everyone.

After a day of exploring, unwind in the Climbers Bar with its toasty fireplace (perfect for chilly days!), or head to the new, elegant function bar for a pre-dinner drink. Both stock many local gins, vodkas, ales and whiskies.

Did you know?

Piperdam is a popular golf and leisure resort with self-catering accommodation.



Room with a View Restaurant, Piperdam

Looking for an Angus adventure with stunning views and delicious food? Then, visit Piperdam, a resort where you can relax in style, tee off on the golf course, and fuel up with award-winning food at their Room with a View restaurant.

Room with a View lives up to its name – picture award-winning food served lakeside with beautiful scenery. They have everything from hearty Scottish classics like haggis bon bons and haddock and chips to cajun chicken linguine and sizzling steaks. Vegetarian or vegan? No worries, they have delicious options waiting for you, like the mushroom and truffle risotto.

People recommend the restaurant for the quality of food, superb service, and generous portions. The kid's menu is a hit with younger guests, too. So whether you're staying at Piperdam or just stopping by while exploring Angus, stop here and see what delicious adventures await.



Roo's Leap, Montrose

This laid-back Aussie-themed restaurant is all about delicious food and a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere. Enjoy lunch, dinner, and amazing desserts (hello, banana sticky toffee cake!) made with fresh, local ingredients.

Roo's Leap offers a great selection of delicious international food, including juicy burgers and steaks made with pure Angus beef, fresh fish straight from the market, and even hand-crafted coleslaw. They also have great vegetarian and vegan options. There is a fun kid's menu, too – perfect for families visiting nearby Montrose Beach.

The service is super friendly and efficient, so you can just sit back, unwind, and enjoy your Aussie Angus adventure!

Drovers Inn, Memus

Hungry after exploring the beautiful Angus countryside?

Head to Drovers Inn in Memus, a charming village near Kirriemuir. Enjoy exceptional service and up to four mouth-watering courses in the elegant dining rooms. Or relax with a drink and something from the bar menu in the quaint and cosy bar. The steak, monkfish, and cauliflower curry are local favourites.



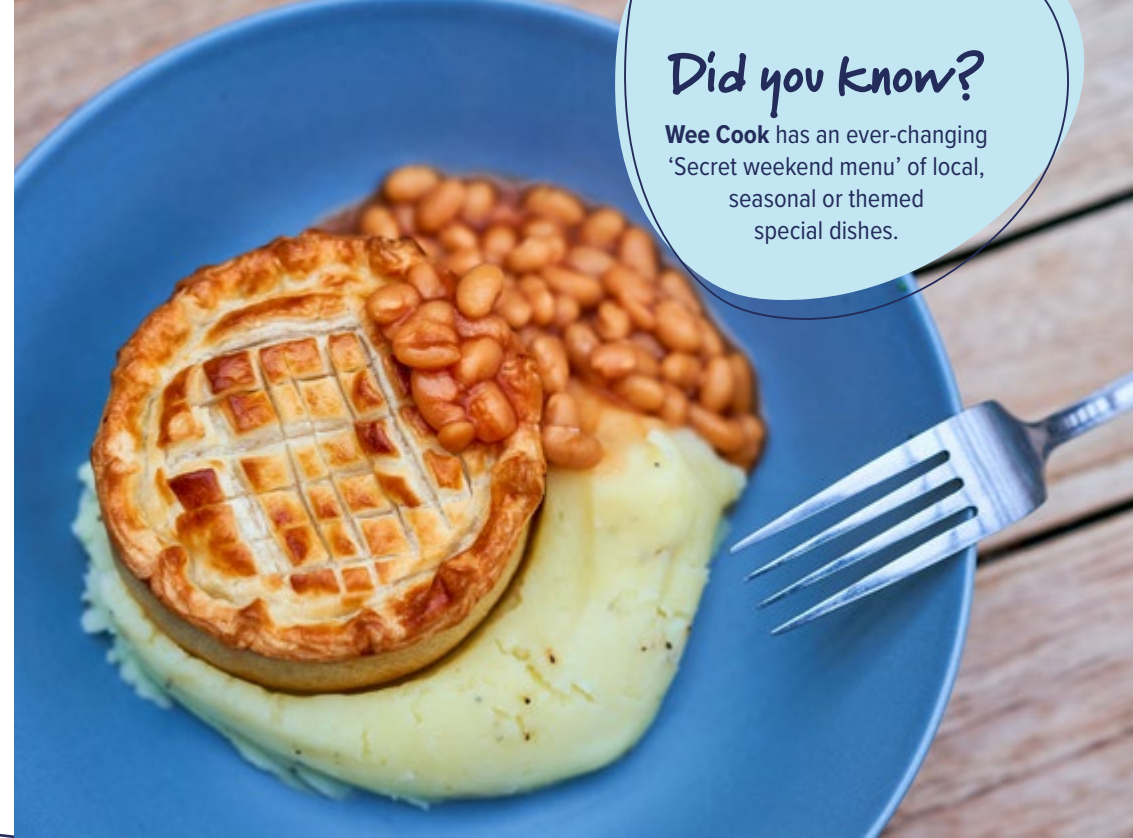


Sinclair's Kitchen, Forfar

Set in picturesque Angus countryside just outside Forfar, Sinclair's Kitchen offers modern Scottish dining at its best. Choose from a la carte dining in the elegant restaurant or hearty meals in the cosy bar, perfect for any mood or appetite.

The restaurant showcases fantastic local produce, including wild game from the Glens, Angus beef, locally sourced fruit and vegetables, and home-grown produce.

They also have a great selection of wines, local ales, and gins from nearby distilleries. So next time you're in Angus, skip the ordinary and head to Sinclair's Kitchen for an unforgettable Scottish food and drink adventure!



Did you know?

Wee Cook has an ever-changing 'Secret weekend menu' of local, seasonal or themed special dishes.

Peel Farm

A short drive from Kirriemuir, Peel Farm offers entertainment for the whole family, hot food and drinks, and even somewhere to stay.

The cosy cafe serves traditional breakfast options, including the classic Scottish fried breakfast. For lunch, choose from simple but tasty paninis, sandwiches, and soup to more substantial options like the Highland beef burger or halloumi burger. The food is fresh and locally sourced.



WeeCook Kitchen, Carnoustie

Angus has another hidden gem waiting for you: WeeCook, a family-run restaurant near Carnoustie that serves fresh, delicious, award-winning, home-cooked food.

Their menu is unique and exciting, with holiday-inspired dishes, exotic flavours, and fresh seasonal produce. From seafood and pasta to burgers and award-winning pies, there really is something for everyone at WeeCook. Don't forget to try the moreish WeeCook brownie!

WeeCook offers an excellent selection of vegetarian and vegan options, like potato pistou pasta or vegetable pakora. Children are well catered for, thanks to the kids meal deal, which offers all the favourites and more.

While you're in the area, don't forget to check out nearby Barry Mill – a unique, working mill that's like stepping back in time. There is a beautiful nature trail here, too – the perfect way to walk off all that delicious food!

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VISITOR ATTRACTIONS

- JM Barrie's Birthplace
- Arbroath Abbey
- Barry Mill
- Arbroath Signal Tower Museum
- Brechin Cathedral and Round Tower
- Hospitalfield House
- Edzell Castle and Gardens
- Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre
- Montrose Playhouse
- House of Dun



JM Barrie's Birthplace

Have you ever dreamed of peeking into the mind of the author who brought Peter Pan to life? JM

Barrie, the world-famous creator of this timeless story, was born in this traditional weaver's house in Kirriemuir.

The author's childhood home is bursting with stories! See the desk where Peter Pan took flight, and imagine Barrie conjuring up Neverland. Dress up like a pirate with the costumes from the first-ever Peter Pan play.

The house also includes a Victorian bedroom and a washhouse in the yard, the location for Barrie's first theatre. It was here that the young author performed his first play at the age of seven. That provided inspiration for the Wendy house in Peter Pan.

Explore the fun, jungle-themed garden, but watch out for the life-sized driftwood sculpture of Tick Tock, the crocodile. So visit JM Barrie's Birthplace to experience a magical adventure suitable for kids of all ages.



Did you know?

Visit **JM Barrie's Birthplace** to see the writing desk that the world-famous author used when writing the Peter Pan story

Did you know?

The Declaration of Arbroath was sent from **Arbroath Abbey** in 1320.



Arbroath Abbey

Founded by King William I in 1178, Arbroath Abbey was one of Scotland's grandest monasteries for almost 400 years. Visit and explore this remarkable medieval abbey's extensive ruins and learn more about its importance in Scottish heritage.

In the abbey's excellent visitor centre, you can learn more about one of the most famous documents in Scottish history. In 1320, Scotland's nobles sent the Declaration of Arbroath to the Pope, swearing their independence from England.

Explore the abbey grounds and visitor centre to learn more about this historic place before taking home a souvenir or two from the gift shop.



Barry Mill

Visit Barry Mill to experience a charming, working corn mill that produced oatmeal and other foods for almost 800 years. Get a glimpse into the tough life of a miller. Watch the wheel turning, the water splashing, and the machinery moving.

The mill is surrounded by beautiful countryside with wildflowers, a babbling burn, a waterfall, and abundant natural beauty, including kingfishers, herons, and even woodpeckers.



Arbroath Signal Tower Museum

Visit a fascinating museum that tells the compelling story of Arbroath's maritime heritage. Located right next to Arbroath's bustling harbour, the Signal Tower Museum was once the shore station and family accommodation for the Bell Rock Lighthouse, Britain's oldest surviving rock lighthouse.

Built in 1813, the Signal Tower was used to send signals to and from the lighthouse. It became a museum in 1974 to help visitors like you learn all about life as a lighthouse keeper (an extremely tough job!) and how the lighthouse was constructed over 200 years ago. It was a real feat of engineering at the time.

The museum also explores Arbroath's rich fishing history and the legendary Arbroath Smokie. So next time you're in Arbroath, stop by the Signal Tower Museum and unlock the secrets of lighthouses, brave lighthouse keepers, and a world-famous fish dish!

Did you know?

Brechin Cathedral has stood in the town for nearly 1,000 years.



Brechin Cathedral and Round Tower

Brechin Cathedral offers a window into Scotland's rich history and religious heritage. This impressive structure has stood for nearly 1,000 years, serving as a place of worship and a significant landmark in the town.

Take a walk around the cathedral's grounds to admire the beautiful stained glass windows and impressive architectural details, such as the elaborately carved arch of the entrance porch.

Look southwest towards the Round Tower, a unique structure dating back to around 1100 AD. It's one of only two Irish-style round towers in Scotland and stands 25 meters tall. Originally free-standing, the tower became attached to the cathedral in 1806.

The cathedral is home to a collection of intriguing Pictish stones carved with symbols and figures that offer clues to the region's early history. These stones feature carvings of beasts and human figures, including King David wrestling a lion!

Get a 360° view of the inside of the cathedral using the Visit Angus app.



Hospitalfield House

This impressive Arts & Crafts house started as a hospital in 1260 to support Arbroath Abbey and was later converted to a monastery. Today, it's the perfect destination if you have an interest in art or just love exploring beautiful historical houses.

Experience inspiring art collections that take you on a journey through 19th and 20th-century history, from the vision of artist Patrick Allan Fraser to the bustling years of the art college.

See the glazed Fernery and walk around the beautiful walled garden with its striking sculptures and wonderful plant life before enjoying a delicious lunch or coffee and cakes in the cafe.

Edzell Castle and Gardens

Explore fascinating castle ruins and stunning gardens at Edzell Castle & Gardens. Step back in time and see how a noble family lived in the 16th century.

The castle's walled garden, with its unique sculptures and intricately carved panels, is perfect for photo opportunities. The architectural framework surrounding the garden is unique in Britain. Visit in early July to see the wonderful bedding plants in bloom.



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Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre

Fly back in time at Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre. Located on Britain's first operational military airfield site, this unique attraction offers a fantastic collection of photographs, artefacts, memorabilia, and aircraft.

Suit up in authentic uniforms and get hands-on with interactive exhibits. Marvel at the full-size replica of the B.E.2a aircraft, flown by the first squadron to land in France during World War One. Step inside a meticulously recreated 1940s house and a real Anderson shelter used for protection during the Blitz.

The Heritage Centre ensures future generations remember the service of brave military men and women.



Montrose Playhouse

The Montrose Playhouse is a community-owned arts centre featuring a comfortable, modern, and fully accessible three-screen digital cinema.

This exciting venue offers a packed programme of art, music, drama and entertainment, as well as workshops, classes, and activities. There really is something to suit all ages and interests. After the entertainment, you can grab something to eat and drink in the vibrant Reel café bar.



Did you know?

Discover an interactive visitor experience in the courtyard which is home to the Angus Folk Collection.

House of Dun

Prepare to be transported to the 18th century with a visit to the House of Dun near Montrose. Designed by renowned architect William Adam, the house offers a memorable glimpse into the life of a Scottish laird.

Step inside and admire the meticulous detail throughout, from the intricate plasterwork by Joseph Enzer in the saloon to the hand-stitched woolwork and embroideries by Lady Augusta FitzClarence. The traditional clockwork roasting spit in the kitchen provides a fascinating glimpse into past culinary practices.

The beauty extends beyond the house itself. Lush woodlands surround the property, while formal gardens offer a tranquil escape. Erskine's Café provides refreshments with indoor and outdoor seating in the courtyard. And families will love the dedicated woodland play area for children.

So head to the House of Dun for a historical adventure fit for a laird or lady and the whole family!

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- Sidlaw Hills
- Carmyllie Circular Heritage Trail
- Crombie Country Park



Distance: 4.7km (3 miles)
Grade: Moderate
Walking time: 1 - 1.5 hrs

Blue Door Walk, Edzell

Just a few minutes drive from Edzell near Gannochy Bridge, you'll stumble upon a mysterious blue door that unlocks an extraordinary riverside walk.

Go through the door to discover a spectacular walk along tree-lined paths with towering cliffs beside you. This local favourite features huge rocks, thunderous rapids and spectacular waterfalls.

The return leg to Edzell is just as exciting. You'll walk past local landmarks like Dalhousie Arch, Inglis Memorial Hall & Library, and the Panmure Arms Hotel. On a clear day, you might even catch a glimpse of Edzell Castle, another local landmark worth visiting. And keep your eyes peeled for the Caterthun Hillforts, two massive Iron Age forts guarding the fringe of the Angus glens.

The Blue Door Walk is perfect for an afternoon adventure with the family, but there are some steep drops at the beginning, so be extra careful with young children and canine companions.

Did you know?

The beautiful walled garden at **Edzell Castle** was created by Sir David Lindsay in 1604.



Distance: 17.5km (11 miles)
Grade: Difficult
Walking time: 5 - 7 hrs



Mount Keen Munro and Queen's Well

Bag a Munro in this challenging hike to the top of Mount Keen, visiting Queen's Well on the way. Mount Keen is the most easterly Munro and is rated as one of the easiest to conquer.

The climb involves some steep hills and flowing burns, but on a clear day, the views from the top are worth the effort. You might even spot a sunbathing adder on the way up!

You'll pass by Queen's Well on your ascent, built for Queen Victoria, and even get a glimpse of Invermark Castle. The paths are nice and wide most of the way, but things get a bit rocky near the summit.



Distance: 2.5km (1.5 miles)
Grade: Moderate
Walking time: 1 to 1.5 hrs

Cortachy River Walk

This riverside ramble is ideal for families and nature lovers of all ages.

Starting in a lovely woodland glen next to the local primary school, you'll follow the sparkling River South Esk on a gentle adventure, walking over old bridges and through picturesque Angus countryside. The path can get a little muddy sometimes, and there are steep drops in some places, but that's all part of the fun!



Distance: 3km (2 miles)
Grade: Moderate
Walking time: 45 mins

Airlie Monument

This short but memorable adventure winds through Glen Prosen's pretty woodlands, starting near the village of Dykehead until you reach Airlie Monument on top of Tulloch Hill. The Airlie Monument is a memorial to the ninth Earl of Airlie, Lord Lieutenant-Colonel David William Stanley Ogilvy, who was killed in the Boer War.

The path is suitable for all abilities but can be steep in some places. Once you conquer the climb, you'll be rewarded with a spectacular 360-degree view looking across to Glen Clova, Glen Prosen and south towards Kirriemuir and Forfar.

While visiting this beautiful part of Angus, don't miss the Scott-Wilson Memorial – a tribute to Captain Scott and Edward Wilson, who lived in Glen Prosen for a time. Both explorers sadly died during the infamous expedition to reach the South Pole.

Hungry after your adventure? The Airlie Arms Hotel is nearby if you are looking for refreshments or an overnight stay.



Distance: 10km (6.5 miles)
Grade: Moderate
Walking time: 3 hrs

Glen Moy

This hidden gem of a walk takes you through the rolling Angus countryside and up a scenic hill. The reward at the top? Sweeping views down to Angus and all the way across to the Glen Clova hills.

Glen Moy, where this adventure starts, is a bit of a secret itself – tucked away north of Kirriemuir, it's often overlooked. That means more peace and quiet for you! The walk starts at the end of Glen Moy Road and takes you on a moderately challenging route (perfect for getting your heart rate up without feeling overwhelmed).

The paths are a mix of grassy fields and farm tracks, so be prepared for them to get a little muddy sometimes. There's one long climb to conquer, but the views from the top are worth the effort.

And if you're looking for more to explore nearby, check out the Redwings Mountains Horse Sanctuary.

Distance: 13km (8miles)
Grade: Moderate
Walking time: 4 hrs



Arbroath to Auchmithie

This unique walk offers unforgettable views, wildflower meadows, and a pretty fishing village and harbour to explore. Starting in Arbroath, follow the coastal path along the spectacular Seaton Cliffs, where you'll be treated to a wealth of unique red sandstone formations, including the 'Deil's Heid' – a stack with a distinctive, menacing face. Keep a look out for dolphins, too!

The trail winds past forests, fields, and hills before you reach the charming village of Auchmithie, where you can refuel at the But n Ben restaurant. You can catch a bus back to Arbroath, making the walk a shorter 6.5km adventure.

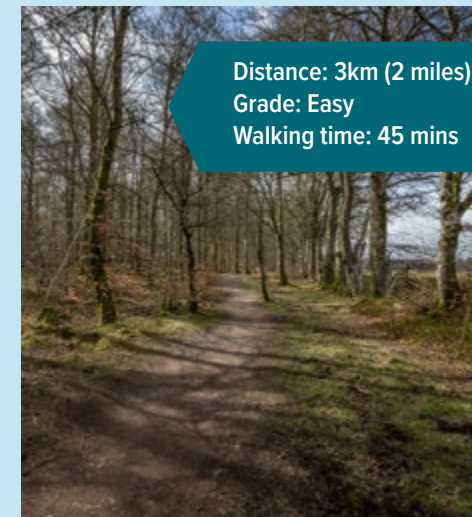


Caddam Woods, Kirriemuir

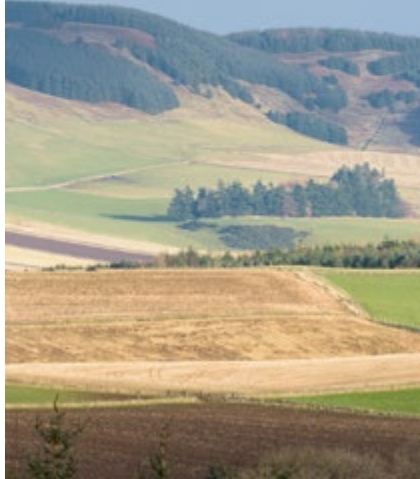
Looking for a family-friendly nature experience?

Starting from one of the many parking spots around Caddam Woods on the edge of Kirriemuir, this short route offers a pleasant stroll among scots pines and beech trees where you can breathe in the fresh air and soak in the tranquility. Fun fact: there is an old Roman road hidden somewhere in these woods.

Distance: 3km (2 miles)
Grade: Easy
Walking time: 45 mins



Distance: 8.5km (5 miles)
Grade: Difficult
Walking time: 3 hrs



Sidlaw Hills

The Sidlaws are a range of hills extending 30 miles from Kinnoull Hill, near Perth, to Forfar in the northeast. This challenging hike tackles three Sidlaw Hill summits and offers panoramic views of Dundee, the rolling countryside, and the coast.

The adventure starts nestled in a peaceful woodland near Dundee. You'll conquer Auchterhouse Hill and Balluderon Hill before tackling the highest summit on Craigowl Hill.

There are some steep paths with loose stones, muddy narrow paths, and stiles to negotiate, so this hike is best for experienced walkers. However, the views from the top are worth every drop of sweat.



Distance: 3km (2 miles)
Grade: Easy
Walking time: 1.5 hrs

Carmyllie Circular Heritage Trail

This countryside adventure starts at Milton Haugh Farm and Coffee Shop and winds along quiet roads and farm tracks with many heritage points of interest and some beautiful scenery to enjoy.

You'll discover hidden gems like the village of Graystone and historic Carmyllie before returning to Milton Haugh to enjoy some refreshments.

This easy-going walk is perfect for all ages.



Distance: 7.5km (4.7 miles)
Grade: Easy
Walking time: 1 - 2 hrs

Crombie Country Park

This fun, family-friendly loop around Crombie Reservoir is bursting with things to discover. Imagine strolling through a forest of towering pine trees with calming views of the water sparkling beside you.

The main walk is called the Discovery Trail, and it starts right at the car park. Follow the bright yellow markers – they'll lead you past wildlife hides that are perfect for spotting deer, ducks, and red squirrels. There are benches along the route to soak up the views and enjoy a picnic if the weather's nice.

Halfway around the reservoir, look for old farm equipment on display near a cottage. You might also stumble on some excellent examples of drystone dyking and an old burial chamber built around 4,000 years ago.

This walk is perfect for all ages, with plenty to see along the way. There's a great playpark for the little ones and sometimes organised activities at the Ranger Centre.

Travelling to and around Angus

Nestled between the north of Dundee and the south of Aberdeenshire, Angus is easy to reach by road, rail, and air. And once you're here, it's easy to get around, with excellent public transport links, plenty of electric vehicle charging points, and miles of walking and cycling paths.



By car

The A90 and A92 run through Angus, providing easy access to the Scottish motorway network and the rest of the UK.

If you're coming from Edinburgh or the south, take the A90 trunk road for a scenic drive that takes an hour and a half.

From Aberdeen and the north, use the A90 and then the A92 to arrive in Angus within an hour or so.

From Glasgow and other locations along the central belt, follow signs for Perth, Dundee, or the Tay Road Bridge, then travel onward on the A90 and A92 to reach Angus.

Electric car charging points are available throughout Angus.



By train

Angus sits on the main line between London and Aberdeen, so getting here by train is easy. Trains regularly stop at four Angus coastal towns: Monifieth, Carnoustie, Arbroath, and Montrose.

Plan your rail journey using the National Rail or Trainline websites.



By air

Flying in? You can reach Angus by flying into one of the four nearby city airports in Dundee, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, or Glasgow, then travel into Angus by coach, shuttle bus, hired car, or train.

Discover more in Angus

Angus is the perfect place to escape the usual routine, avoid the overcrowded big-city tourist destinations, and experience a special part of Scotland.

Angus offers even more than the 100 attractions, experiences, and locations featured in this guide – there are simply too many to mention here! Visit Angus to discover more memorable sights, tourist attractions, unique parts of Scotland's incredible history, and fantastic places to eat and drink.

Step into Angus and let your senses awaken as you immerse yourself in our rich history, heritage, and culture. Unwind in our vast outdoor spaces, where miles of breathtaking views and an abundance of nature and wildlife await you.

The Angus Tour

The Angus Tour is the easy way to explore Angus. The tour includes six fantastic itineraries that assemble a selection of locations, attractions and places to eat across three days, saving you hours of planning and research. The itineraries have been themed to help you choose the perfect Angus experience for you. For example, if you're looking for adventure, pick the 'Active outdoor experiences' itinerary. Use the QR code to see The Angus Tour itineraries on the Visit Angus website.



The Visit Angus app

While you're out and about in Angus exploring the many sights and attractions, it's worth having the Visit Angus app installed on your phone. This handy pocket tour guide will help you decide where you want to visit and keep track of where you've been. Search for 'Visit Angus app' and download now on your Android or iOS phone to explore the eight trails recommended in the app and see the 40 interactive experiences you can unlock when exploring Angus.



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