DOORS OPEN DAYS 2026

19 & 20 SEPTEMBER

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Welcome to Scotland's biggest free festival celebrating places and spaces new and old. Unlock Scotland and become a tourist in your local area for free! The festival is organised by the Scottish Civic Trust as part of European Heritage Days and co-ordinated locally by Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust.

HERITAGE AT RISK: REVIVE, RESIST, REIMAGINE.

The 2026 theme Heritage at Risk: Revive, Resist, Reimagine reflects the urgent need for action and creativity in protecting our shared heritage.

Revive highlights efforts to bring endangered traditions, sites, and stories back to life – through craft workshops, oral history projects, and cultural festivals.

Resist speaks to communities standing up against threats like climate change, conflict, and overdevelopment, using heritage as a source of identity, resilience, and advocacy.

Reimagine encourages new ways of engaging with heritage – digitally, artistically, or across cultures – to ensure it remains meaningful, accessible, and alive for future generations.

EUROPEAN HERITAGE DAYS

European Heritage Days are the most widely celebrated participatory cultural events in Europe, boasting of up to 20 million visitors every year. This pan-European project brings citizens together and highlights the European dimensions of our shared cultural heritage.

European Heritage Days
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PERTH AND KINROSS HERITAGE TRUST

Perth and Kinross HERITAGE TRUST

A Perth and Kinross that values, embraces and enhances the economic, social and environmental benefits of its historic environment.

Doors Open Days is just one of the Trust's many exciting and community enhancing activities. We are dedicated to high-quality historic building conservation, training, archaeology and heritage promotion projects that provide real social, educational, and economic benefits for Perth and Kinross.

www.pkht.org.uk

KEY

- parking
- children's activities
- refreshments
- hearing loop
- digital content
- toilet
- wheelchair accessible toilet
- wheelchair accessible building
- non-accesible building
- limited access

PROGRAMME CHANGES

www.pkht.org.uk/doors-open-days/

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Please be aware the festival events may be subject to last minute change due to unforeseen circumstances. Any changes will be listed online. You may wish to check the website before you travel!

FEEDBACK

Win a £50 voucher!

We'd love to hear your thoughts on venues you visit over the festival weekend.

Go to **www.doorsopendays.org.uk** to fill i n a visitor survey and be in with a chance of winning a £50 voucher to a venue of your choice!

PRE BOOKING

Some festival events require pre-booking. All ticketed events will be available to book from **21st August**.

Send us your photos!

Get involved!
#DoorsOpenDays

SAM SCOTTISH ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH

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www.archaeologyscotland.org.uk/scottish-archaeology-month/

Scottish Archaeology Month (SAM), co-ordinated by Archaeology Scotland, has existed for more than 20 years. Alongside Doors Open Days it constitutes Scotland's contribution to European Heritage Days and helps deliver Aim 4 of Scotland's Archaeology Strategy.

SAM encourages people to interact with their archaeology, history and heritage by co-ordinating and promoting a varied programme of events all across Scotland. These include guided walks, exhibitions, excavations, lectures, performances, re-enactments, traditional skills workshops, storytelling, guided tours, conferences and many other activities.

SAM takes place every year in September but includes events running from the end of August until mid-October.

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Perth City Skyline - Photo Credit: Shutterstock

#1 5 Atholl Crescent

5 Atholl Crescent, Perth is the central property of a crescent of houses built in the 1790s. The architect of Atholl Crescent is traditionally held to have been Sir Robert Reid. The building served as a family residence until 1923 before being a Nurses' Club and - between 1933 and 2025 - a masonic lodge. After over a hundred years, the building is being restored to a house.

Visitors will see the ground floor of the 1790s building, and the 1932 former masonic hall. Murals, conceived and executed by Thomas Hutchison Peddie - a Perth-born artist and illustrator – will be on display in the hall.

There will be a temporary exhibition to commemorate the 900th anniversary of St John's Kirk of Perth.

Sat 19th Sept | 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Sun 20th Sept | 12:00pm - 4:00pm

5 Atholl Crescent, Perth PH1 5NG

#2 Aberdalgie and Dupplin Church

Aberdalgie represents one of the finest examples of an Ecclesiastical Church Cluster in Scotland, consisting of a beautiful church, WW1 war memorial and Oliphant Crypt whose history dates back to the First Wars of Independence and King Robert the Bruce.

Visitors to Aberdalgie can expect a historian-led site tour with references to medieval wars, landowners, local estates, church building construction.

Visitors can also enjoy the newly restored Georgian Walled Garden with children's play area and picnic benches. Refreshments and Souvenirs will be available.

No need to book! Sign up to tours on arrival.

Sun 20th Sept | 12:00pm - 4:00pm

Aberdalgie, Perth, PH2 0QD

#3 AK Bell Library

AK Bell Library is the main public library for Perth and Kinross. A grade A listed building, it was designed by Perth City Architect, William Macdonald Mackenzie and operated as an Infirmary from 1836 until 1914 when it became a hospital for WW1 soldiers. Later on, it became a tuberculosis centre and offices for Perth Education Authority before reopening in 1994 as AK Bell Library.

Today it is a vibrant community hub where people of all ages can learn, create and connect. From its welcoming children's library and community resources, including the Maker_Space and Perthshire Seed Library, to the city archive and local history collections, there is so much more to discover than just books!

Join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of the library building and a chance to see some of the treasures of our archive and local history collections, led by our expert library and archive staff.

Sat 19th Sept
10:00am - 11:00am
12:00pm - 1:00pm

2-8 York Place, Perth PH2 8EP

#4 Bendochy Parish Church

One of the oldest ecclesiastical buildings in Scotland. There was a religious centre here in the time of the Culdees. The walls are seven hundred years old. The inside contains 17th cent gravestones. There is a green man gravestone in the graveyard, unique in Scotland. The impressive gate is a war memorial. The church is still currently used weekly for worship.

Members of the church will be available to guide visitors to the interesting and historical features in the building.

Sat 19th Sept | 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sun 20th Sept | 10:00am - 4:00pm

Bendochy Church, Blairgowrie, PH13 9HU

#5 Castle Menzies

Castle Menzies is a spectacular sixteenth century Scottish castle, restored during the twentieth century by the Menzies Clan society Architecturally fascinating, it is a splendid Renaissance example of the transition in Scottish castles from earlier rugged Highland fortresses to later mansion houses.

Sun 20th Sept | 11:00am - 5:00pm*

** 4:30pm Last Entry*

Castle Menzies,
Weem, Aberfeldy PH15 2JD

#6 Coupar Angus Heritage Association

The building is a former shop which was reconfigured as a small museum and meeting place. The group consists of local people who have a general interest in the history of the town.

Sat 20th Sept | 10:00am - 3:00pm

8 George Street, Coupar Angus
Perthshire, PH13 9DH

#7 Creative Rock Art Workshop

A free drop-in, hands-on creative workshop to engage people of all ages with re-imagining the rich prehistoric rock art tradition and archaeology of the area.

Get involved in various fun mark-making and creative activities, inspired by prehistoric rock art and natural pigments, to produce group and individual 'artworks' that bring rock art alive within a contemporary context.

Creative activities will be suitable for all ages from 4 years old upwards. As some activities may be messy, people are advised to wear an apron or old clothes that can get paint on them.

Sun 20th Sept | 12:30pm - 4:00pm

2-8 York Place,
Perth PH2 8EP

#8 Cultybraggan Camp

Cultybraggan Camp (Camp 21) is the last remaining Prisoner of War Camp from the Second World War in Scotland. We have 90 Nissen Huts from the period and our museum in housed in the A listed brick build jailblock.

Cultybraggan was used by the British army as a training camp until the early 2000s and is now owned by the Commuity of Comrie as a very unique community hub.

The 8 walking tours are bookable via Eventbrite https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/manage/events/1993612208783

Sat 19th Sept
Sun 20th Sept

11:00am - 12:00pm
1:00pm - 2:00pm
2:00pm - 3:00pm
3:00pm - 4:00pm

Cultybraggan Camp Jailhouse
Cultybraggan Camp
Comrie PH62AB

#9 Gleneagles House

Gleneagles, home of the Haldanes since the XII century.

Guided tour of Gleneagles, home to the Haldanes and adjoning family chapel, as well as opening of the garden and opportunity to roam the Gleneagles stretch of the ancient drovers road.

We're hosting 2 tours on Saturday 19 of September, the first at 11am, the second at 3pm. Please come down the main drive and at the chapel turn left towards the House, where there will be parking available.

Please email angelica@gleneagles.biz to book your space(s). Due to the nature of the house, places are limited to a maximum of 15 people per tour.

Sat 19th Sept | 11:00am | 3:00pm

Gleneagles House
Gleneagles, Auchterarder
PH3 1PJ

#10 Meigle Bowling Pavilion

Meigle Pavilion is a B-Listed, Victorian bowling club pavilion, which has recently been restored by Meigle and Ardler Community Development Trust.

A guide will be on site to explain about the history of the club and restoration of the building.

Sat 19th Sept | 10:00am - 4:00pm

Dundee Road, Meigle,
PH12 8SB

#11 Monzie Kirk

Monzie Kirk was built in 1830-31 to William Stirling's architectural designs. It features artefacts from an earlier mediaeval building - the mediaeval parish has existed since the 13th century.

The churchyard is lined by four ancient yew trees which predate the current building.

Church members will be available to answer questions and information sessions are planned. refreshments will be available.

Sat 19th Sept | 11:00am - 2:00pm

Monzie Kirk
Monzie, PH7 4HE

#12 Museum of Abernethy

The Museum of Abernethy is an independent, volunteer run museum at the heart of Abernenthy. Housed in an 18th century building, a former stable and cattle rede, which was converted for use in the 1990s. It houses a collection of local artefacts which tell the story of the area from prehistory through to the modern day.

Volunteers from the Museum of Abernethy will lead tours round the historic centre of the village illustrated with pictures from the past.

Booking slots are available at 1pm, 2pm and 3pm on both days.
Limited to 10 people per tour.

Sat 19th Sept
Sun 20th Sept

1:00pm - 2:00pm
2:00pm - 3:00pm
3:00pm - 4:00pm

Museum of Abernethy, School Wynd, Abernethy, PH2 9JJ

#13 The Glovers Hall

The Glover Incorporation of Perth has a history in Perth dating back to the Royal Charter of 1210. Established as a trade/guild to secure the rights of glove makers in Perth, the Incorporation has a rich history as can now be exhibited in the new Perth Musuem.

The Glovers' Hall is used for meetings of the Incorporation twice yearly, and is on the first floor of the property.

Sat 19th Sept | 10:00am - 4:00pm

**36 George Street,
Perth, PH1 5JR**

#14 Perthshire Society of Natural Science

The library of one of the oldest scientific societies in Scotland is off the foyer of Perth Art Gallery. Here you will find our collection of scientific works gathered since 1867. Archaeology, history, botany, geology, ornithology and photography are all represented.

PSNS members will help show artifacts and books relating to Perthshire buildings, landscapes and wildlife at risk. Slideshows of modern and historic images relating to these topics will run throughout the day.
The Perth Charterhouse Project team, with collaborators from Perth & Kinross Archive, will also be providing a mini exhibition of original documents relating to the project and providing information on project activities, including upcoming archaeological excavations.

**Sat 19th Sept
Sun 20th Sept**

11:00am - 4:00pm

11:00pm - 3:30pm

**Perth Art Gallery,
78 George Street,
Perth, PH1 5LB**

#15 PKAVS - The Walled Garden

Historic Walled Garden in the grounds of Murray Royal, established to feed the tenants of Pitcullen House. The garden is now leased from the NHS by PKAVS a local charity, supporting people from Perth and Kinross in their recovery from poor mental health and wellbeing issues by providing meaningful activity.
Our café will be open for food and drinks.

Sat 19th Sept | 10:00am - 3:00pm

**Muirhall Road,
Perth, PH2 7BH**

#16 Quarto Press

A traditional letterpress printing workshop using hand-set metal and wood letters for printing as done from 15th to 20th century. The converted 19th C cottage & wagon shed houses a range of equipment including typecasting machines, hand and power presses. It still operates to produce posters and other items and is used by artists to learn about the process.

**Sat 19th Sept
Sun 20th Sept**

10:00am - 4:00pm

**Beech Hill House,
Beech Hill Road,
Coupar Angus, PH13 9AZ**

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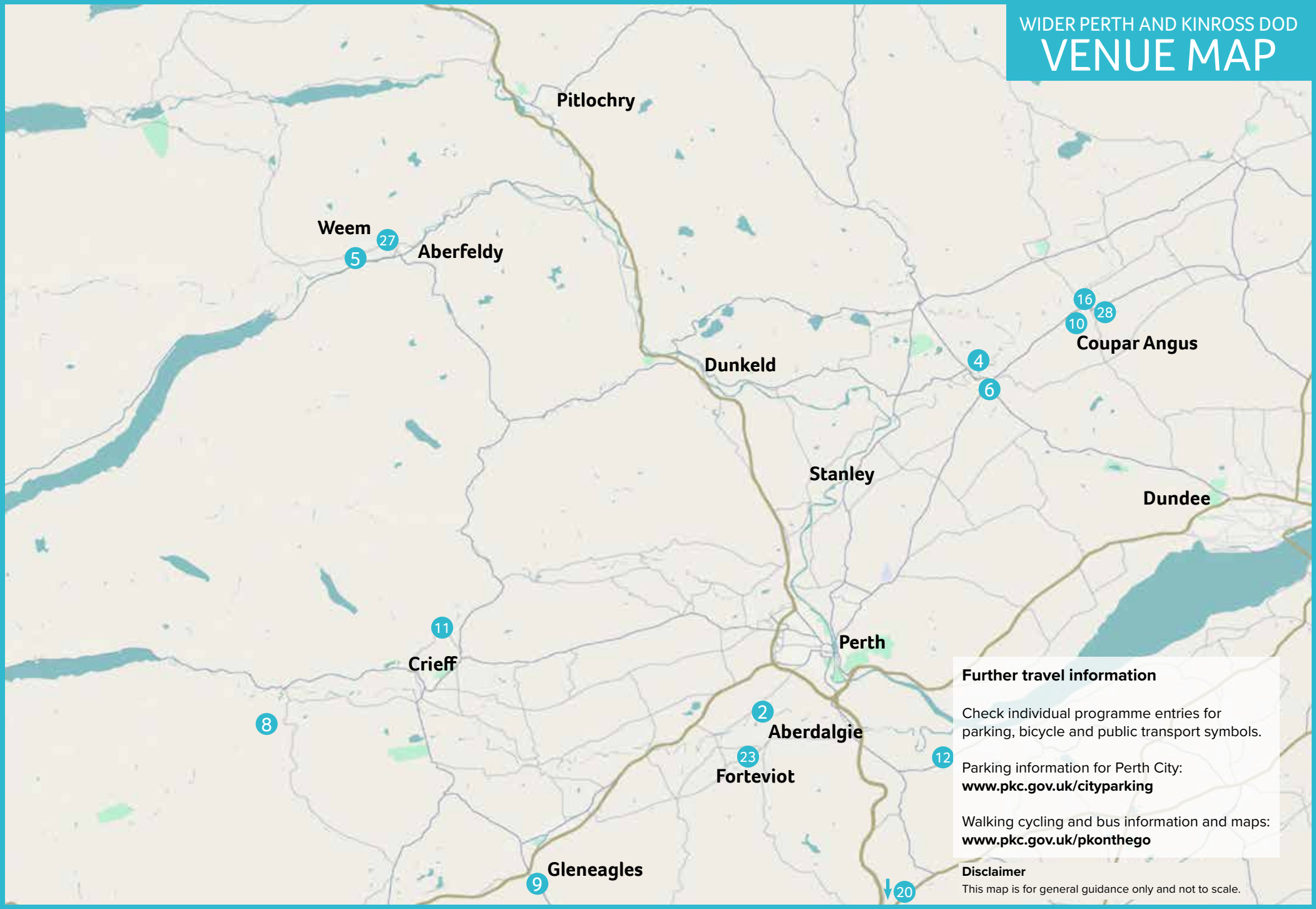
VENUE MAP



Further travel information

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#17 Ropemakers Building and Horners Plot

Ropemakers events venue sits on Ropemakers Close, one of ‘Perth’s Little Streets’.
The Blackbird Garden, a peaceful biodiverse space, and Horners Plot, adjacent to the building add to the countryside feel in an urban setting.

Inside Ropemakers Venue we will have photographs of the building before and after transformation.

And the information boards outside the building will illustrate the considerable heritage associated with Ropemakers Close.

Sat 19th Sept
Sun 20th Sept
12:00pm - 4:30pm

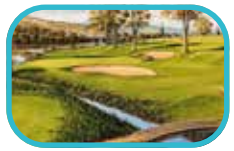
1 Ropemakers Close, Perth, PH2 8FD

#18 Royal Perth Golfing Society

Instituted as a golfing society within the City of Perth in 1824, Royal Perth is the first and oldest royal golf club in the world. Golf is still central to the ethos of the Club, although other sports and pastimes are now major attractions – clay target shooting, curling, bridge, walking, snooker and fishing. Social activities are equally prominent.

In 1876 the Club acquired its present premises in a Georgian crescent with fine views over the historic North Inch.

The Club is also home to Guildry Incorporation of Perth. The “Guildry” as it is familiarly known, is of great antiquity, and is the direct descendant of the Merchant Guild which received its royal recognition in the famous



Charter which King William the Lion granted to the City of Perth in 1210.

Short tours of the building will be made throughout the day with guides highlighting art, trophies, books and golfing memorabilia as well as some information on the Club history and the Guildry Incorporation. Some archival items will be on display.
Tour times: 12pm - 2pm
Booking not necessary

Sat 19th Sept
Sun 20th Sept
11:00am - 4:00pm

1 Atholl Crescent, Perth, PH1 5NG

#19 Royal Scottish Geographical Society

The Royal Scottish Geographical Society’s visitor centre is a geographical delight, housed in the oldest secular building in Perth. Visitors can learn about the rich history of Perth and the Fair Maid’s House and discover the very best of geography and exploration through its amazing collection of maps, artefacts and books.

Explore items from our varied and rich collections of artefacts and maps, revealing the cultural and historical heritage of people and places around the world. Hear how these items raise awareness of the challenges facing our shared heritage and inspire us to protect it for future generations.

Sat 19th Sept | 12:30pm - 4:00pm

15-19 North Port, Perth, PH1 5LU

#20 RSPB Loch Leven

Loch Leven nature reserve is a haven for families, nature lovers and wildlife watchers alike. Set on the southern shore of the loch, the reserve is home to Swallows and breeding waders in spring and summer, migratory geese and Whooper Swans in autumn, and woodland birds all year round. We have a café, shop and toilets.

We’ll be providing guided tours of the reserve for free. In these tours we’ll be looking out for wildlife that can be found at the reserve.

Tour Times: 11.00am | 2.00pm | 3.30pm

Sat 19th Sept
Sun 20th Sept
10:00am - 5:00pm

Vane Farm, Kinross, KY13 9LX

Ropemakers - Photo Credit: Fraser Band Photography

#21 St. John's Kirk

A church has stood on this site for 900 years and we are arranging things to mark and celebrate this special year. John Knox preached here in May 1559 arousing much controversy. Robert Lorimer was responsible for restoration in 1926 and further works have recently been completed with more waiting to be done. The Kirk has the largest collection of bells in the country and some beautiful stained glass windows.

Guided tours from 12.00 onwards – depending on numbers

Sat 19th Sept | 10:30am - 4:00pm
Sun 20th Sept | 12:00am - 4:00pm

St. John's Place, Perth, PH1 5SZ

#22 St. Matthew's Church

St.Matthew's Church was built in 1871 with its 212ft high steeple. It was internally refurbished 10 years ago maintaining the ambiance of the original building.

A "Walker" pipe organ was installed in 1895 and is still in full use.

On the Saturday morning there will be an ongoing coffee morning with Craft exhibition. Visitors are welcome to join the coffee morning or simply enjoy a visit to the building.

Ther will be a separate space for quiet meditation and prayer.

Sat 19th Sept | 10:00am - 1:00pm
Sun 20th Sept | 1:00pm - 4:00pm

St. John's Place, Perth, PH1 5SZ

#23 St. Andrew's Church Forteviot

Known as The Cradle of Scotland, in the ninth century Kenneth Macalpin, the king who unified the Picts and Scots into a single nation, had his royal palace and chapel at Forteviot.

Enjoy a tour of the church, see the historic bell, the Pictish Stones and the picturesque village built under the instruction of John Dewar, 1st Baron Forteviot, influenced by the Garden City movement.

Heritage display at the village hall with complimentary refreshments.

No need to book! Sign up to tours on arrival.

Sun 20th Sept | 12:00pm - 4:00pm

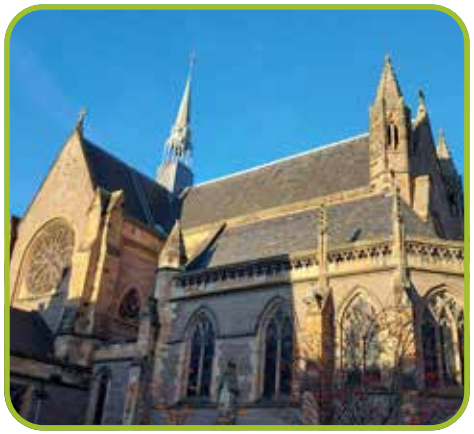
Forteviot, Perthshire, PH2 9BT

#24 St. Ninian's Cathedral

A historic 'A listed' Cathedral of the Scottish Episcopal Church begun in 1849 and designed by William Butterfield. Our Lady Chapel, a later addition, was paid for by Mr. MacGregor, later immortalised by Beatrix Potter in her Peter rabbit stories.

Saturday – Live music (Piano) 10.00-12.00
Sunday – join us for:

- 11.00am, Sung Eucharist with our choir
- 3pm, talk and tour: 'St Ninian's Cathedral in 15 Objects', by the Provost, the Very Revd Dr Stephen Holmes FRHistS
- 4pm, Choral Evensong sung by our choir
- Piano recital – "Music for Contemplation" by Mavy Giust Williamson



Sat 19th Sept | 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sun 20th Sept | 10:00am - 5:00pm

North Methven Street, Perth, PH1 5PP

The Y Centre - Photo Credit: Fraser Band Photography

#25 The Search for the Perth Charterhouse

Established in 1429 by King James I of Scotland as his royal mausoleum and the Kingdom of Scotland's only monastic house of the Carthusian Order from La Grande Chartreuse in the French Alps. The priory church at the heart of the Perth Charterhouse is said to have been the most beautiful and lavishly decorated in the Kingdom with no expense spared in its construction. Attacked and suppressed 130 years later, the Charterhouse is Perth's lost medieval marvel.

10:00 and 14:00: Walking tours of the Charterhouse precinct led by members of the project team, departing from the Carthusian

Monastery Monument (corner of King and Hospital Streets).
11:00 and 15:00: Dig talks at the Carthusian Monastery Monument with site orientation and discoveries from the archaeological excavations.

Sat 19th Sept
Sun 20th Sept
10:00am - 4:00pm

Corner of King St and Hospital St, Perth, PH2 8HP

#26 The Y Centre

The Y Centre, run by YMCA Tayside, is located in the former St Andrew's and St Stephen's Church buildings in Atholl Street, Perth. The renovation, costing over £6 Million, has been designed with input from the young people who will use it, offers a safe space for people aged eight to 25 and saves two derelict historic buildings from demolition.

Open to all, join us for a behind-the-scenes tour of the Y Centre and a chance to learn about the building's rebirth and our work with the people of Perth.

Split over three floors, the facilities include a digital skills hub, drop-in space, a gaming zone, gym, craft workshop, meeting spaces,

quiet areas, and an outdoor courtyard centred around a restored historic well. Please invite your young people so they can see firsthand what we are all about.

Sat 19th Sept | 10:00am - 4:00pm

The Y Centre, 19 Atholl Street, Perth, PH1 5NH

#27 Weem Church

Weem Church was built c1870 as an Episcopal church by Sir Robert Menzies. Due to there being no heir, it transferred to the Church of Scotland in c1918. It contains a pipe organ built by J W Walker c1875 and three stained glass windows depicting pivotal events in the life of Jesus - the Annunciation of Mary, the Ascension of Jesus and the Empty Tomb on Easter day. These were produced by Edward Reginald Frampton of Woolwich, London (who lived from 1845 to 1928).

There will be an open church service 09.45 to 11.00 on the 20 September

Sat 19th Sept
Sun 20th Sept
9:00am - 5:00pm

Weem, PH15 2LD

#28 Coupar Angus Town Hall

A Grade C Lited building within the town's conservation area designed by David Smart and opened in 1887 to celebrate Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee.

Sometimes known as the Victoria Hall it was paid for by public subscription and used for a wide range of community activities.

Covid closed it in 2020. The Coupar Angus Town Hall Association is a registered charity and is working with Perth and Kinross council on a plan to reopen the building.

Provisonal opening times are Saturday and Sunday 12-3pm but check arrangements at www.coupar-angus-town-hall.org.uk.

Sat 19th Sept
Sun 20th Sept
12:00pm - 3:00pm

Coupar Angus, Perth and Kinross, PH13 9AE

Weem Church - Photo Credit: Fraser Band Photography

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