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PLACES TO SEE IN DUNBLANE AND SURROUND AREAS

DUNBLANE

Dunblane has a wealth of activities and sights for young and old alike. See our local attractions such as **Dunblane Cathedral** your exquisite view from your rooms. Learn more at Dunblane's very own **Museum** or the oldest library in Scotland; **Leighton Library**. or our latest tourist attraction, the **golden post box!**

If you enjoy **walking or cycling**, there are many beautiful routes in and around the town, and we have many play areas for young children, just ask at reception for a map of the beautiful walks Dunblane has to offer. If you feel more energetic, why not join in one of the many sporting activities available at the Dunblane Centre, or play tennis at **Dunblane Sports Club** or golf at Dunblane New **Golf Club**.

FURTHER AFIELD

Stirling Castle is one of Scotland's most historically important sites and was once a favoured residence of the Stewart kings and queens who held grand celebrations at the castle. With beautiful gardens to unwind in, costumed performers who bring history to life and welcoming staff, the award-winning Stirling Castle is a must-see for all the family.

Blair Drummond; Scotland's safari park is located between Stirling and Doune, and is the only place in the country where you can see elephants and giraffes. Voted the 2010 Scottish Thistle Awards Winner for the "Perfect Kid's Day Out", Blair Drummond lets you come face to face with spectacular exotic animals.

Situated just north of Stirling, the **Argaty Red Kites** is Central Scotland's only red kite feeding station with up to 30 birds to be seen. On top the spring and summer guided walks the centre offers daily ranger-led visits to the hide from where visitors can watch the kite's flying acrobatic0`0s set against the backdrop of hill fields.



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The **Deanston Distillery** situated in Doune is a perfect day out, whether you like a 'wee dram' or not! This interactive visitors centre offers tours introducing you to the world of Scottish whisky.

Explore the formidable **Doone Castle** was built for the Regent Albany in the 14th century. The striking keep-gatehouse combines domestic quarters including the splendid Lord's Hall with its carved oak screen, musicians' gallery and double fireplace. This was used as a film location for the BBC production of *Ivanhoe* and *Monty Python and the Holy Grail*.

The **Allan Water Brewhouse**; this visitor centre in the picturesque town of Bridge of Allan lets you see behind the scenes of a working micro-brewery.

Renew your acquaintance with Scotland's legendary freedom fighter by visiting the National **Wallace Monument** in Stirling. Scale the summit of the 220 ft sandstone tower, which sits atop Abbey Craig, for panoramic sights of the whole of Stirling, reaching from the Forth Valley to the Ochil Hills.

Founded in 12th century, the **Church of the Holy Rude** is the second oldest building in Stirling. The church occupies a magnificent location on the shoulder of the city's highest hill and thanks to the short proximity to Stirling Castle it played a unique place in history. It was here that James VI was crowned King of Scotland in 1567 with the ceremony being performed by John Knox.

Cowane's Hospital; Built by rich local merchant John Cowane in 1637 as an Almshouse for 'decayed members of the Guild of Merchants', this former guildhall commonly hosts concerts. Referred to as 'Auld Stoney Breeks', John Cowane was one of Stirling's richest merchants during the mid 17th-century. Dean of the Merchant Guild, he left funds to build Cowane's hospital, which originally acted as a place for Guild members to meet. It was constructed between 1637 - 1649 next to the Church of Holy Rude.