

Visitor Guide

Dunfermline & West Fife



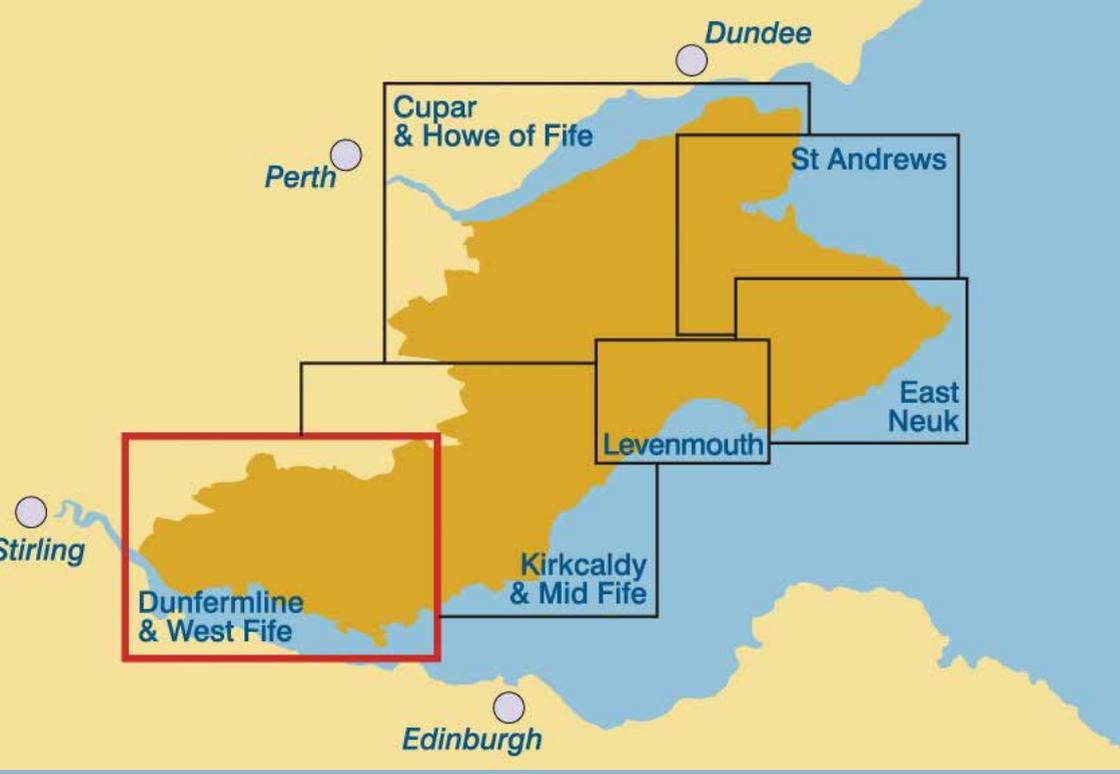
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Welcome

One of the best connected destinations in Scotland, West Fife is home to ancient capital Dunfermline as well as pretty villages, great walking and cycling routes, golf, beaches, shopping and lots to do. Rich in historical interest and with a host of attractions including Knockhill Racing Circuit and Deep Sea World, West Fife is a fascinating place to visit and an excellent base for a touring holiday. It's just a short journey across the Forth from Edinburgh and as the gateway to the rest of Fife it's within easy reach of the fishing villages of the East Neuk and the golfing paradise of St Andrews.



Statue of Dunfermline's famous son, Andrew Carnegie



welcome to Dunfermline & West Fife

Dunfermline & West Fife Local Tourism Association is part of Fife's Tourism Partnership, made up of a range of businesses within Fife's tourism sector. Its aim is to ensure that visitors experience the very best that the region has to offer, showcasing its natural assets, attractions and heritage and illustrating that the region is an ideal destination for a holiday, short break or as a base for touring.

Tourism businesses interested in becoming involved in Fife's Tourism Partnership should go to tourismnetfife.co.uk for more information.

The Dunfermline & West Fife Local Tourism Association welcomes comments from visitors to the region.

What have you enjoyed?

What can we improve?

Please let us know at www.welcometofife.com

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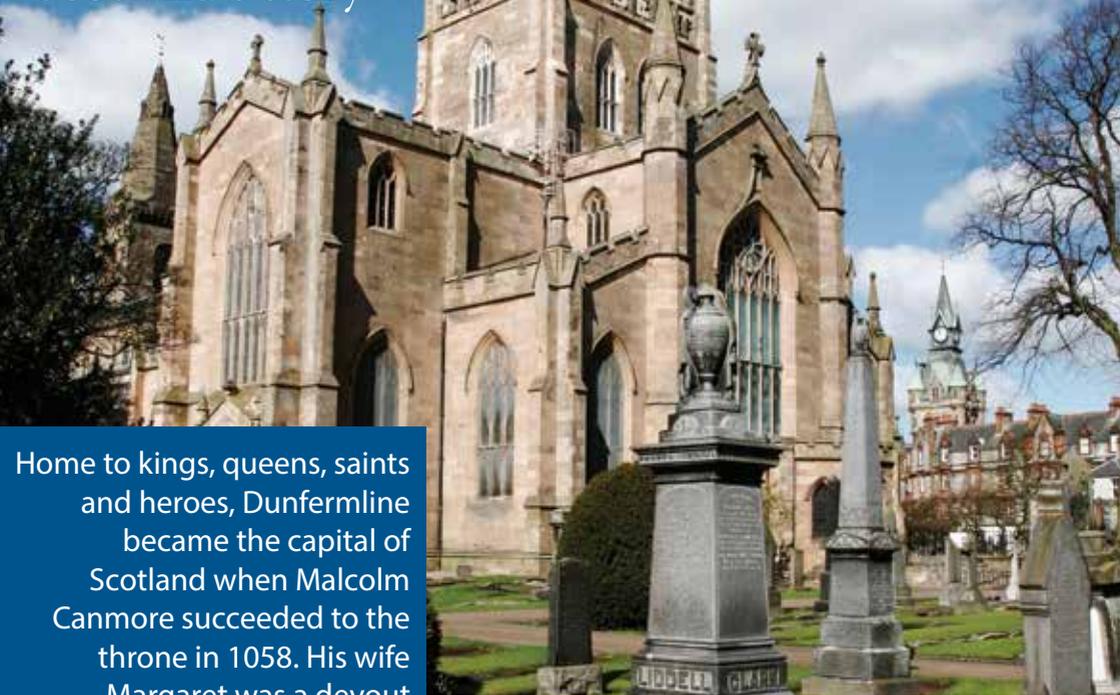


Fun at Dunfermline's Festival

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Ancient capital

Discover West Fife's rich history which lies at the heart of Scotland's story



Home to kings, queens, saints and heroes, Dunfermline became the capital of Scotland when Malcolm Canmore succeeded to the throne in 1058. His wife Margaret was a devout Catholic who founded a church and monastery in the town. She was canonised in 1249, becoming St Margaret of Scotland. Malcolm and Margaret are one of Scotland's most famous historical couples.

Dunfermline Abbey 5

Dunfermline's most iconic landmark is the magnificent Norman Abbey. It was built by David I in 1128 on the site of the Benedictine priory founded by his mother Queen Margaret. The original foundations of Margaret's church can still be seen through a grating in the Abbey nave floor. Over the centuries, the Abbey became a mix of architectural styles but the superb nave with its massive pillars and rare Norman decorations can still be admired. The newer part of the Abbey was built in the 19th Century and continues to be an active parish church.



The king sits in
Dunfermline town
Drinking the blude red
wine
Oh whar can I find a
skeely skipper
To sail this ship of mine?

Burial site of Kings

Malcolm Canmore and six other Scottish Kings are buried in Dunfermline Abbey with the grave of Robert the Bruce located beneath the pulpit. Bruce's heart was removed to be taken to the Holy Land as he had wished. It never made it and now lies in Melrose Abbey. Queen Margaret was buried in the Abbey: her Shrine drew pilgrims from around the world throughout the Middle Ages.

Image shows interior of Dunfermline Abbey specially lit for the The Pilgrim son et lumiere event in 2008
Photo courtesy of Tim Fitzpatrick

- 506 1st record of settlement
- 1058 Malcolm Canmore becomes King of Scotland
Dunfermline becomes Scotland's capital
- 1072 Queen Margaret establishes Priory
- 1128 Work begins on Dunfermline Abbey
- 1249 Queen Margaret becomes Saint Margaret
- 1291 Coal mining begins
- 1329 Robert the Bruce buried in Dunfermline Abbey
- 1597 Culross Palace built
- 1603 Royal Court moves to London
- 1624 Dunfermline city fire
- 1718 Damask weaving begins
- 1758 General John Forbes founds Pittsburgh, USA
- 1835 Andrew Carnegie is born
- 1848 Andrew Carnegie emigrates to USA
- 1883 1st Carnegie Library opens in Dunfermline
- 1890 Forth Rail Bridge opens
- 1903 Pittencrieff Park gifted to Dunfermline by Carnegie
- 1909 Naval Dockyard established at Rosyth
- 1964 Forth Road Bridge opens
- 2015 Forth Bridge inscribed UNESCO World Heritage Site
- 2017 Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Galleries open
Queensferry Crossing opens

Behind Dunfermline Abbey are the remains of **The Monastery**, founded by Benedictine monks brought to Dunfermline by Queen Margaret. In its day it would have featured cloisters, workshops, a refectory, orchards and a fishpond.

Next to the Monastery is the **Royal Palace**, **6** a striking facade with stone windows framing southerly views. The Palace was probably built in the 14th Century as a guesthouse for important visitors to the Abbey and Monastery. King Robert the Bruce often visited Dunfermline as did Edward I. Scottish Kings, David II, James I and Charles I were all born in the Palace, the latter being the last monarch born in Scotland. Dunfermline's royal connections ended in 1603 when James VI moved the Scottish Court to London.

Dunfermline is one of the best preserved medieval landscapes in Scotland

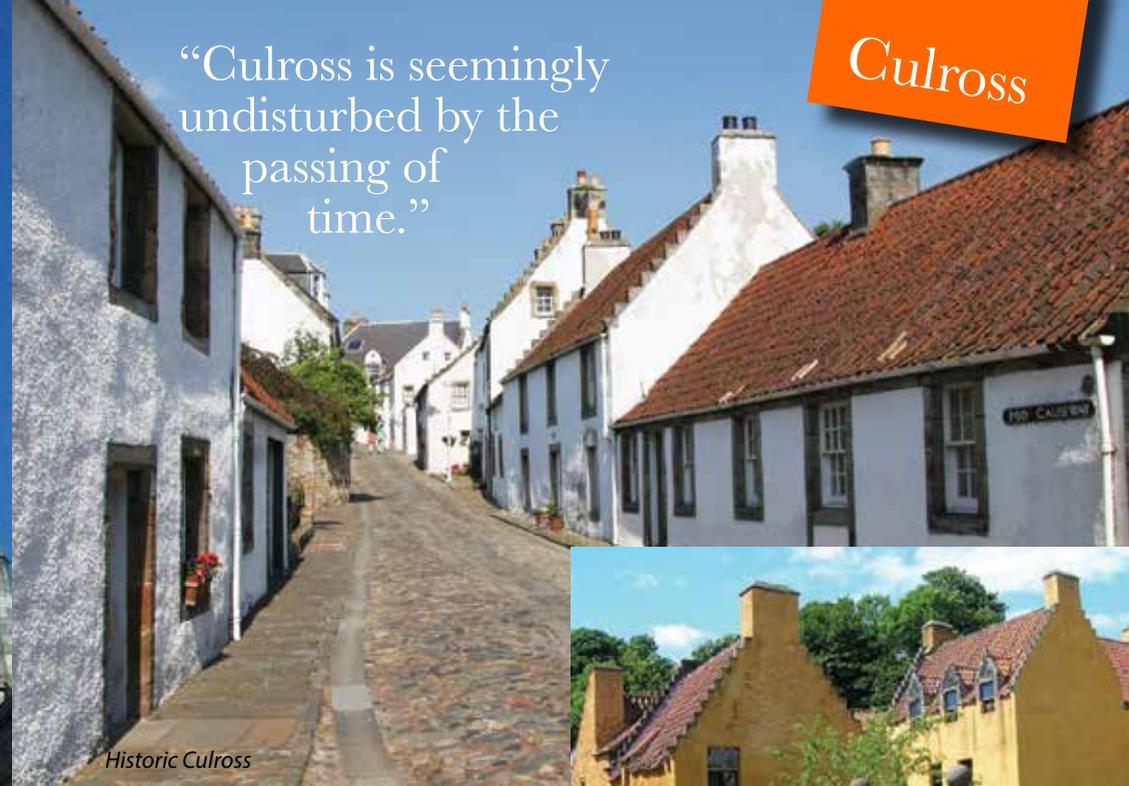


Scottish hero William Wallace hid from his enemies in a cave in the dense woodland around the Abbey: known as Wallace's Well, the cave can still be seen in Pittencrieff Park.

image © Stirling Smith Art Gallery & Museum

“Culross is seemingly undisturbed by the passing of time.”

Culross



Historic Culross

To the west of Dunfermline is the fascinating medieval village of **Culross**, birthplace of St Mungo, patron saint of Glasgow.

Two of its most significant buildings are **Culross Palace**, built by Sir George Bruce at the start of the 17th Century and **The Townhouse** which dates back to 1626. The village has been designated an Outstanding Conservation Area and has many well preserved 16th and 17th Century houses. The village harbour is one of the oldest in Scotland.

Overlooking the village is the 13th Century **Culross Abbey**, **2** which serves as the parish church to this day.

Starting at Culross (and North Queensferry) the 64 mile Fife Pilgrim Way winds its way via Dunfermline across Fife to St Andrews.
www.walkfife.com



Culross Palace is owned by the National Trust for Scotland. Its gardens are open all year round and the furnished interior is open from April to October.
www.nts.org.uk/property/22 **3**

There are interesting shops, galleries and places to eat in Culross and, on selected summer weekends, some of the impressive private gardens are open to the public. Culross is one of the main filming locations for the Outlander TV series
 [FilmingFifeTourism](https://www.facebook.com/FilmingFifeTourism).

As well as Culross, West Fife's other historic coastal villages, **Aberdour**, **Limekilns** and **Charleston** are also worth exploring.

Things to do



Take an underwater safari at **Deep Sea World**, Scotland's National Aquarium. The UK's longest underwater viewing tunnel lets you get up close to one of the biggest shark collections in Europe. There's a cafe and gift shop and parking is free.

w: deepseaworld.com **13**
t: 01383 411880

Sub aqua fun at Deep Sea World

Adventure Golf Island is a Florida-style fun golf course with floodlit night play just outside Dunfermline. Also on the outskirts of the city is the **Odeon** multiplex cinema and **Hollywood Bowl**, offering ten pin bowling, American pool, video arcade, licensed bar and grill.

w: adventure-golf-island.com
w: odeon.co.uk
w: hollywoodbowl.co.uk/dunfermline

The **Scottish Vintage Bus Museum** just north of Dunfermline is a unique attraction with a collection of restored buses from the 1920s onwards. Open Sundays.

w: svbm.online
Set in the beautiful surroundings of Craigluscar Hill, **Craigluscar Activities** offers quad biking, clay pigeon shooting and tractor driving.
w: craigluscar.co.uk



Scotland's **National Waterski Centre** is based at Townhill Country Park near Dunfermline. **10**
w: waterskiscotland.co.uk



On match days **Dunfermline Athletic Football Club**, known locally as the 'Pars', attracts lots of visitors to the town. The club hosts fun events throughout the year and tours of the ground are available. w: dafc.co.uk



Carnegie Leisure Centre in Dunfermline is a state of the art facility with swimming pools, fitness suites, sports halls, Turkish Suite, climbing wall and café. There are also swimming pools in Cowdenbeath, Burntisland and Kirkcaldy.



Photo courtesy of Jo Freeman

Knockhill Racing Circuit is Scotland's national motorsport centre. Its action-packed events schedule includes the high speed spills and thrills of British Touring Cars, Superbikes and the Scottish Motor Show. Events take place on most weekends from spring to autumn attracting large crowds. There's also a wide variety of driving experiences including karting, 4x4 or the ultimate thrill of taking a racing, rally or classic car for a spin around the track.

w: knockhill.com **4**



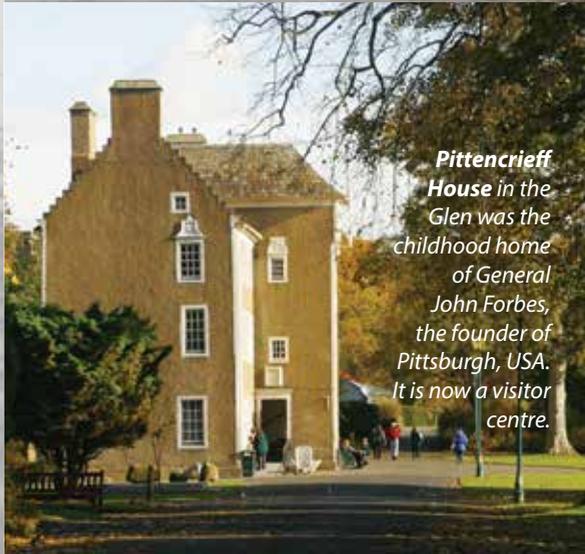
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Green spaces

The jewel in Dunfermline's crown is the outstanding **Pittencrieff Park** known locally as '**the Glen**'. **7** It is a wonderful place to visit with stunning views, sweeping lawns and delightful walks. There is also an art deco pavilion with cafe, an open air stage, botanic gardens and two excellent children's playgrounds. The Glen is accessed through the grand Louise Carnegie Gates at the foot of the High Street.

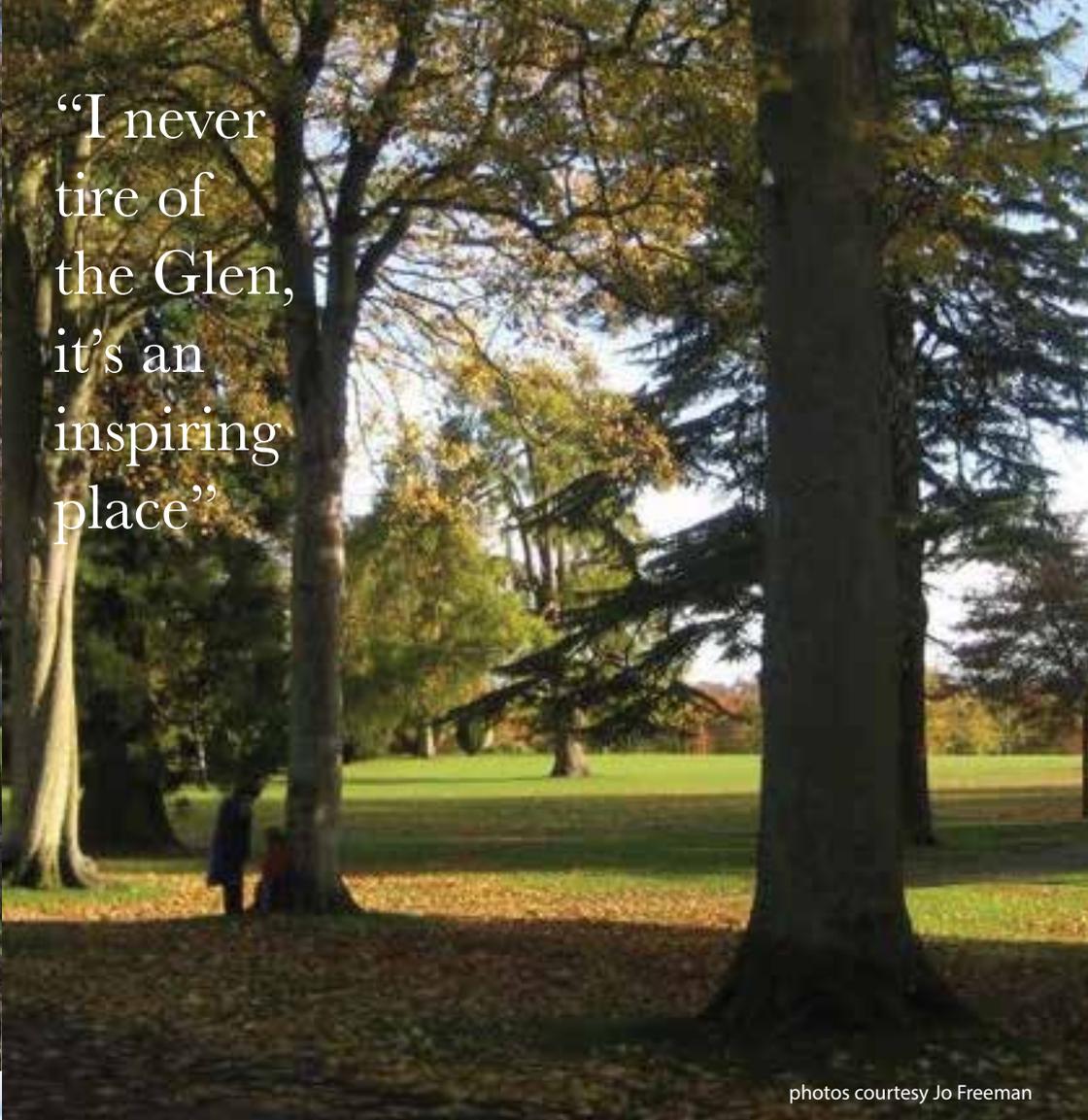
At the other end of the High Street is the **Public Park**, one of the oldest in Scotland. Designed by Joseph Paxton, designer of Crystal Palace in London, it has panoramic views, a Victorian bandstand, skate park and children's play areas.

Townhill Country Park is another attractive green space to explore while **Torry Bay Nature Reserve** is a must for wildlife lovers. Just nine miles north of Dunfermline is **Loch Leven**, Scotland's largest lowland loch, a National Nature Reserve and location of **Loch Leven's Larder**, a well stocked farm shop, deli and cafe.



Pittencrieff House in the Glen was the childhood home of General John Forbes, the founder of Pittsburgh, USA. It is now a visitor centre.

“I never tire of the Glen, it's an inspiring place”



photos courtesy Jo Freeman



Great outdoors

The stretch of the **Fife Coastal Path** that runs from Kincardine to North Queensferry embraces shoreline, harbours and history. The predominantly flat terrain is perfect for leisure walking with much of the route also catering for cyclists. Travelling from west to east the Path passes through ancient Culross, Torry Bay Nature Reserve and the historic villages of Charleston and Limekilns before arriving at the iconic Forth Bridges. **w: fifecoastalpath.co.uk**

For a map of the coastal path turn to page 31 or pick up route maps and information from visitor information centres.

“Beaches, forests, hills... Fife is a natural outdoor playground.”

The view from the Coastal Path approaching Limekilns

Image courtesy of Kevin McCollom Photography

Fife Cycle Ways: Fife is a great place to explore by bike. There are many sign-posted routes including stretches of the Coastal Path and the highly popular **West Fife Way** which runs for 11 miles from Dunfermline to Clackmannan. An interesting section of Fife's 105 mile **Kingdom Cycle Route** goes from Inverkeithing through the densely wooded trails of Blairadam Forest.

w: fifedirect.org.uk/fife-cycleways

Image courtesy of Edinburgh Ski Touring Club **w: estc.org.uk**



West Fife is home to some beautiful beaches

Looking out to the islands of Inchmickery and Inchcolm, Aberdour's **Silver Sands** **14** is one of the most popular and attractive beaches on the Fife coast. It forms a stunning section of the Fife Coastal Path. **Black Sands**, also in Aberdour, is a small, quiet, sandy bay with good views of the Firth of Forth, while **Burntisland**, a little further east, has another attractive beach and is well worth visiting.



Aerial view of Silver Sands

Lochore Meadows Country Park is a major centre for outdoor pursuits including sailing, mountain biking, fishing and riding **w: fifedirect.gov/lochore_meadows**



Woodland walks: With **Blairadam Forest** just to the north of Dunfermline and **Devilla Forest** **1** to the west near Kincardine, there is plenty of attractive woodland in which to walk and to discover the abundant wildlife. **w: scotland.forestry.gov.uk**

Devilla Forest courtesy of Forestry Commission

Golf

Forth Bridges

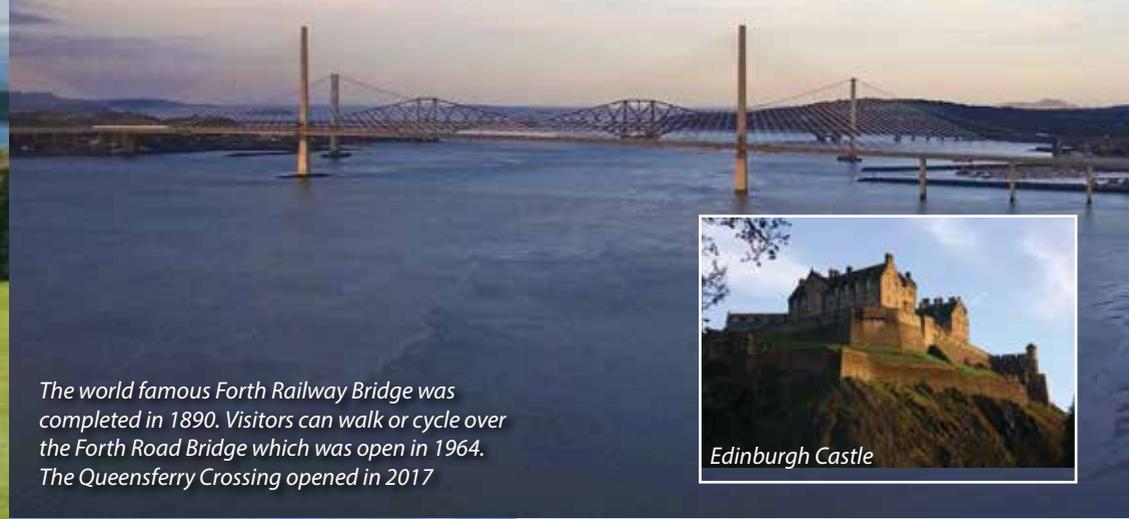
‘West Fife’s enviable location brings the cultural delights of Edinburgh within easy reach’



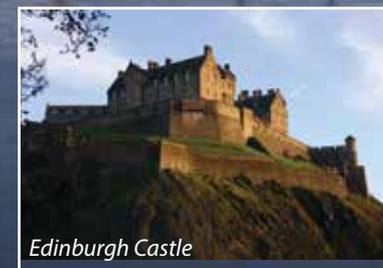
Aberdour Golf Club



Dunfermline Golf Club



The world famous Forth Railway Bridge was completed in 1890. Visitors can walk or cycle over the Forth Road Bridge which was open in 1964. The Queensferry Crossing opened in 2017



Edinburgh Castle

West Fife’s golf courses provide a good challenge and excellent value for money. There are many attractive parkland courses, often set in rolling countryside or overlooking the sea.

Dunfermline Golf Club winds its way around a 15th Century Tower House or, for some sea air, the courses at **Aberdour**, **Burntisland** and **Kinghorn** make for a rewarding round.

Forrester Park Resort is a modern golf complex with a championship course, restaurants and driving range open every day of the year.

There’s a spectacular outlook over the local countryside from **Saline’s 9 hole course**, while **Pitreavie Golf Club** in Dunfermline boasts views to Edinburgh and the Firth of Forth.

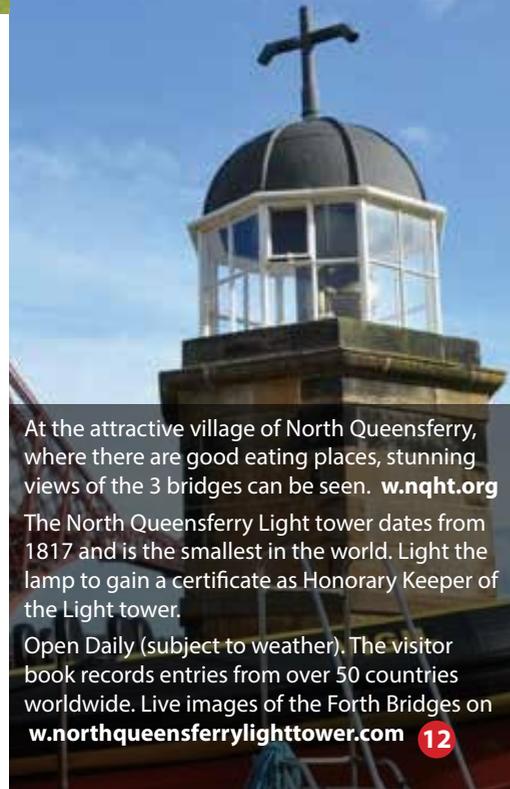
Golfing visitors are often pleasantly surprised by the good value green fees and quality of golf in West Fife. Only 20 minutes from Edinburgh airport, it’s a great location for a golf break with **Gleneagles**, venue of the 2014 Ryder Cup, and **St Andrews** close at hand.

Check out Fife’s Golf Packages to get the best offers on green fees and tee time availability.

Check out w.Visitfifegolf.com for more information

Well connected

From West Fife, you’re in easy reach of Scotland’s most appealing destinations. Just along the coast are the quaint fishing villages of the East Neuk and the famous university town and golfing mecca of St Andrews. Historic towns such as Falkland and Cupar are also nearby and worth visiting. Head north to discover the traditional county town of Perth known as the ‘Gateway to the Highlands’ or, for a faster pace, check out the bustling city of Dundee, just across the Tay Bridge from Fife’s north coast. Edinburgh is just half an hour away while Glasgow can be reached in an hour. Regular trains connect West Fife to all points and there’s a Park and Ride facility at Inverkeithing. International links are provided by the ferry port at Rosyth and by Edinburgh International Airport, only 14 miles distant. There are bus links and park and ride facilities at Ferrytoll and Halbeath.



At the attractive village of North Queensferry, where there are good eating places, stunning views of the 3 bridges can be seen. w.nqht.org

The North Queensferry Light tower dates from 1817 and is the smallest in the world. Light the lamp to gain a certificate as Honorary Keeper of the Light tower.

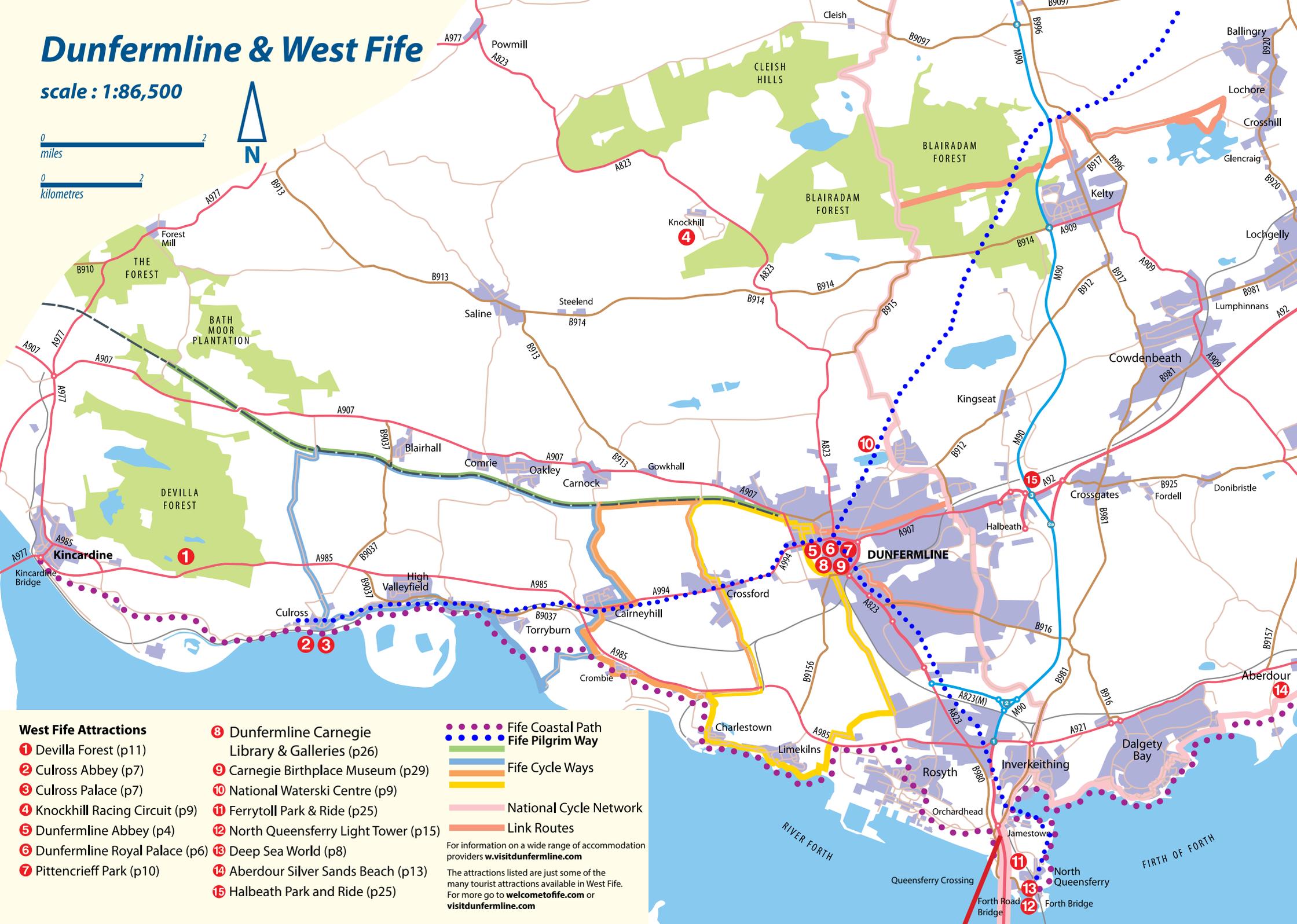
Open Daily (subject to weather). The visitor book records entries from over 50 countries worldwide. Live images of the Forth Bridges on w.northqueensferrylighttower.com **12**

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West Fife Attractions

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- Fife Coastal Path
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- Fife Cycle Ways
- National Cycle Network
- Link Routes

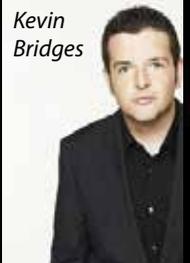
For information on a wide range of accommodation providers w.visitdunfermline.com

The attractions listed are just some of the many tourist attractions available in West Fife. For more go to welcometofife.com or visitdunfermline.com

“West Fife is increasingly known for its vibrant, year round entertainment scene.”



A packed house at the Alhambra
Photo courtesy of craigbrownphotography.com



Kevin Bridges

The Alhambra Theatre attracts some of the biggest names in showbusiness to Dunfermline. The theatre retains all of its historic atmosphere and regularly plays host to stars of comedy, music, drama and West End shows.
w: alhambradunfermline.com 01383 740384

The Carnegie Hall is a performing arts and live music centre with a 540 seat theatre and restaurant. It has an established reputation for a varied programme of music, drama, dance, comedy and children’s entertainment.
w: onfife.com 01383 602302

Fans of **live music** will find that Dunfermline is a popular venue for some of the top names in music and comedy. **PJ Molloys, Fresh Coffee Shop** and **The Old Inn** regularly host live music as do **Reubens, Lorenzo** and **Harlem**. **Fire Station Creative** - with 21 artists studios, a gallery, classroom and café, discover something different in Dunfermline’s former art-deco fire station.



Paolo Nutini



Biffy Clyro



KT Tunstall

For the latest entertainment listings go to w.welcometofife.com/whatson and visitdunfermline.com/whatson



Lochgelly has an exciting new performance space and arts venue in its revamped **Lochgelly Centre**.



A multi screen Odeon cinema is located at the Fife Leisure Park in Dunfermline.



Launched in 2019, **Fife Pilgrim Way** is a Scottish Long distance footpath that runs inland through Fife, from Culross and North Queensferry via Dunfermline to St Andrews

<https://fifewalking.com/fife-walks/fife-pilgrim-way>



Staff from Fresh Coffee Shop take part in the Dunfermline Gala

Spring sees the The Snowdrop Festival at Valleyfield Woodland Park and the season opening of The Andrew Carnegie Museum.

In March, the Dunfermline Comic Con attracts the world of comic books, writers and artists to Pittencrieff Park. In April, the Food and Craft Weekend promotes the extensive products of local firms and microbusinesses – breads, cheeses, and cakes.

Knockhill hosts the Scottish Motor Show and the MCE Superbike Championship in May with the Scottish Speedfair and Classic Festival following in July.

Summer events include the West Fife Agricultural Show and the Dunfermline Children's Gala which, as well as a colourful parade through the town, includes a day of fun in Pittencrieff Park.

Autumn sees the British Touring Cars Championship at Knockhill, the annual Beer Festival in Dunfermline, a spooky programme of goings-on around the ancient Capital, with a highlight of November being Dunfermline's fabulous firework display which attracts thousands of spectators to Pittencrieff Park.

As the year closes, the **Winter Festival** in November sees Santa Claus start Christmas season in style in Dunfermline with the annual by switching on the festive lights.

The town welcomes over 10,000 visitors to watch events taking place throughout the day. There event has everything from live music, food stalls, the famous Christmas parade down the High Street before the big Christmas lights switch-on. Local theatres host their annual Pantomime Season.

Year round, Open Doors Days and regular events in Dunfermline's Kingsgate Shopping Centre and at Dunfermline Athletic Football Club complete a busy schedule of fun and festivities.

The Dunfermline Fresh Air Festival in the Public Park is a part town fete, sports day and music festival and is held towards the end of May. **The Outwith Festival** is held in September presenting a wide variety of performances, music, art, and drama across many venues in Dunfermline. w.outwithfestival.co.uk

For the latest events information go to visitdunfermline.com

Dunfermline is a popular destination for an evening out. There's a choice of great nightclubs in the compact town centre and a mix of traditional pubs and contemporary bars.

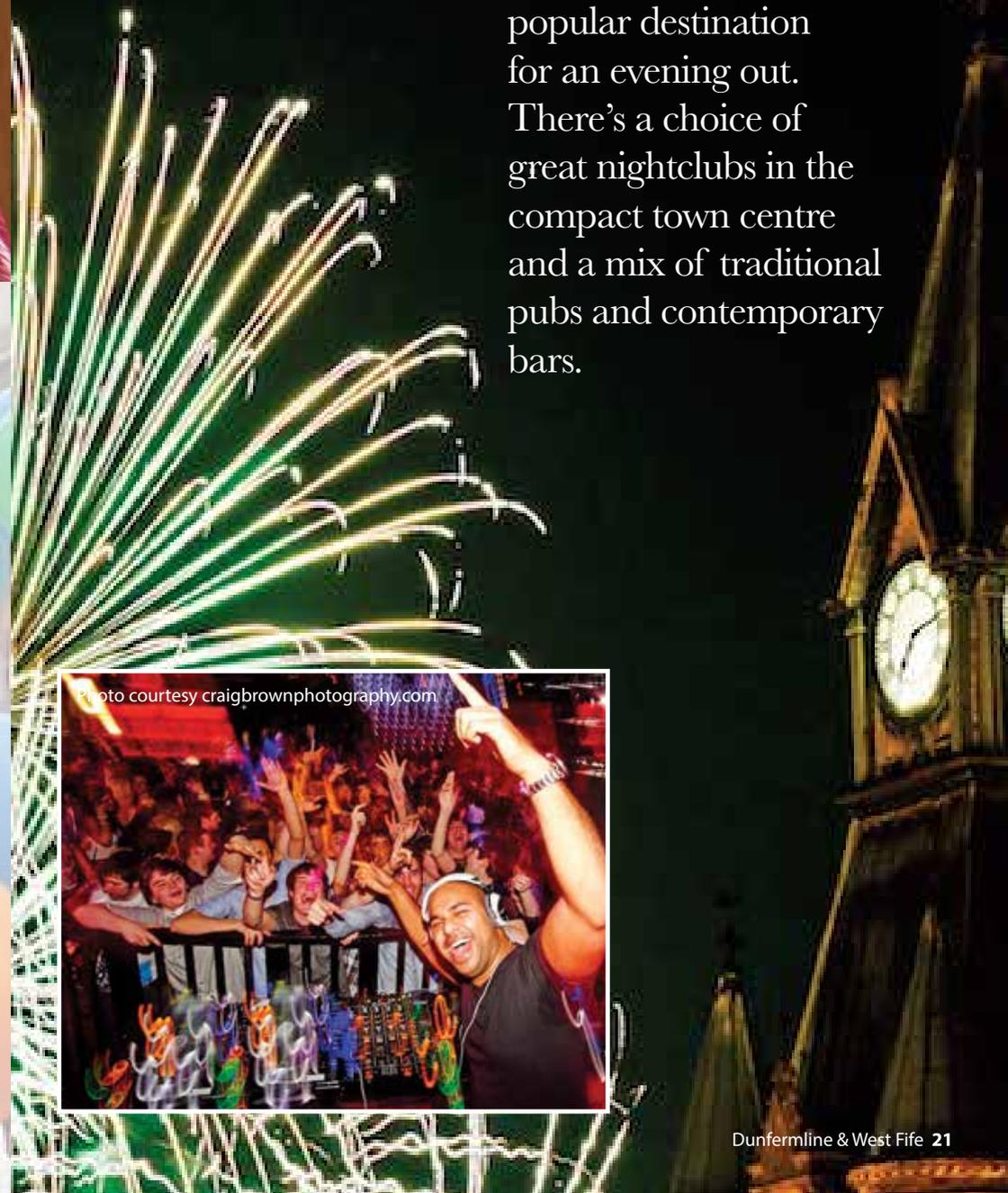


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Eating out



The Biscuit Cafe, Culross



Pitbauchlie House Hotel



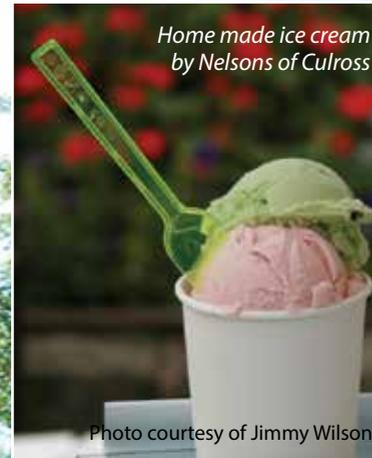
JD Wetherspoons



West Fife offers visitors a wide range of dining options including contemporary European, Asian and traditional Scottish cuisine. Reasonably priced, traditional pub food is widely available throughout the area and villages such as Carnock, Crossford and Limekilns have traditional inns offering good food in cosy surroundings. There are good cafes and coffee shops in Dunfermline, such as **Reubens** and **Fresh Coffee Shop** and popular restaurant and pizza chains can be found at Fife Leisure Park, just to the east of Dunfermline.

Grill 48 in Dunfermline is a popular choice

Food and drink



Home made ice cream by Nelsons of Culross

Photo courtesy of Jimmy Wilson



Craig Wood, Chef/Proprietor, The Wee Restaurant, North Queensferry
Image courtesy Chris McKenzie

“Fife’s natural larder is an asset and an inspiration for any restaurant.”



Local food specialities of West Fife include steak or mince ‘bridies’ from **Stephens the Bakers** and specialist breads from local artisan baker, **The Steamie Bakehouse**. For something a little sweeter try the delicious traditional ice cream at **Divito’s** in Crossgates or from **Nelsons of Culross**.

Dunfermline hosts regular farmers and continental markets at the gates of Pittencrieff Park

Accommodation

Garvock House Hotel

West Fife offers a good range of places to stay including award winning country house hotels and city centre accommodation. There are quality guest houses and bed-and-breakfasts ranging from rural locations to town houses and village inns. There are also self catering properties across the region including coastal apartments and country cottages.



“We are dedicated to giving our visitors a warm welcome and a level of service that sets West Fife apart.”

Alistair Bruce, General Manager BEST WESTERN PLUS Keavil House Hotel, Chairman of West Fife's Local Tourism Association.

West Fife Local Tourism Association accommodation providers

Hotels	website/map ref
Auld Mill House Hotel & Restaurant	auldmillhousehotel.com
Best Western Keavil House Hotel	keavilhouse.co.uk
Davaar House Hotel	davaar-house-hotel.com
Guildhall and Linen Exchange	wjdwatherspoon.com
Holiday Inn Express Dunfermline	hiexpressdunfermline.co.uk
King Malcolm Hotel	kingmalcolm-hotel-dunfermline.com
Pitbauchlie House Hotel	pitbauchlie.com
Premier Inn Dunfermline	www.premierinn.com
The Elgin Hotel	theelginhotel.com
Bed & Breakfasts	
Elendil B&B	elendilbedandbreakfast.co.uk
Grange Farmhouse B&B	grangefarmhousebnb.co.uk
Roscobie Farm House B&B	roskobiefarmhouse.co.uk

Keavil House Health Club and Spa

Visitor information

Tourist information

The main Tourist Information Centre is at 1 High St, Dunfermline (01383 720999) and can help visitors with maps, cycle and walking routes, accommodation and attractions.

By rail

Dunfermline is served by three railway stations; Dunfermline Town, Dunfermline Queen Margaret and Rosyth. Dunfermline Town brings passengers to within walking distance of the city centre. It's a 35 minute journey to central Edinburgh. The Fife Circle route from Edinburgh crosses the Forth Bridge to North Queensferry Station and is a good way to explore the attractive villages along the Forth coast linking Kinghorn, Burntisland, Aberdour, and Dalgety Bay to Dunfermline. Tickets and train times from scotrail.co.uk or 03448110141

By air

Dunfermline is 20 minutes from Edinburgh's International airport. Shuttle buses run every 30 minutes and link the airport to Park and Ride facilities at Ferrytoll and Halbeath **w: stagecoachbus.com** **15**

By road

Junction 1 of the M90 takes motorists towards Rosyth, North Queensferry and the villages along the Forth coastline. Junctions 2 and 3 are the entry points to Dunfermline with the city centre less than 10 minutes by car from the motorway junctions.

To the west, many visitors will arrive in Fife via one of the two bridges at Kincardine from which the A985 or A907 take you across the region towards Dunfermline.

Ferrytoll Park & Ride at Inverkeithing is a rail, bus and road hub on the M90 to the south of Dunfermline with links to the airport and Edinburgh. **w: ferrytoll.org** **11**

By sea

The ferry terminal at Rosyth regularly plays host to cruise ships. The West Fife Local Tourism Association organise shuttles from the Ferry Terminal to enable passengers to visit Dunfermline and the local area during their stopover.

By bus

Dunfermline's bus station is a two minute walk from the High Street. An express coach link provides connections to St Andrews and towns across Fife as well as Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth and Dundee. **w: citylink.co.uk**

Accommodation

Bookings can be made direct with many of West Fife's accommodation providers or through visitdunfermline.com or welcometofife.com.

The Visit Scotland star grading schemes provide quality assurance for around 70% of accommodation and 90% of the visitor attractions in Scotland, awarding from one to five stars to all types of places to stay and visit, reflecting acceptable basic standards to exceptional quality.



Useful contacts and services

Police Scotland

General Enquiries 101; Emergency 999

Victoria Hospital, Kirkcaldy, provides 24-hour A&E service. (01592 643355).

Queen Margaret Hospital, Dunfermline 01383 623623 **w: nhsfife.scot.nhs.uk**

Fife Council

w: fife.gov.uk **fifedirect.org.uk**

Dunfermline Athletic Football Club 01383 724295 **w: dafc.co.uk**

Super shopping



The Kirkgate
photo craigbrownphotography.com

Dunfermline is West Fife's most popular shopping destination mixing a traditional high street with the **Kingsgate**, a modern retail centre with leading stores including Debenhams, Waterstones and Marks & Spencer. Cafes and traditional pubs are located around the High Street which winds its way down to the city's heritage quarter and the gates of Pittencrieff Park.



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The cobbled streets of the heritage quarter bring traditional old town charm to Dunfermline's bustling city centre.



The Library and Galleries (iconic cultural establishment in the heart of Dunfermline's Heritage quarter) provides a new museum, art galleries, reading room full of local history, shop and mezzanine cafe with one of the best views in Dunfermline overlooking the Abbey.

This spectacular new building in Scotland's ancient capital is by award winning architects Richard Murphy and joined onto the world's first Carnegie Library - which has also been refreshed

Pay and display car parking is available at each end of the High Street and a large multi-storey car park adjoins the Kingsgate centre.

Heritage quarter

West Fife's **industrial heritage** is one of weaving and coal mining. Dunfermline was once a world leader in the production of Damask linen: table linen for royal palaces and for the Titanic was woven in the town. *See an original hand loom in action at the Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum.*

On the cobbled Maygate, sits Abbot House, one of the oldest houses in Dunfermline. Said to date from around 1450, Abbot House sits beside the magnificent new **Dunfermline Carnegie Library and Galleries** overlooking the Abbey Grounds. **8**

A staircase of 84 steps leads down to **St Margaret's Cave**, the dark and silent place where the deeply religious Queen Margaret came to pray in the early 11th Century. Situated in Chalmers Street car park, the cave is marked by a small visitor centre, open to visitors from April to September.
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The City Chambers, at the corner of Kirkgate and Bridge Street, was built in 1879 in a highly distinctive French Baronial Gothic style. It is decorated with carved stones, gargoyles and busts from demolished royal buildings.



Dunfermline's famous peacocks have been known to wander up the High Street!

The terrace garden at Abbot House

Andrew Carnegie

“The man who dies thus rich, dies disgraced”

Andrew Carnegie

Dunfermline is proud to be the birthplace of **Andrew Carnegie**, the son of a weaver, who became the Steel King of America and father of modern philanthropy. Born in 1835, Carnegie emigrated to the USA at the age of 12. Having begun his career as a bobbin boy in a cotton mill, Carnegie made his fortune in iron and steel. In 1901, he became the world's richest man, but he had made a decision to give much of his wealth away for the benefit of mankind long before that, in 1868.

On a trip back from America in 1909 Carnegie was able to sign the visitor book in his own museum!

Andrew Carnegie in 1914

Birthplace Museum: inspiring young minds



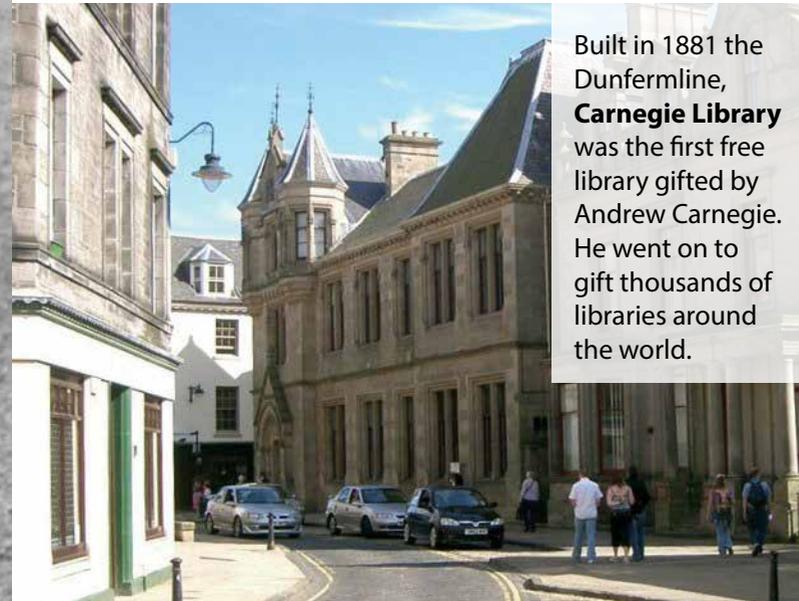
Andrew Carnegie was a typical Victorian businessman but an exceptional philanthropist, giving away 90% of his fortune to promote world peace, sciences, music and right to education for all, regardless their gender, nationality or race. He was immensely proud of his hometown and gave it many gifts such as public swimming baths, a library and pipe organs for churches. In 1902, he bought the estate of the Laird of Pittencrieff, from which he had been banned as a boy. He took great pleasure in gifting it to the people of Dunfermline - it is now called the Pittencrieff Park.

The fascinating **Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum** tells the ultimate rags to riches tale. It contains the tiny cottage in which Carnegie was born, the main exhibition hall, and a shop. The museum is open from March to November. Admission is free.

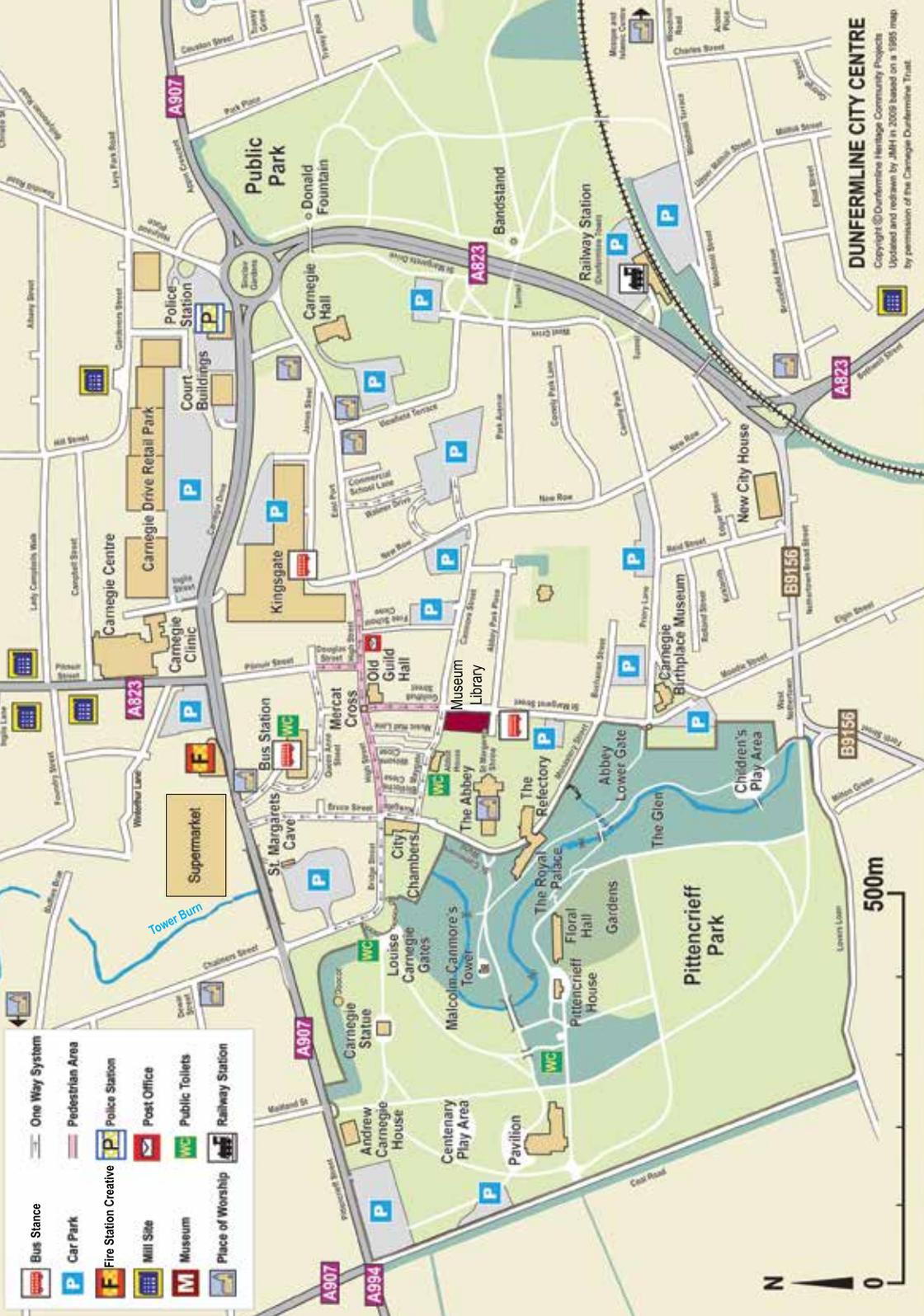
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Andrew Carnegie commissioned **Tiffany** of New York to design this stained glass window which can now be seen in the Dunfermline Abbey.



Built in 1881 the Dunfermline, **Carnegie Library** was the first free library gifted by Andrew Carnegie. He went on to gift thousands of libraries around the world.



Heading west from Dalgety Bay to North Queensferry the Path hugs the shoreline and offers great views of the Firth of Forth and its iconic bridges. As it continues west towards Rosyth the Path uses roads that skirt the naval dockyard and ferry port in a stretch less suitable for family walking and cycling.

Enjoy the Fife Coastal Path

Leaving Rosyth the Path descends over fields into Limekilns using a combination of quiet lanes and pathway before leaving the shoreline to pass through the village of Crombie. Some steeper slopes and a busier road make this part less suitable for children cycling.

Arriving in Torryburn and continuing west to Culross the Path takes in some great views and is predominantly flat. It leaves the coastline and joins the B9037 for a mile to pass through the village of Newmills before rejoining the coastline and crossing the Torry Bay Local Nature Reserve, a natural habitat for seabirds.

The approach to Culross is flat and the Path runs along the coastline and next to an old railway track. This 6 mile stretch is perfect for family cycling and walking and leads you through the historic village all the way to the Kincardine Bridge along a tarmac track.

For more detailed information on the Fife Coastal Path visit fifecoastalpath.co.uk or look out for copies of the Fife Coastal Path map at visitor information centres.



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