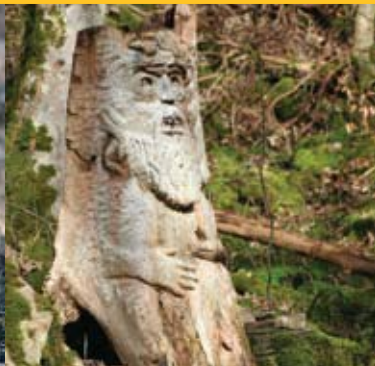


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Welcome to Aberfeldy & Loch Tay, an area of rich history and incredible beauty set in Highland Perthshire, the very heart of Scotland within easy reach of all parts of our country.

This guide will help you get the very most out of a day visit or a longer stay in our outstanding area. It features touring routes, walking and cycling trails, and details of attractions and local businesses who are committed to making your visit enjoyable and memorable.

A publication of this nature can only give so much information. You can find out more about Aberfeldy & Loch Tay on our detailed local website at www.aberfeldy.co.uk, which gives up to date information on all aspects of our spectacular area, including the dates and opening times of events, attractions etc.

More information is also available from Aberfeldy's **Tourist Information Centre** (tel: 01887 820276, e: aberfeldytic@visitscotland.com), which is located in the town centre and open all year round.

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Aberfeldy & Loch Tay is a land of superlatives: Perthshire's highest mountain; the Highlands' longest, loneliest and loveliest glen; Scotland's longest river; and Europe's oldest living resident (it's a tree), to name but a few.

We are located in the geographic centre of Scotland, less than 2 hours from Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Inverness and the West Coast. Our area offers something for all ages - adventure, culture, sports, history, wildlife, or somewhere to simply sit back, relax and enjoy the wonderful scenery.

Standing stones and buildings trace our history back thousands of years to before the Romans, who once built one of their most northerly forts here. Archaeologists have discovered 2,600-year-old crannog dwellings in Loch Tay, 5,000-year-old stone axes and logboats dating to 1500BC.

Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet, wrote about Aberfeldy in glowing terms over 200 years ago. Today we have a thriving community of artists, craftworkers and musicians carrying on our cultural traditions.

The high mountains and deep glens above Loch Tay are teeming with spectacular wildlife like deer, eagles and grouse. The River Tay has long been renowned by anglers the world over and is also one of Scotland's adventure playgrounds with canoeing, kayaking, whitewater rafting and much more.

The Aberfeldy & Loch Tay area is a delight at all times of year. The fresh buds of spring blossom through to the warm, lazy days of summer and the spectacular colours of autumn before the clear, sharp days of winter. There's always something happening, always something new to see and enjoy. We hope you enjoy discovering life the way it should be.



Aberfeldy & Loch Tay has long been one of Scotland's most popular areas for all types of outdoor activities from the relaxing to the frenetic.

Walkers and **cyclists** can follow a wide choice of easy, moderate and demanding routes that will take you through forests, along rivers and up mountains. Details of just a few are given in this guide. For a sedate introduction to walking in our area, enjoy a stroll round the beautiful **gardens** of **Cluny House** and **Bolfracks Estate**.

The River Tay and its tributaries are renowned for their salmon and trout **angling** and permits are easily obtained locally. Scotland is the home of **golf**. Our local courses at Aberfeldy, Kenmore, Killin, Strathtay and Taymouth Castle provide many testing challenges at great value prices.

A walk or cycle through our woods and mountains will bring you face to face with unusual and spectacular wildlife. Local company Highland Safaris offer **wildlife** Land Rover Safaris that explore the untouched wilderness in 250,000 acres of Highland Perthshire Estate.

In recent years, our rugged landscapes have attracted thousands of adventure sports enthusiasts and Aberfeldy is widely recognised as the **Whitewater Capital of the UK**. The River Tay regularly hosts international kayaking competitions, and other adventure sports including **canyoning**, **gorge walking** and **rafting** are all available through experienced operators such as Beyond Adventure, Freespirits, the National Kayak School and Splash.

Whichever outdoor activity you want to enjoy, you'll find it in the Aberfeldy & Loch Tay area.



In ancient times our ancestors carved Pictish stones and made intricate jewellery and pottery that archaeologists are still uncovering. Today, Aberfeldy & Loch Tay remains an important artistic centre with many artists and craftworkers working in all types of media.

Our area boasts an impressive array of art galleries including **Aberfeldy Gallery**, **Boltachan Gallery**, **Fearnan Gallery**, **House of Menzies**, **Temple Gallery** and **The Watermill Gallery**, which display changing exhibitions of work by local and international painters, sculptors and craftworkers. You can also see craftworkers in situ at **Keltneyburn Smiddy** and **Iron Fairy** near Fortingall and at **Loch Tay Pottery** in Fearnan.

Crafts, antiques and speciality goods are also well represented in outlets such as **Sonia Cooper Antiques**, **Homer**, **Karelia House** and **Spirit of Wood**, where you'll find imaginative artefacts from all over the world.

Our area abounds in gifted musicians, ranging from solo artists at the forefront of Scotland's folk tradition to ceilidh dance bands and our award-winning Gaelic choir. **Castle Menzies**, **Moness Country Club** and **The Scottish Crannog Centre** are just a few of the local venues where you can enjoy regular live music.

The art of relaxation is one that we take very seriously and holistic therapists like **Zest Health & Beauty** and **Ultimate Serenity** offer a wide range of wellbeing treatments such as pilates, reiki and aromatherapy.

Finally, one of Scotland's most famous arts is that of making whisky. **Dewar's World of Whisky** unlocks the secrets of our national drink in an award-winning visitor centre where you can try your own hand at blending a whisky before sampling the work of the experts.

accommodation in aberfeldy & loch tay



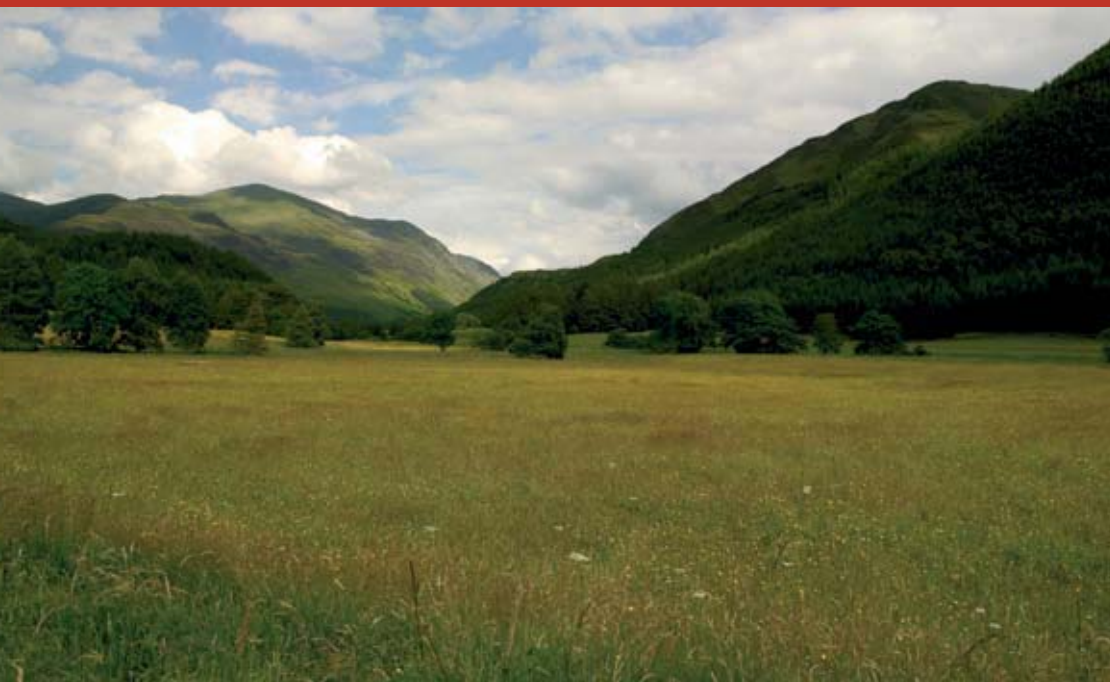
Aberfeldy & Loch Tay offers visitors a wide range of quality accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets.

With a choice of country house hotels with character, comfortable town centre guest houses, friendly farmhouse B&Bs, luxurious self catering apartments and cottages, lively hostels and bunkhouses, and modern camping and caravan parks, you'll want to return time and time again.

You'll find detailed information about accommodation on the Explore Aberfeldy website at www.aberfeldy.co.uk and you can book directly with providers.

You can also book through visitscotland.com's National Booking Service on 0845 22 55 121 from within the UK or +44 (0)131 625 8625 from outside the UK (£4 booking fee applies to all telephone bookings). Alternatively, the Aberfeldy Information Centre is in the town's central square, telephone: 01887 820 276

Whatever type of accommodation you prefer, you'll find a great choice in the Aberfeldy & Loch Tay area.





Head north out of Aberfeldy on the B846, passing the **Black Watch Memorial** before you cross the Tay by 18th century **Wade's Bridge**. After a mile or so you reach the village of **Weem** with its historic kirk and attractive forest walks (see page 18).

Just beyond the village lies the impressive 16th century **Castle Menzies**, seat of the Clan Menzies, which hosted Bonnie Prince Charlie on his way to the Battle of Culloden in 1746. A short distance from the castle you can browse the speciality wines, foods and art of **House of Menzies** set in the original doo'cot and castle court, before continuing to The Safari Lodge, home to not only **Highland Safaris**, but also offering **The Safari Lodge Café**, Gold & Gem Panning, Play Area & Discovery Garden and Red Deer Park with Viewing Areas.

A few miles on, turn left at Coshieville to the craft workshops of **Keltneyburn Smiddy** and **Iron Fairy** and then follow the road into **Fortingall**, a village of picturesque thatched cottages. There was once a Roman camp here and legend has it that this was the birthplace of Pontius Pilate. In the churchyard stands the famed **Fortingall Yew** – a mighty tree over 3,000 years old and Europe's oldest living resident.

Continue through Fortingall to **Fearnan** on the north shore of Loch Tay where you'll find **Loch Tay Pottery**. From here, take the A827 into **Kenmore**, a charming conservation village that houses the speciality shopping of **Taymouth Courtyard** and the **Scottish Crannog Centre**, an award-winning reconstruction of an Iron Age loch dwelling. For the Kenmore village trail, see page 17 of this guide.

On the way back into Aberfeldy, pass 19th century **Taymouth Castle** and pop in to see the hillside woodlands and spectacular views of **Bolfracks Gardens**.



As with the Fortingall Way Tour, head north out of Aberfeldy on the B846 along the tree-lined Poplar Avenue. However, just before the **Ailean Chraggan Hotel** turn right at the junction to Strathtay. You are now on a quiet back road that runs along the scenic north bank of the River Tay.

A couple of miles further on are spectacular **Cluny House Gardens** - renowned for their rare and exotic plants from all over the world including Japan, China and Tibet.



You soon come to the fine villas and mansion houses of sleepy **Strathtay**, a relatively modern village created by the coming of the railway (since closed) in the 19th century. Turn right here to cross the River Tay on **Grandtully Bridge**, which stands above a set of rapids that are regularly used for international canoe competitions. You can often watch canoeists trying to negotiate the gates hanging above the river or rafters plunging down the foaming waters.

Turn right at the main A827 road back into Aberfeldy, but first pop into **Legends of Grandtully**, a chocolatier, crafts and antique shop. Just after Grandtully village turn off the road at the signs to **St Mary's Chapel**. The simple exterior of this 16th century church belies its remarkable interior, which has a detailed and well-preserved painted ceiling dating from 1626.



As you reach the outskirts of Aberfeldy, visit **Dewar's World of Whisky**, an impressive, interactive visitor centre about our national drink, and browse the crafted furniture and giftware of **Spirit of Wood**, which is located just above the distillery.



Glen Lyon has been described as Scotland's longest, loneliest and loveliest glen. Stretching for over 30 miles, it was once home to over 2,000 people. Today, the Glen's residents number fewer than 100.

Follow the Fortingall Way (page 7) to **Fortingall** village. Just after the village turn right on to the twisting single track road that runs through the glen. The road is initially hemmed in by high mountains and hugs the wooded banks of the **River Lyon**. Just after the four-arched **Bridge of Lyon** you'll see a deep chasm known as **MacGregor's Leap** where, in 1565, the chief of the Clan MacGregor reputedly escaped a group of pursuing Campbells.

The glen opens out towards the hamlets of **Innerwick**, where footpaths have been developed that lead to sensational views up and down the glen (see page 19), and **Bridge of Balgie**, where there is a well-known tearoom and craft shop that have long been popular with walkers and cyclists.

From here, a road runs on for another 11 miles, ending at the huge dam of **Loch Lyon**, one of the most remote but most beautiful places in Scotland. Along the way you'll pass **Cashlie** hydroelectric power station and another road leading off to brooding and isolated **Loch an Daimh**.

For a shorter journey, turn left at **Bridge of Balgie** and climb to over 1,500 feet before passing **Lochan na Lairige**, shortly after which you will come to a car park from where you can join the footpath to the summit of **Ben Lawers**, Perthshire's highest mountain (see page 20).

From Ben Lawers descend down the steep road to **Loch Tay** and follow the A827 along the north shore back to Fearnan, Kenmore and Aberfeldy.



This 48 mile-long circular route travels along the main road on the north shore of Loch Tay, returning by the quieter, narrower south shore road.

Head west out of Aberfeldy on the main A827 to Kenmore. On the way, pop in to see the gardens of **Bolfracks Estate**, which offer great views down the Tay Valley. When you reach **Kenmore**, take time to explore this charming conservation village at the head of Loch Tay. (See page 17 for the Kenmore Village Trail).

Continue along the A827 by the popular lochside picnic area at Dalerb and the village of **Fearnan**, where you'll find **Loch Tay Pottery**. There are beautiful views all the way along the loch and, after the hamlet of **Lawers**, you can detour off to the right to climb the steep road to access the footpaths leading up **Ben Lawers**, Perthshire's highest mountain.

At the west end of the loch, you enter Clan MacNab country as you come to the charming tourist village of **Killin**. Don't miss the mighty **Falls of Dochart** in the village centre and spend a little time in the **Breadalbane Folklore Centre**, which houses the famous 8th century St Fillin's healing stones.

Towards the west of Killin, you'll find a left turn on to the scenic South Loch Tay road. Take your time to admire the views as you meander past the award-winning hotel and restaurant at **Ardeonaig** and keep an eye out for some of the ancient crannogs that are in the loch. As you get closer to the east end of the loch, you pass through the pretty 18th century village of **Acharn**, where there is a popular walk to the local falls (see page 17). From here it's a short drive back to Kenmore and Aberfeldy via **The Scottish Crannog Centre**.



This tour of over 40 miles visits some of the Highlands' traditional tourist destinations and offers a choice of routes at different stages.

Head east out of Aberfeldy on the main A827. At **Logierait** you can take a left turn on to a quiet, narrow road to **Dunfallandy** or continue to the A9 junction at **Ballinluig**. Either way you head north to the Victorian resort town of **Pitlochry** with its popular Dam & Salmon Ladder and Festival Theatre.

From Pitlochry, travel north on the B8019 to the car park at **Linn of Tummel**, a dramatic river gorge with steep wooded slopes and excellent footpaths. From here, take a short detour to **Killiecrankie Visitor Centre** above the Pass of Killiecrankie, which tells the stories of the area's natural history and the battle fought here in 1689.

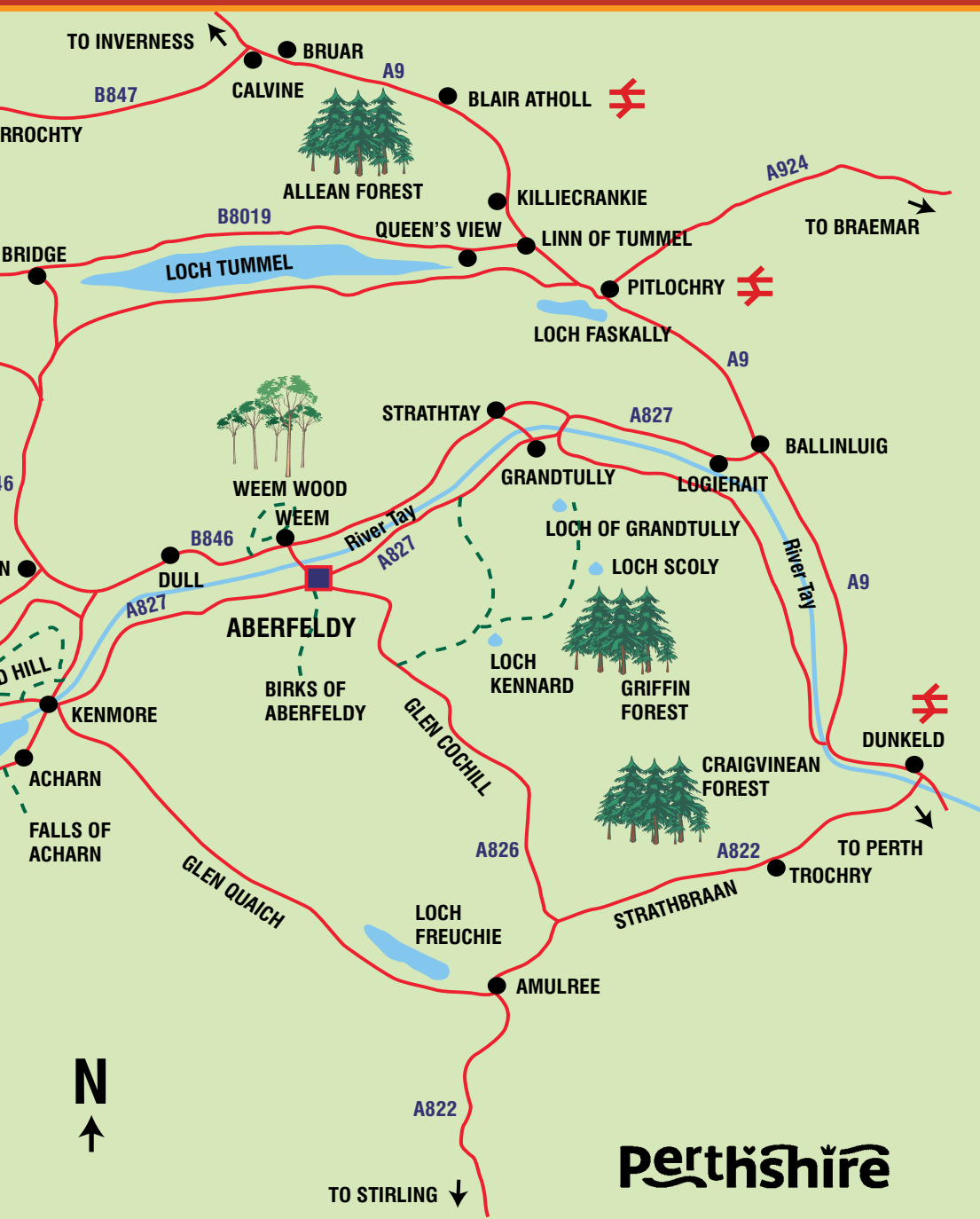
Returning to the Linn of Tummel, turn back on to the B8019. You shortly come to **Queen's View**, one of Scotland's best known viewpoints stretching down the full length of **Loch Tummel**. The view is named after Queen Isabella, wife of Robert the Bruce, and the visitor centre will tell you all about the ecology of the area.

Drive along Loch Tummel to **Tummel Bridge**. Here you can choose to continue on to **Loch Rannoch** and the picturesque village of **Kinloch Rannoch**, before doubling back towards Aberfeldy along the beautiful **Braes of Foss** road from where you can access the footpath up **Schiehallion**, the Fairy Mountain (see page 20).

Alternatively, turn left on to the B846. The mighty profile of Schiehallion is to your right and you pass **Dun Coillich Community Woodlands**. Pop in to meet the deer at **Glengoulandie Wildlife Park** on your way back to the Tay Valley and Aberfeldy.

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One of the joys of Aberfeldy & Loch Tay is that it features distinctive, independently owned shops that offer a wider range of speciality goods than you will find in many chain stores.

For home and interiors enthusiasts, shops such as **Homer, Karelia House, Spirit of Wood** and **Windows** stock high quality furnishings, home accessories and giftware from all over the world, including exclusive ranges that are not available elsewhere in Scotland.

Visiting walkers, climbers and campers will enjoy **Munros**, Aberfeldy's specialist outdoor shop. You can also find traditional tweeds by royal appointment at **Haggarts**. Book enthusiasts of all ages will love **The Watermill**, the largest bookshop in the rural Highlands.

Our area is renowned for the quality of its food, much of it locally sourced or Fairtrade. Purchase or taste it at speciality outlets such as **Dow's of Aberfeldy, House of Menzies** and **Taymouth Courtyard** or from the local **Farm Fresh** or **Breadalbane Bakery**.

As you can imagine, you are spoilt for choice when it comes to eating out for either an informal snack or light meal.

For a fine lunch or evening meal visit one of our many excellent hotels and restaurants that make imaginative use of fresh, local produce. Choices include **Ailean Chraggan Hotel, Ardeonaig Hotel, Chillies, Courtyard Restaurant, Fortingall Hotel, Kenmore Hotel, Moness Country Club, The Safari Lodge Café** and **The Weem Hotel**.



As you arrive in Aberfeldy, you will see signs welcoming you to **Scotland's First Fairtrade Town**. This means that Aberfeldy is at the forefront of a growing international movement.

The Fairtrade movement aims to help producers from poorer countries receive a better deal, while also supporting smaller local producers.

Aberfeldy became Scotland's first Fairtrade town in November 2002. Schools, residents, businesses and community groups are all involved in the initiative. The local Fairtrade group have produced a Directory providing information about the many local shops, cafes and restaurants that actively support the initiative. This guide is available on www.aberfeldy.co.uk or from local suppliers.

Aberfeldy & Loch Tay are in Highland Perthshire, part of the region that has become the first in the UK to join the international **Cittaslow** network of towns that adopt the principles of Slow Food and Slow Living to improve quality of life for both residents and visitors. It's all about getting away from the rat race. Slow down and enjoy life with us.

Many local tourism operators are members of the **Green Tourism Business Scheme** and local groups are working on community woodland projects that aim to take Aberfeldy towards carbon neutrality.

Public transport services reach into most parts of our area and link us with the rest of Perthshire and Scotland. Aberfeldy offers LPG fuel in **Girvan's Filling Station**, one of the first rural towns in Scotland to do so.

In Aberfeldy & Loch Tay, we are determined to do our bit to protect the green heart of Scotland today and for future generations. We hope you will support our efforts.



There are many different routes you can take to explore Aberfeldy. This is just one suggestion.

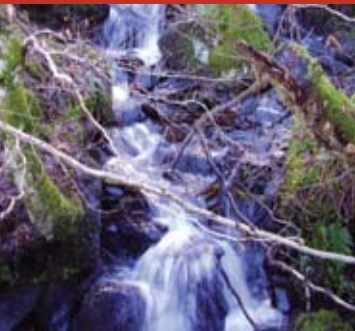
Start at the Tourist Information Centre in The Square, where you'll see the distinctive fountain first erected in 1885. Admire the 1939 Art Deco building on the corner of Chapel Street (originally a cinema), before crossing the Moness Burn at Bridgend and passing the War Memorial.

Turn right into Mill Street to The Watermill, an 1825 building that now houses a bookshop and art gallery. Continue to Taybridge Terrace where you turn left alongside the wide riverside lawns and play areas of Victoria Park. The park has undergone a major refurbishment during 2007 to provide new children's play equipment.

Ahead of you is the imposing Black Watch Memorial erected to commemorate the first ever muster of this famous Scottish regiment in 1740. Beside it, the elegant Wade's Bridge crosses the Tay. When this was built in 1733 there was no town in existence. So you really are at the point where modern-day Aberfeldy started.

the birks of aberfeldy

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The Birks are woodland gorges of waterfalls and rapids on the Moness Burn. Their name derives from a Scottish term for birch trees and they were first made famous by Robert Burns, our national bard, who wrote a well-known poem about them in 1787:

"The braes ascend like lofty wa's,
The foaming stream deep-roaring fa's,
O'erhung wi' fragrant spreading shaws.
The Birks of Aberfeldy."

Burns would still recognise the Birks today although he may find the network of footpaths and bridges easier to traverse. The paths climb for almost two miles up to the Falls of Moness giving wonderful views. The left bank of the burn offers a more rugged climb with an easier route on the right bank.

The Birks can be accessed by a footpath from Aberfeldy town centre at Bridgend or from a large car park signed off Crieff Road just before Moness Country Club. Beautiful all year round, the waterfalls are at their most spectacular after heavy rain or when the autumn colours are on the trees.



The conservation village of Kenmore enjoys a strategic location at the foot of Drummond Hill where the River Tay, Scotland's longest river, passes under an 18th century bridge to start its journey from Loch Tay to the sea.

The village developed around the Kenmore Hotel, Scotland's oldest inn, built in 1572. Robert Burns stayed here in 1782 and etched a poem, which can still be seen, into the fireplace. The pretty church was built in 1759 and the present day village was laid out in the 18th century by the 3rd Earl of Breadalbane. At one end of the village square is the West Gateway to Taymouth Castle, a gothic pile that was built in 1810.



The beautiful lochside beach stretches from the speciality shopping and restaurant complex at Taymouth Courtyard round to the Scottish Crannog Centre, an interactive heritage centre with a reconstructed Iron Age loch dwelling built on stilts above the water. At one time there were no less than 18 different crannogs on Loch Tay. There are breathtaking views down the length of the loch and a centre where you can hire boats and watersports equipment.

the falls of acharn

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The glorious Falls of Acharn drop over 70 feet and are accessed by a footpath from the village of Acharn on the south shore of Loch Tay, which was built in the 18th century to house tradesmen and estate workers.

There is car parking and good signposting from the village to the falls. The path is a moderate climb of just under a couple of miles through beech woods.

The falls once had a hermitage with two man-made tunnels leading to a viewing platform overlooking the waters. This was built in the 1760s by the 3rd Earl of Breadalbane and was visited by Robert Burns and William Wordsworth amongst others. It later fell into disrepair, but has recently been partially restored to provide a safe platform from which the falls can be seen at their best.

On the way back down from the falls, you can enjoy lovely views across Loch Tay and may be able to spot some of the crannogs that still rest above or slightly below the waters.





Weem Wood is located off the B846 just under two miles from Aberfeldy. The wood is accessed from the car park near Castle Menzies, where there are interpretive boards detailing routes that provide moderate circular walks of around one mile.

The wood's fine trees have grown around the crags of Weem Rock, which Clan Menzies traditionally used as the site of a beacon to warn of the approach of an enemy.

Paths lead to St David's Well, a natural spring named after Sir David Menzies, a 15th century laird who lived as a hermit in one of the caves on the hillside. The well was originally known as Chapel Well. Rock and St Cuthbert is reputed to have built a place of worship here in the 7th century.

Legend also has it that the other caves around the rock once housed a demon who took the form of a dragon to protect the huge treasure trove it had accumulated. One of the caves is even reputed to extend for nearly two miles to Loch Glassie.

The crags of Weem Rock are also well used by rock climbers and local instructors can organise tuition for beginners.

drummond hill

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Drummond Hill overlooks the conservation village of Kenmore and is best accessed from the car park on the back road from Kenmore to Coshieville (turn off the A827 at Mains of Taymouth). There is a choice of moderate walks of between 2 to 3 miles, which are also open to off-road cyclists.

Drummond Hill features the substantial remains of an Iron Age hillfort and was also the site of some of Scotland's first experiments in forestry when the local laird, Sir Duncan Campbell, planted part of it in the early 17th century. After 200 years of afforestation, most of the timber was cut down during the First World War. Thereafter the hill was leased to the Forestry Commission and Drummond is now once again a working forest with larch, spruce and Douglas fir.

The hill offers spectacular views down Loch Tay and has much interesting wildlife. You may be lucky enough to spot a capercaillie. This unusual, and often noisy, species of bird was reintroduced to Scotland here in the 1830s after it had been hunted to extinction.



Griffin is an extensive managed forest that is best accessed from a car park on the A826, about 4 miles south of Aberfeldy on the road to Crieff.

There is a good selection of well-surfaced routes around the forest that are detailed on information boards at the car park. Many of them have been developed specifically for off-road cyclists.

One of the most popular is a 15-mile circular route that passes the north shore of Loch Kennard before heading along the side of Grandtully Hill to Loch Scoly from where a track loops back to your start point. There are a few steep sections, but the views across Strathtay more than compensate for any aching muscles.

Longer walks and cycle rides can be enjoyed by following tracks to Loch of Grandtully or down to Grandtully village. The more adventurous can even mountain bike or walk across the forest to Dunkeld or Trochry in Strathbraan. An OS Map (Landranger Map 52) is recommended for anyone planning a full day's walking or cycling in the forest.



glen lyon

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Meggernie and Lochs are two Highland Estates deep in beautiful Glen Lyon. Between them, they cover over 37,000 acres and offer a wide variety of walking facilities, ranging from moderate forest walks to strenuous mountain trails that require good levels of equipment and fitness.

There are various access points for walks on the estates, most of which have detailed interpretive boards and leaflets. The most popular are at Innerwick, where there is a picnic area and public toilets, and Bridge of Balgie, where the local tearoom is legendary among walkers.

From Innerwick and Bridge of Balgie, there are woodland walks through Ben Meggernie Birchwood and Kerrowmore where you will come across many attractive and unusual wood sculptures as you enjoy magnificent vistas up and down the glen.

The area includes four Munros (mountains over 3,000 feet) and five Corbetts (mountains over 2,000 feet) that can be accessed from hill tracks and rough paths. Keen walkers can also tackle the Lairig Chabhath, a seven mile walk over empty hills and moorlands to Loch Rannoch.



At almost 4,000 feet, Ben Lawers is the highest mountain in Perthshire and the tenth highest in Scotland. Much of it is a National Nature Reserve in recognition of its unique range of arctic-alpine flora and fauna.

The most popular ascent is from the former visitor centre, which is located on the road between Loch Tay and Bridge of Balgie in Glen Lyon. It's a climb of around six miles that rises 3,000 feet up a well-marked path following the Edramucky Burn on to steep grassy slopes.

There are seven peaks of over 3,000 feet in the Ben Lawers range and you reach the summit of Beinn Ghlas before continuing on to Ben Lawers. On a clear day, the views from the summit stretch right across Scotland from the Atlantic to the North Sea.

Ben Lawers offers great routes for experienced and properly equipped walkers, but those who are not planning to do the full climb can enjoy a good path following the burn that will give them an easier introduction to the unique nature of the area.



schiehallion

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The Fairy Mountain of Schiehallion is one of Scotland's most distinctive landmarks and best loved hills. Rising to over 3,500 feet, much of it is now owned by The John Muir Trust, a leading environmental and conservation body that has done much work to restore the landscape and improve footpaths in a sustainable manner.

The ascent is from the car park at Braes of Foss on the back road off the B846 to Kinloch Rannoch. There is a clear path that climbs for just over five miles along the east ridge up to the rocky summit from where there are panoramic views across desolate Rannoch Moor. On your climb you may spot birds of prey and moorland birds such as grouse and ptarmigan. Good walking equipment and reasonable fitness are needed to complete the climb.

Schiehallion has long been thought to be the exact geographic centre of Scotland. In 1774, it was the site of a famous scientific experiment by Nevil Maskelyne, the Astronomer Royal, who sought to measure the mass of the earth using the displacement of a pendulum.





The Upper Tay Path

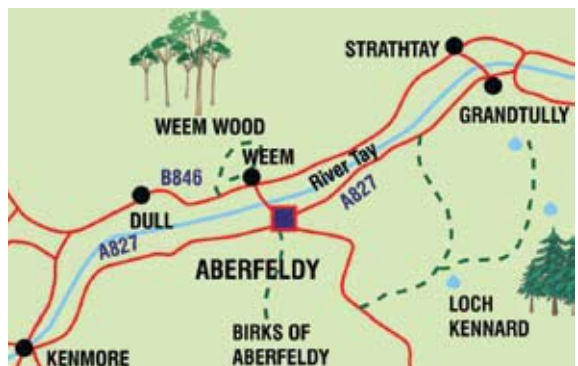
2008 saw the completion of a 12km stretch of path which runs from Grandtully in the east of our area to Kenmore in the west.

For almost the whole of its length, the path follows the course of the River Tay. This includes the white water at Grandtully, where the Scottish Canoe Association has a car park which visitors may use, right through to the birth of Scotland's longest river at Kenmore, where Robert Burns wrote about the bridge in words still to be found on the chimney breast in the hotel bar: "The arches striding o'er the new born stream."

The eastern edge of this scenic route follows the line of the old railway, crossing Wade's Bridge at Aberfeldy, and Comrie Bridge on the River Lyon, before emerging at the bridge in Kenmore. The section east of Aberfeldy also allows users easy access to picturesque and historic villages like Weem, Camserney and Dull, where a variety of local business featured in this guide can be found.

Suitable for almost all of its length for walkers, cyclists or riders, the Upper Tay Path is a great way for local residents and visitors alike to admire one of Scotland's most beautiful rivers.

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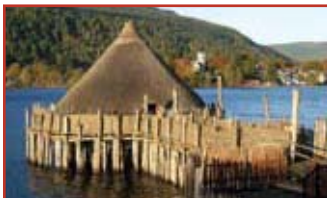
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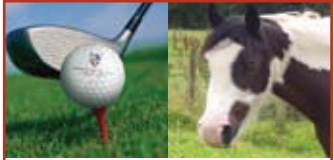
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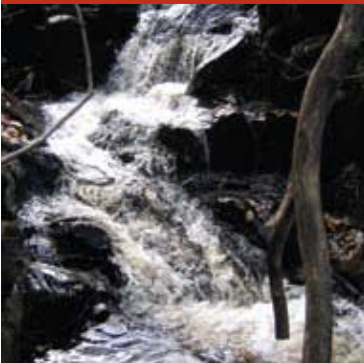
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