

Visit Falkirk



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Welcome to Falkirk, Scotland!



The Falkirk area sits at the very heart of Scotland, midway between Edinburgh and Glasgow with excellent motorway and rail links and two international airports close by.

Falkirk is home to two of the world's most unique attractions which are transforming the Scottish landscape:

The Falkirk Wheel

The Helix Park 'Home of the Kelpies'

The Falkirk area is also home to a great range of indoor & outdoor attractions including; the historic Callendar House and Park, a large section of the John Muir Way, the Antonine Wall (a UNESCO World Heritage Site), Bo'ness Kinneil Railway, Blackness Castle, Museum of Scottish Railways, Kinneil House and Museum and much much more. Plus as Britain's Best Walking Neighbourhood in 2019 we have an excellent paths network for walking and cycling.

Further details on the Falkirk area and attractions can be found in this leaflet, at www.visitfalkirk.com or you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter @Vfalkirk, Instagram and YouTube.



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Heritage



The Falkirk area is rich in history, with World Heritage UNESCO site the Antonine Wall, including Rough Castle, one of the best preserved Roman Forts; baronial mansion 4 star Callendar House, home to a working Georgian Kitchen, art gallery and tea-room; the Falkirk Trinity Church with the Faw Kirk Graveyard including the Tomb of Sir John de Graeme (William Wallace's right hand man); The Falkirk Steeple; Dunmore Pineapple; Kinneil House and Museum featuring excellent examples of renaissance art; 4 star Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway a working steam railway including Scotland's largest Railway museum; and the ship that never sailed Blackness Castle. You will find a number of heritage trails throughout the area so you really can immerse yourself in 2000 years of heritage.



An aerial photograph of a town center, likely Falkirk, showing a mix of historic and modern buildings. A prominent church spire is visible on the left side. The streets are narrow and lined with buildings of various architectural styles. The overall scene is a dense urban environment.

Town Centres

Falkirk and its surrounding areas, Bo'ness, Grangemouth, Stenhousemuir and Denny, have an amazing mix of independent retailers with each town offering their own unique experience.

From shopping and eating out to fairs, public art and festivals.



Falkirk Town Centre

Falkirk is home to a diverse selection of high-quality, award winning, independent retailers and an indoor shopping centre, the Howgate, with many well-known high street stores and multi-nationals. Take a pleasant stroll around Falkirk's largely pedestrianised historic town centre, where you'll find an exceptional mix of speciality shopping, plus a wide range of fantastic bars, cafes and restaurants.

Named in 2018 as one of TravelMag's 20 most charming towns in Scotland, Falkirk town centre provides a blend of the modern and historic.

The town centre is just a short drive from our many attractions, offers FREE parking after 3pm and has been a finalist in Keep Scotland Beautiful for a number of years.

For more info on Falkirk Town centre go to www.falkirkdelivers.com

The nearby Central Retail Park has a fantastic mix of leading national retailers, restaurants and a 12 screen cinema.



Bo'ness Town Centre

Bo'ness is a beautiful town on the banks of the River Forth, steeped in history.

You can easily spend a day wandering around the historic town centre, have lunch and then visit one of the many attractions or have a wander along the foreshore where you can join the John Muir Way. Bo'ness is home to the 4 star Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway, Museum of Scottish Railways, the Bo'ness Motor Museum, the beautifully restored Hippodrome Cinema (Scotland's oldest cinema). Kinneil House, Museum and Estate is just a few minutes away and you can access parts of the Antonine Wall and will find the remains of James Watt's cottage.

The town is easy to get around with a great mix of independent retailers, cafes & restaurants.



Denny Town Centre

Over £7.8 million was spent recently regenerating Denny town centre, which provided an additional 10 shop units, library and a new upgraded car park. You will find a variety of independent shops in and around the town centre.



Grangemouth Town Centre

The historic town centre of Grangemouth has lots of unique retailers giving excellent customer service, with free parking and easy access as it is one level.

Take time to relax and have lunch in one of the coffee shops, bars and restaurants. Pay a visit to Zetland Park which now has a fantastic new pump track for cyclists, a brand new fully inclusive play area, a sensory garden, picnic areas, rose gardens and much more. Other must-visit activities in the area are: Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre, Polmonthill Snowsport Centre (on the outskirts), the Spitfire Memorial and the soon to open Falkirk Distillery.



Larbert and Stenhousemuir

Discover Larbert and Stenhousemuir's small, friendly, independent shops in the newly regenerated town centre.

It has a good mix of businesses such as a gift shops, butchers, florists and coffee shops plus lots more.

Outdoor Falkirk



The Falkirk area is home to some amazing open spaces which makes it the perfect place to enjoy a few days exploring our many outdoor attractions, parks and activities.



With an extensive cycle and path network it is little wonder that the area was voted 'Britain's Best Walking Neighbourhood' by Ramblers. You will find flat canal side paths, a section of the John Muir Way which takes in some of our major attractions such as Blackness Castle, Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway, Callendar House, The Falkirk Wheel, Antonine Wall and more.



The numerous parks you will find in the area are second to none with 350 hectares in the Helix Park to explore, to the beautiful Dollar Park with its newly renovated Walled Garden. Muiravonside Country Park has over 170 acres of woodland, including Newparks farm with their Highland cows, Llamas and more. Zetland Park has also gone through a major upgrade with a fully inclusive play area and more. There are simply too many parks to mention here!! Explore them all when you visit.



We also have a number of Heritage trails that are worth exploring including the Charlotte Dundas, River Avon, Falkirk Town and now the Foundry fortunes trail which explores the heritage around the Larbert & Stenhousemuir areas.



There's a great choice for the cyclist too, with Callendar Estate having a wide number of cycle trails set across 6,300 acres of land, the Helix Around Town offering a 16 mile route, many flat paths throughout Helix Park plus lots more. If you haven't cycled for a while then why not hire an e-bike which you will find at the Falkirk Wheel, The Helix Park, Falkirk Town Centre, Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Callendar Park, Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Falkirk Community Hospital, Forth Valley College and Denny.

Golf, fishing, canoeing, skiing, archery, water walking, paddle boarding, segways the list goes on - pay us a visit to appreciate all the outdoor activities we have on offer.



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The Falkirk Wheel



Scotland's most exciting example of 21st century engineering, The Falkirk Wheel is the world's only rotating boat lift - a breathtaking working sculpture which links the Forth & Clyde Canal to the Union Canal above.

Sail 115 ft into the air on an unforgettable boat trip - as spaces are limited - pre booking is essential.

There is a large outdoor area surrounding the wheel, pick up a coffee and snack from the outdoor food kiosks, kids can enjoy the parks and mini golf, take a stroll and uncover some of the best remains of the Antonine wall (a Unesco World Heritage site). Enjoy a Segway safari or pick up an e-bike and cycle along the canal tow paths to the Helix Park (home of the Kelpies).

For those with accessibility issues the Falkirk Wheel does operate the NEATEBOX - Welcome App. Essential companions & carers go free when accompanying a disabled visitor on a boat trip. Assistance dogs are allowed on site and on-board the boat trips.

Please keep checking website for updates.

The Falkirk Wheel,
Lime Road, Falkirk, FK1 4RS
08700 500208
www.scottishcanals.co.uk/falkirk-wheel



The Helix - The home of the Kelpies



The Helix park has 350 hectares of open space which includes a lagoon, a fantastic and accessible path network, wetlands, kids adventure zone, accessible play area, trails and outdoor event space. Ideal for cycling and you can pre-book an e-bike at the Kelpies and cycle along the canal towpaths to the Falkirk Wheel.

The jewel within this project, The Kelpies, stand 30 metres tall, and are the world's largest equine sculptures. Towering over the Forth & Clyde canal, they form a dramatic gateway to the canal entrance on the East Coast of Scotland.

Visitors can experience the award winning Kelpies tour which takes you inside these magnificent sculptures.

The 5 star visitor centre provides a unique insight into the history of these magnificent sculptures with gift shop, café and accessible toilets.

The Tours operate from the 'Head-Down' Kelpie and are delivered on a rolling basis, so pre-booking is not required or available.

The next available Tour time will be displayed at the entrance to the Kelpie or check their website in the morning before your visit.

The Helix Park, FK2 7ZT
01324 590600
www.thehelix.co.uk

NB A small charge for parking does apply



Callendar House and Park

4 star attraction Callendar House and Park a stunning French chateau styled house set in 170 acres of beautiful parkland.

Free to access, visit the permanent displays around the 'Story of Callendar House' from the 11th to the 19th Century and 'The Antonine Wall, Romes Nothern Frontier'. There is also a working Georgian kitchen with costumed interpreters bringing history to life, the Park Gallery, gift shop and a stunning tearoom with views over the park.

Outside, the vast parklands include sections of the ancient Roman Antonine wall, a UNESCO world heritage site and woodlands that date back hundreds of years. Many of the paths around the grounds are flat and easily accessible by wheelchair or powerchair users For the kids there is an accessible Roman themed play park, a natural play trail plus a range of outdoor activities to enjoy.

Callendar Park,
Falkirk, FK1 1YR
01324 503770
www.falkirkleisureandculture.org

Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway



Share an adventure with your friends and family traveling by steam train and exploring Scotland's largest railway museum. Experience the sights, sounds and smells of old fashioned train travel. Buy a snack from the buffet car then sit back and wave to the people you pass as the train travels through the Scottish countryside to Manuel via Kinneil Halt and Birkhill.

You'll find homemade, locally-sourced produce in the Station Buffet and there's a great Gift Shop too.



and the Museum of Scottish Railways

Discover Scotland's largest railway museum. Three large buildings full of wonders - from full-size locomotives to old fashioned railway signs which once adorned the walls of busy stations, each with a story to tell.

Get hands on and discover railway history through fun interactive displays, find out why the Fish Van has a sloping floor, come face to face with a mechanical horse plus lots more.

**Bo'ness Station, Union Street,
Bo'ness, EH51 9AQ**

Tel. Station 01506 822298

Office (weekdays) 01506 825855

www.bkrailway.co.uk

The Dunmore Pineapple

This unusual but beautiful structure was built in 1761 by the Earl of Dunmore as a summerhouse. View the exterior from the walled garden and orchard.

Explore the surrounding woodland and ponds which teem with wildlife.

Near Airth, Falkirk, FK2 8LU
(Signed from the A905)
0844 493 2132
www.nts.org.uk



The Falkirk Trinity Church

Falkirk Trinity Church stands on the site of the historic Faw Kirk.(which gave Falkirk its name)

The graveyard contains important historical memorials from the eras of William Wallace including the Tomb of Sir John de Graeme Wallace's right hand man, who fell in the Battle of Falkirk in 1297. Other graves of the fallen from that battle can also be found in the graveyard.

Disabled parking is available at the Church, in public car parks in town and accessible toilets can be found in the nearby Howgate Shopping Centre.

Manse Place, Falkirk, FK1 1JN
Tel: 01324 611017
www.falkirktrinity.org.uk



The Hippodrome Cinema



Scotland's oldest purpose built cinema with a stunning pre-art deco style dating back to 1912 and beautifully restored. Running the latest releases, classic films, autism friendly & captioned screenings for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. Home to the annual festival of Silent Film which takes place in March.

**10 Hope Street,
Bo'ness, EH51 0AA
01324 506850
www.falkirkleisureandculture.org**



Kinneil House, Museum & Estate



A historic house, open on selected days and surrounded by parkland and woodland which includes remains of James Watt Cottage, a roman fortlet and the Antonine Wall. Kinneil Museum displays 2,000 years of history from Roman times to the present day.

Please check the website as to when Open Days are planned.

**Kinneil Estate,
Bo'ness, EH51 0PR
01506 778530
www.kinneil.org.uk**

The John Muir Way



The John Muir Way stretches for 134 miles across Central Scotland. A large section of the walk/cycle path can be found in the Falkirk area, passing some of our well know attractions such as Blackness Castle, Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway, Callendar House, Falkirk Wheel and more.




The John Muir Way official passport scheme let's you track your progress and enjoy exclusive offers and discounts along the route.

www.johnmuirway.org



Blackness Castle



Shaped like a ship and situated on a promontory which juts out into the Forth, this 15th century castle is known as the ship that never sailed. Blackness had roles as a garrison fortress and state prison. Pre book your tour of the castle through the HES website

Why not cycle to Blackness from Bo'ness enjoying the views of the Forth. You can also now hire ebikes in Bo'ness to make that cycle even easier.

**Blackness Castle,
Blackness, EH49 7NH
01506 834807**

**[www.historicenvironment.scot/
blackness-castle](http://www.historicenvironment.scot/blackness-castle)**

Xtreme Karting



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**Lochlands Business Park,
Larbert, Falkirk, FK5 3NS
01324 579797
www.xtremekarting.co.uk**

Game Over Escape Rooms - Falkirk

Come explore the "Walking Death" Escape Room and take on the challenge with friends, family and colleagues.

Every clue is crucial- Will your team survive? Recommended for ages 16+

**Lochlands Business Park,
Larbert, Falkirk, FK5 3NS
01324 579797
www.falkirk.escapegameover.co.uk**



Falkirk Distillery



Falkirk Distillery is privately owned by the Stewart Family and started to distill its whisky in October 2020. It is expected to open its visitor centre and tours in 2022.

Opening Soon

01324 670000
www.falkirkdistillery.com



Rosebank Distillery



Ian Macleod Distillers purchased the Rosebank distillery site in 2017 and are currently restoring this with the aim of opening it in 2022. The distillery will also feature a new visitor centre, as part of the multi-million-pound site renovations, and tours will be available in due course.

Opening Soon

www.rosebank.com



Antonine Wall



The biggest, most awe-inspiring building project the people of Scotland had ever seen, the Antonine Wall stretched right across the country, from Clyde to Forth. Built by the Romans around AD142, as the north west frontier of their Empire, the wall is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Substantial lengths and some of the best sections of this remarkable monument can be found in the Falkirk area.

These include sites at:

Rough Castle, Tamfourhill, Callendar Park, Kinneil Estate and Bridgeness.

Enjoy a few hours walking the wall on one of its many routes.

www.antoninewall.org

Muiravonside Country Park



170 acres of woodland, parkland and gardens with nature trails, picnic sites and a Visitor Centre. In and around the restored farm buildings you can see ponies, pigs, Highland cows, goats, ducks and chickens.

**The Loan,
By Linlithgow, EH49 6LN
01506 845311
www.falkirkleisureandculture.org**

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Dollar Park, Walled Garden



Dollar Park is a beautiful area of mature parkland close to Falkirk town centre. The Walled Garden is a relaxing, natural haven and offers a range of features including a sensory garden, arbour area for picnics, bandstand and pond. Limited parking available.

Within Dollar Park there is also a kids play area and café in Arnotdale House.

Keep checking website for opening times, free entry

www.cyrenians.scot/social-enterprise/arnotdale-house/cafe



Callendar Estate

An easy 2km walk from the Falkirk Wheel, unlock the doorway and discover the adventure of Callendar Estate with over 67km of paths, including a network of waymarked cycle trails. From an easy stroll around the Battle of Falkirk Muir trail or leisurely family cycle to heart-pumping mountain biking, there is something for everyone.



Greenrig Cycles Hire

Greenrig Cycles have a fleet of bikes for hire suitable for all age ranges and abilities. With their helpful and friendly advice buying or maintaining a bike couldn't be easier.

Greenrig Cycles, Lochgreen Road, Falkirk, FK1 3AZ
www.greenrigcycles.bike • 01324 639619



The Café @ Canada Wood

A warm friendly welcome awaits you from The team at The Café @ Canada Wood as they serve breakfast and lunch with coffee and cakes in-between. The Café is positioned perfectly to soak up the beautiful vistas over the Forth Valley (and is dog-friendly too).

Lochgreen Road, Falkirk, FK1 3AZ • www.cafecanadawood.co.uk • 01324 612111



The Milk Barn Ice Cream Parlour

The Milk Barn is a family friendly artisan ice-cream parlour offering a huge selection of delicious ice cream, which is made on site and mouth-watering breakfast and lunch menus.

There is now a new outdoor jumping pillow, a kids outdoor play area and kids can try their hand at milking the fibreglass cow 'Glenda'

Glen Farm, Glen Village, Falkirk FK1 3AA • www.themilkbarn.co.uk • 01324 630703



The Battle of Falkirk Trail

Travel back to January 1746 and follow the Battle of Falkirk Trail through the heart of the battlefield.

Hire a bike and have a go on our family friendly mountain bike trails or have a walk on our Local History Trail. You will find loads to do.

Greenbank Rd, Falkirk, FK1 5PT • www.jacobitetrail.co.uk/falkirk-muir

Bean Row Pottery



Bean Row Pottery, run by artist Susan Wade-French, is situated in the historic heart of Falkirk.

All clay work is made on site and visitors can browse the Pottery Studio Shop, enjoy the courtyard garden and watch Susan work on her latest ideas.

Bean Row Pottery,
3 Bean Row, Falkirk FK1 1PH
01324 227676

FTH Theatre, Music and Cinema



FTH Theatre is a multi purpose arts, cinema and theatre in the town centre and offers a huge programme of events.

FTH, West Bridge Street,
Falkirk, FK1 5RS
01324 506850

See online programme for
details and prices:
www.falkirkleisureandculture.org

The Mariner Leisure Centre



Falkirk's 4-star leisure attraction boasts a large, lagoon-shaped pool, sports facilities, health & fitness suite - complete with 65 station gym and Scotland's first immersive cycling studio - as well as the popular Great Mariner Reef Softplay. Power-assisted exercise machines are available within the Shapemaster Hub. Also on site is a Changing Places accessible toilet, specially designed for people with complex and multiple disabilities. When you're ready to relax, the Mariner's Café has a tasty selection of snacks, cakes and drinks. Parking is free.

**Glasgow Road,
Camelon, FK1 4HJ**
01324 503750
www.falkirkleisureandculture.org



Divergent Games Room



Test your wits, challenge yourself and experience the fun fuelled excitement of our highly rated live escape rooms.

**102 – 104 Grahams Road,
Falkirk, FK2 7BZ**
07751069481
www.divergentgames.co.uk

Falkirk Tunnel

Created nearly 200 years ago the eerie and atmospheric Falkirk Tunnel connects Falkirk to the heart of Edinburgh. The infamous Burke and Hare are thought to have worked on the tunnel before changing professions to something much more sinister! The Falkirk Tunnel is just a short walk from Falkirk High Station. Keep checking Scottish Canals website for info on any events.

www.scottishcanals.co.uk



Scottish Segway Centre

The Scottish Segway Centre provides a fun exciting way to explore. Their expert guides will take you through the basic manoeuvres and provide off-road guided tours to the top of the Falkirk Wheel and beyond.

01324 430033

www.scottishsegway.com



Air Thrill Falkirk



Air Thrill (formerly Sky High) is one of the first state of the art trampoline parks in Central Scotland with over 70 interconnected trampolines. It also has an on-site cafe if you just want to watch the kids.

**Air Thrill Falkirk,
Bankside Industrial Estate,
Castle Laurie,
Falkirk FK2 7XF
01324 460668
falkirk@airthrill.co.uk
www.airthrill.co.uk/uk/falkirk**



Falkirk Stadium



Home to Falkirk Football Club. You will find Cafe Westfield which has panoramic views of the pitch. The stadium is also now a major concert venue having hosted Little Mix, Tom Jones, Rod Stewart and more. It also has a solar powered 28 bay electric vehicle charging hub - one of the largest in Scotland.

**Falkirk Stadium,
4 Stadium Way,
Falkirk, FK2 9EE
01324 618740
www.falkirkstadium.co.uk**



Spitfire Memorial

This full size replica Spitfire commemorates the WW2 trainee Spitfire pilots from around the world who trained in Grangemouth.

**Abbotsinch Rd,
Grangemouth, FK3 9UP**



Wonder World Soft Play

Wonder World - Falkirk's biggest and most exciting children's indoor softplay and adventure centre with on-site cafe.

**Wonder World Soft Play,
Bankside Industrial Estate,
Castle Laurie, Falkirk FK2 7XF
01324 617111
falkirk@wonderworldsoftplay.co.uk
www.wonderworldsoftplay.co.uk**



Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre

The Scottish Wildlife Trust has created 10 acres of wildlife gardens and habitats including wetlands, woodlands and meadows.

**Wood Street,
Grangemouth, FK3 8LH
01324 486475 or
07739 428203
www.scottishwildlifetrust.org.uk**



Grangemouth Heritage Trust

Follow Grangemouth's history from the 1700's to present day. With exhibits, artefacts, and scale model of Grangemouth airfield.

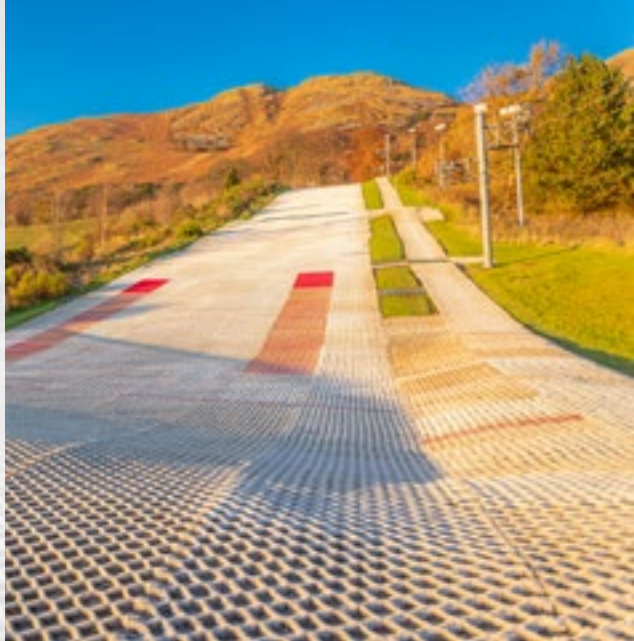
**13a Annfield Place,
La Port Precinct,
Grangemouth, FK3 8AZ
01324 666603
heritagetrust.co.uk
www.grangemouthheritagetrust.co.uk**



Polmonthill Snowsports Centre

All year round skiing and snowboarding with 100m long artificial ski slope and 20m nursery slope. Lessons available.

**Polmont Farm, Polmont,
Falkirk, FK2 0YE**
01324 503835
www.falkirkleisureandculture.org



The Corbie Inn



A destination bar located close to the John Muir Way – which has a great kids play area, is dog friendly and is very much part of the local community through their support for key events in Bo'ness such as Roman Week, Silent Film Festival and hosting their own historical talks. Cyclists are also welcome as they now have a cycle rack, offer discounts through the John Muir Way passport scheme and offer free water top-ups for walkers' water bottles.

**84 Corbiehall,
Bo'ness, EH51 OAS**
01506 825307
www.corbieinn.co.uk

Drivers



The Bridgeness Slab

A Roman legionary distance marker stone was found in Bo'ness in 1868. One of the best examples of its kind, it is displayed at the National Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh. A replica has been installed at Kinnigars Park.

**Kinnigars Park,
Harbour Road, EH51 9LD**



Bo'ness Motor Museum

4 star Visit Scotland rated, this museum is a hidden gem with a private collection of over 25 vehicles from Harry Potter, Thunderbirds, James Bond, props from Dr Who plus film memorabilia which will take your breath away.

**Bridgeness Road,
Bo'ness, EH51 9JR
01506 827007
www.bonessmotormuseum.co.uk**



Mannerstons Café & Farm Shop

Mannerstons is a café and deli, has an onsite bakery, manufactures its own range of ice cream and has a farm shop stocked with fresh fruit and vegetables, quality meats and cheeses, groceries, wine and a variety of gifts.

**1a Mannerston Holdings,
Linlithgow,
West Lothian EH49 7LY
01506 834949
www.mannerstons.co.uk**



Cloybank Estate

Home to a wide variety of Country Sports including Golf, Air Rifle Shooting, Fishing, Free to visit animal area, as well as a family run café offering home baked products using their own produce from the onsite polytunnel.

**Cloybank Estate,
Braeface Road,
Banknock,
Falkirk FK4 1UE
01324 841707
www.cloybank.com**



Tenpin Bowling

Tenpin Falkirk is the perfect choice for a family day-out, an evening activity with friends or date night! It has 20 impressive lanes and an arcade full of games. On top of this, they have a restaurant and fully licensed bar so that you can enjoy your experience at Tenpin Falkirk without a rumbling stomach!

**Tenpin Falkirk,
Redbrae Rd,
Camelon,
Falkirk FK1 4HJ
0871 222 3675
www.tenpin.co.uk/our-locations/falkirk/**



School of Witchcraft & Potions

Located at The Lonely Broomstick shop, School of Witchcraft & Potions is an immersive Wizarding World experience in the heart of Scotland (Where it all began!). Enter into a world like you've never seen before. Meet our Potion Master and be immersed into the creation of potions, wand movements, spells & so much more!

**The Lonely Broomstick,
36 High Street,
Falkirk FK1 1EU
01324 627829
www.lonelybroomstick.co.uk**



Wellsfield Farm Activity Centre

Wellsfield Farm offers a unique selection of on-site leisure activities and high quality holiday lodges. Activities available include an Equestrian Centre and Trout Fishery.

**Stirling Road, Denny,
Stirlingshire, FK6 6QZ
01324 822800
www.wellsfield.co.uk**



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Events to enjoy again in the future



For a full events list check www.visitfalkirk.com/events



Heritage Trails



Falkirk Town Heritage Trail

Discover our local heritage and take a walk around our town centre heritage trails. Featuring The Grave of Sir John De Graeme who died fighting alongside Sir William Wallace in the battle of Falkirk 1298. 30 Blue Heritage Plaques are located through-out the town centre.

Download the FREE app and find out what the buildings and streets used to look like in the 360 degrees augmented reality content.

www.falkirktownheritagetrail.co.uk

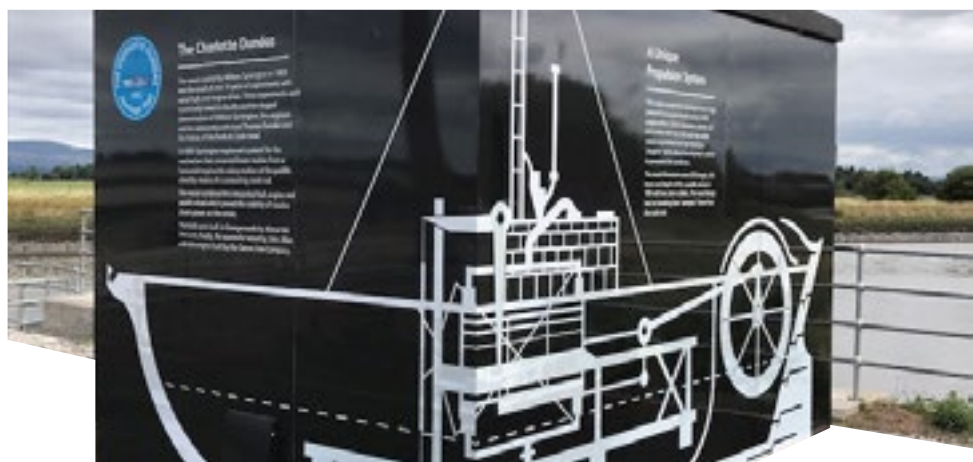


The Foundry Fortunes Heritage Trail

Take the Right Route's Foundry Fortune celebrates heritage in Larbert and Stenhousemuir. This 5-mile circular trail is made up of a series of six large coin monuments which depict the different elements and processes associated with the foundry.

The large coins are made of stainless steel, mounted on granite boulders, situated along one of the heritage trails in Larbert and Stenhousemuir. The trail takes in the sights of the Carron Dams, the Lido (Crownest Park), South Broomage and Larbert Old Parish Church.

See booklet here: www.visitfalkirk.com/brochures



The Charlotte Dundas Heritage Trail

Celebrating the Charlotte Dundas, the world's first practical steamboat and William Symington her creator. Enjoy an informative and educational walk along this new interpretative trail from the Kelpies Basin down the canal to Lock 1 where the Queen Elizabeth canal joins the River Carron.

www.charlottedundas.com



River Avon Heritage Trail

(near Muiravonside)

Explore 9 miles of spectacular scenery between Avonbridge and Linlithgow passing through Muiravonside Country Park and under the Avon aqueduct which carries the Union Canal.

www.johnmuirway.org/river-avon



The John Muir Way

One of Scotland's Great Trails, the John Muir Way offers walkers and cyclists of any ability a unique journey through Scotland's landscapes, history and heritage.

Traversing central Scotland coast to coast in 134 miles, it links Helensburgh in the west with Dunbar in the east (birthplace of 'father of national parks' John Muir). On the way, it visits some of Falkirk's most iconic landmarks, including the Falkirk Wheel, Callendar House and the Antonine Wall.

The trail is fully waymarked and can be tackled in stages at weekends or as a full long distance route.

Plan your trip at www.johnmuirway.org



Itineraries



Fun family days out in Falkirk

The Falkirk area has a lot of open spaces, parks and indoor & outdoor activities for all families regardless of the kids ages. These are just some of our suggestions, check out visitfalkirk.com for details of everything to see and do and watch our Family Friendly video itinerary.

Day one

Arrive at Bo'ness; The Bo'ness and Kinneil railway is a must for kids, take a trip on the steam train, and visit the Museum of Scottish Railways where there are loads of interactive displays. For lunch the Railway has its own cafe or in Bo'ness you will find Corvi's a traditional Fish & Chip shop which has been serving one of Scotland's national dishes since 1896. Or try out the Corbie Inn's traditional pub grub, Mcmoos Icecream parlour or one of the other cafes and restaurants you will find around the town. If you have time take in the Bo'ness Motor Museum - see the Harry Potter Car and for the older kids the cars from the James bond movies, might make you smile. If the weather turns then visit the Hippodrome in Boness - Scotland's oldest purpose built cinema which runs classic and current films and finally if the kids need to run off any steam then the grounds around Kinneil House and Museum are worth a wee trip.

Next cycle (use the new EV bikes located at Union St) or get the Bo'ness community bus to Blackness Castle - described as the Ship that never sailed - the kids will love exploring this 15th century castle and be fascinated by the 'Pit Jail'. And if you get a chance try to include a visit to Mannerstons Farm shop and café where their homemade icecream is fab!

Day two

Start your day at Callendar House & Park, 170 acres of magnificent parklands with Roman themed accessible play area and new Nature Play trail. The house itself has a working Georgian kitchen with costumed interpreters, interactive displays, and tearoom. Next you can't visit the Falkirk area without visiting the world famous Kelpies in Helix Park - the world's tallest equine sculptures - and see inside one of the horses heads. The park has a wide range of accessible walks, cycle paths, play areas, a visitor centre with café, splash play (summer only) and lagoon. If you are feeling energetic hire an e-bike and cycle to the Falkirk Wheel. Alternatively a short 10 minute drive will get you to the world's only rotating boat lift - sail 115 ft into the air in their barges, let the kids play in the parks, or have a go at the new miniature golf. Then stop off at The Milk Barn an artisan ice cream parlour for ice-cream and the kids can enjoy the play area and bouncy pillow.

If the Scottish weather is inclement a wet day itinerary could include a trip to the Mariner Centre a lagoon shaped pool with wave machine and play area for kids in the café. Wonderworld a great soft play and Airthrill trampoline park - both have cafes for the grown-ups. Tenpin Falkirk has 20 lanes and an arcade full of games. If speed is more your thing then a trip to Xtreme Karting is a must.



The Falkirk area for Historical Gems

The Falkirk area is steeped in history from the well known to some real hidden gems for you to discover! We have put some ideas together below but for the full range of historical finds check out vistfalkirk.com and our Heritage video.

Day one

Start your day in the historic Falkirk Town Centre with two heritage trails discover the stories of over 30 historical sites. Download the Falkirk town heritage trail app for an interactive tour and see what the buildings in the town centre used to look like falkirktownheritagetrail.co.uk/webapp. Some key points of interest include the Falkirk Steeple which towers 141 feet and once homed the old town jail and Falkirk Trinity Church and its historic graveyard which includes Sir John De Graeme's Tomb - William Wallace's right hand man. Callendar House and Park a 14th Century baronial mansion has parts of the Antonine Wall (a UNESCO world Heritage site) within its grounds and is just a short drive from the town centre. Inside you will find exhibitions leading you through 2000 years of history and much more. Dunmore Pineapple just outside Airth has to be one of the most quirky attractions. The Earl of Dunmore built this as a folly within the grounds of his estate and is surrounded by beautiful parkland. (And of course a trip to the world famous Kelpies and The Falkirk Wheel are a must).

Day two

Arrive at Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway and explore the Museum of Scottish Railways on site before taking a ride on a steam train. Only a few minutes' drive away is Kinneil Museum and Estate where you can enjoy walks around the Estate to see the Roman Fortlet and peruse the exhibitions in the museum. Stop off at the Bridgeness Slab on Harbour Road a replica of the largest Roman Legionary tablet found in Scotland. Bo'ness Motor Museum is a great wee hidden gem for classic cars, famous movie cars and memorabilia from 007, The Saint, Harry Potter and Thunderbirds. If you get a chance pop along to the 100 year old Bo'ness Hippodrome Scotland's first purpose built cinema, which screens a mix of latest releases, golden oldies and contemporary films. Arrive at Blackness Castle a 10 minute drive from Bo'ness or short cycle and explore the history of this 'ship that never sailed' and enjoy fantastic views across the Firth of Forth.



Falkirk by Night

After your busy days exploring all the attractions in the area here are a few of our ideas about what you can do to fill your evenings and of course check out our Falkirk by Night video for further inspiration.

With a huge array of award winning restaurants and bars many of which are Best Bar None accredited (www.bbnsotland.co.uk), catering for every taste and pocket you will be spoilt for choice when dining. Why not walk off your supper with a stroll to Helix Park to see the Kelpies at night, or take a trip to the Falkirk Wheel which is beautiful when lit up. The Falkirk Steeple in the town centre is also now illuminated at night and lovely to see. Check out the programme for the Hippodrome in Bo'ness and take in a film in Scotland's oldest cinema and if the weather is nice head down to Blackness and watch some of amazing sunsets over Blackness castle and the Firth of Forth. The annual Fireworks display with Callendar House as a backdrop is also a must.

Just a short walk from Falkirk High rail station take a walk along the Falkirk Tunnel. If you like puzzles and challenges then try one of the recently opened Escape rooms - Falkirk has two Divergent and Game over - all of which have rooms which are themed very differently!

If you fancy something more energetic you could try Xtreme Karting, Laser Tag, Trampolining, or even Bowling.

Keep an eye on the What's On section of the FTH Theatre and book tickets when it's safe to do so for an exhibition or concert. Or alternatively plan your visit around one of the Concerts (when they return) normally held in Falkirk Stadium over the summer period.



Outlander Themed Film Itinerary

Day one

Arrive at Blackness Castle and take in the castle's stunning location next to the River Forth. Explore the grounds and enter the 15th-century castle commonly known as 'the ship that never sailed'. This iconic Outlander location stands in for Fort William, and the headquarters of the infamous Black Jack Randall. Featured in Seasons 1 & 2.

Next, drive to Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway (roughly only 10 mins by car or 20 minutes if you cycle – ebikes are available to hire in Union St Boness) where you'll be able to stand on the very spot filming took place in 2013. Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway was transformed in season 1 of Outlander to a war-time London train station which saw Claire and Frank say their goodbyes.

Afterwards, enjoy a trip on the working heritage steam railway or go next door to Scotland's largest railway museum and enjoy the fun interactive displays which explain the history of the railway.

Finally drive to Muiravonside Country Park. The acres of woodland and parkland became the backdrop to the Battle of Prestonpans in season 2, and doubled as a British encampment as well as the English countryside. And while you are there say hello to some of the Highland cows and other animals you will find on site.

Day two

As you make your way to the first Outlander location of the day, stop by the Kelpies in the Helix Park - you can't come to Falkirk and not be astounded at the world's largest equine sculptures. Have a wander around the many paths you will find in the park or take a Kelpies tour which will take you inside the magnificent sculptures.

Roughly ten minutes' drive from the Helix park you will find Callendar House and Park. Explore the 14th century house which is situated in the midst of the picturesque 170 acre Callendar Park. The authentic Georgian working kitchen features in season 2 of Outlander as part of the home of the Duke of Sandringham, Bellhurst Manor.

Gray Buchanan Park in Polmont is next on the itinerary, roughly a 20 min drive. Part of season 4 was filmed at Gray Buchanan which saw a graveyard created in the park.

Lastly, before your trip to Falkirk ends pop by the Falkirk Wheel to visit the world's only rotating boatlift and enjoy a boat trip which will take you 115 ft high in the air. If you have time have a walk round the grounds and discover parts of the Antonine wall on site, pick up an e-bike and cycle to the Kelpies or have a tour on a Segway.



Accessibility Itinerary

Start your visit to the Falkirk area with a trip to the iconic Falkirk Wheel, the world's only rotating boat lift. A fantastic place for families to spend the morning. With boat trips, a visitor centre and gift shop, kids play areas and a range of activities. On one level and accessible for visitors with limited mobility, a number of disabled parking spaces and wheelchairs, mobility scooters and assistance dogs can be taken on-board the boat trip.

A short drive from the Falkirk Wheel, The Mariner Leisure Centre in Camelon has activities for all the family to enjoy. The Great Mariner Reef soft play is for children up to the age of 12 and includes a seating area and café for parents and carers to relax and watch all the fun, it has wheelchair access and a changing places toilet. There is also plenty of free parking, including disabled spaces, at entrance level.

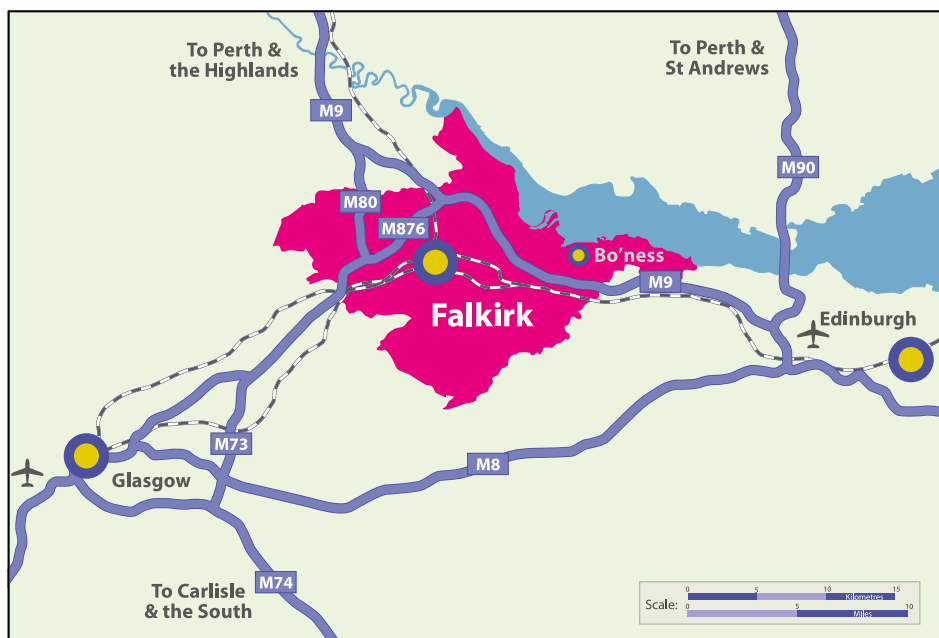
Next door to the Mariner Leisure Centre, you'll find the Forth Valley Sensory Centre. It has a sensory garden that has been designed as a place for those with a sensory impairment to relax and enjoy a fully accessible café and child-friendly sensory room.

Head into the centre of Falkirk for a spot of retail therapy and refreshments in the Howgate Shopping Centre. It's a short drive from The Mariner Centre and there's plenty of disabled parking on site. The centre is committed to providing an inclusive shopping experience and is the first in Scotland to be certified as autism friendly.

Round off the day at The Helix Park home to the majestic Kelpies, the largest equine sculptures in the world. Designed to be accessible to all visitors and includes a wide range of outdoor attractions for all the family and a fully accessible Visitor Centre, a changing places toilet and a play area.

To find out where the Changing places toilets are located in the Falkirk area go to www.changing-places.org/find

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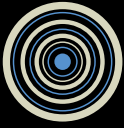


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