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and the surrounding area

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The Kelpies

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 Kelpies in Helix Park

The Falkirk area is also home to a great range of further 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 and Kinneil Steam Railway, Blackness Castle, Kinneil House and Museum and much much more.

Why not Visit Falkirk today?

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 and Twitter.

The Falkirk Wheel

The Helix

The Helix has transformed 350 hectares in Falkirk into a brand new recreational green space and visitor attraction, including lagoon, wetlands, splash play area, trails and outdoor event space.

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 a tour inside The Kelpies and hear all about their origin and inspiration. A visitor centre has also opened giving visitors a unique insight into the history of these magnificent sculptures and has a cafe and retail outlet.

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 feet into the air on an unforgettable boat trip, enjoy home baking in the café, explore the history of Scotland's canals in the visitor centre, go wild in the water play park or experience a year-round calendar of events and activities at this unique attraction.

Callendar House

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; the Faw Kirk Graveyard, with important memorials from the time of William Wallace and the Battle of Falkirk;The Steeple; Dunmore Pineapple; Kinneil House and Museum featuring excellent examples of renaissance art; The Hippodrome in Bo'ness and the ship that never sailed Blackness Castle. Immerse yourself in 2000 years of heritage.

Falkirk Town Centre

Outdoor Falkirk

The Falkirk area is home to some amazing open spaces which make the perfect place to enjoy outdoor activities.

Enjoy a relaxing day of fishing on the River Carron, the canals or at one of our local fisheries.

If walking is more your thing, why not take on some of the John Muir Way, with the Falkirk sections allowing you to take in some of the great local sites including Callendar House, Falkirk Wheel, Blackness Castle and the Antonine Wall.

There's a great choice for the cyclist too, with Callendar Estate having various cycle trails set across 6,300 acres of land, and the Helix Around Town Tour offering a 16 mile route.

There are also lots of options for golf, paintballing, and even options for archery, waterwalking, canoeing, skiing and even segways.

Where to Stay

A warm welcome awaits you at a wide choice of hotels, guest houses and B&Bs, including over 600 quality assured rooms.

With something to suit every taste and pocket, you'll also find some fantastic self catering houses, cottages and chalets in the area.

If you want a more unique stay, you can hire Safari Tents, canal boats or even a pineapple!

Search for accommodation at www.visitfalkirk.com or www.visitscotland.com

How to Get Here

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.

Car from Carlisle and the South, take the M6, M74, M73 and join the M80 from Glasgow. From Edinburgh take the M9.

Train Direct services from London, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Inverness.

Air Edinburgh Airport (19 miles), Glasgow Airport (33 miles) and Prestwick Airport (56 miles)

On Arrival First Midland Bluebird Services 3&4 for travel between The Falkirk Wheel, Falkirk Town Centre and Helix & Kelpies

For more public transport information visit www.travelinescotland.com, Tel 0871 200 22 33 (24 hours)

For more information go to www.visitfalkirk.com

Call Tourist Information on 01324 620244 / 0845 859 1006

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Falkirk Council

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The Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway

Bo'ness

Bo'ness Town Centre

Bo'ness is a beautiful town on the banks of the river Forth, steeped in history and folklore, where a warm welcome awaits you.

Bo'ness is home to the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway, the Bo'ness Motor Museum, the beautifully restored Hippodrome Cinema and Kinneil House, Museum and Estate is just a few minutes away from which you can access parts of the Antonine Wall.

The town is easy to get around with a great mix of independent retailers.

Falkirk Town Centre

Falkirk is a historic town centre with a traditional high street. Enjoy the many speciality shops, award winning boutiques and the town centre heritage trail alongside the convenience of major high street brands.

Falkirk has a fully pedestrianised town centre and two large shopping centres, the Howgate and Callendar Square, offering a diverse and exciting experience for visitors and residents alike. The town has a great selection of award winning independent boutiques, specialty stores and gift shops, as well as high street regulars and fashion favourites.

Nearby Central Retail Park also has a fantastic mix of leading national retailers, a 12 screen cinema and a range of restaurants.

eventsdiary 2016

The following outlines some of our main events, for the full listing check out visitfalkirk.com/events

16th-20th March

Hippodrome Festival of Silent Cinema

www.hippfest.co.uk

19th March

Kinneil House open morning

www.kinneil.org.uk

25-28th March

Easter Egg Special

Boness and Kinneil Railway www.bkrailway.co.uk

8th – 10th April

The 1st Ever Scottish Elvis Festival

www.absoluteelvis.com/scottish-elvis-festival

9th April

Pirate & Princess Parade

Falkirk Town Centre www.falkirkdelivers.com

23rd & 24th April

Kinneil House open days

www.kinneil.org.uk

30th April

Stenhousemuir Charities Day

www.falkirkdelivers.com

13th May

Night at Kinneil House & Museum

www.kinneil.org.uk

13th-15th May

Festival of Museums

www.festivalofmuseums.com

21 st & 22nd May

Day out With Thomas

www.bkrailway.co.uk

29th May

Bo'ness Victorian Street Fair

www.falkirkdelivers.com

11th-19th June

Forth Valley Open Studios

www.forthvalleyopenstudios.com

19th June

Fathers Day at Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway

www.bkrailway.co.uk

24th June

Boness Children's Fair Festival

www.thefairday.com

26th June

Kinneil House open day

www.kinneil.org.uk

23rd July

Airth Highland Games

www.facebook.com/airthgames

30th July

Festival of the Sea

www.falkirkdelivers.com

30th & 31st July

Day out with Thomas

www.bkrailway.co.uk

27th August

Kinneil House open day

www.kinneil.org.uk

3rd & 4th Sept

Boness Hill Climb

www.bonesshillclimb.org.uk

10th & 11th Sept

Day out with Thomas

www.bkrailway.co.uk

17th September

Kinneil House open day

www.kinneil.org.uk

17th -25th Sept

Big Roman Week

www.bigromanweek.org.uk

22nd & 23rd Oct

Winter Diesel Gala

www.bkrailway.co.uk

29th & 30th Oct

Steam & Scream

www.bkrailway.co.uk

30th Oct

Halloween open day at Kinneil House

www.kinneil.org.uk

5th Nov

Fireworks Display

Callendar House www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org

12th Nov

The Kelpies Supernova

www.supernovarun.com/events/the-kelpies/

2nd -10th Dec

Sleeping Beauty, Falkirk Town Hall

www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org/

26th & 27th Nov

3rd & 4th Dec

10Th & 11th Dec

17th & 18th Dec

Santa Trains

www.bkrailway.co.uk

29th & 30th Dec

Winter Diesel Gala

www.bkrailway.co.uk

31st Dec

Black Bun Specials

www.bkrailway.co.uk

Remember Falkirk Farmers Market in Falkirk Town Centre the 1st Friday of every month.

Please note dates may be subject to change please check with co-ordinators before travel.

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1 **Antonine Wall**

Built by the Romans around AD142 as the frontier of their Empire, the Antonine Wall is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Substantial lengths of this remarkable monument can still be seen at various sites across the Falkirk area.

www.antoninewall.org

Free

2 **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.

Central Scotland Forest Trust
www.csft.co.uk
Tel: 01501 822615

Free

3 **Barbara Davidson Pottery**

A working pottery which has been run by Barbara Davidson for over 40 years. There is a pottery shop and a gift shop in the old farm buildings.

Muirhall Farm, Larbert, Falkirk, FK5 4EW
www.barbara-davidson.com
Tel: 01324 554430

Free

4 **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, EH49 7NH
Price: See website
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
Tel: 01506 834807

5 **Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway**

Central Scotland's steam railway by the Firth of Forth, with a 10 mile round trip calling at Kinneil Halt, Birkhill Station and over the River Avon viaduct. Don't miss the Museum of Scottish Railways at Bo'ness Station and look out for special events, including visits by Thomas the Tank engine.

Bo'ness Station, Union Street, Bo'ness, EH51 9AQ
www.bkrailway.co.uk
Tel. Station 01506 822298
Office (weekdays) 01506 825855

6 **Bo'ness Motor Museum**

A private collection of over 20 vehicles ranging from a Baby Austin A30 to a Grand Tourer Aston Martin. Enjoy a snack in Miss Moneypenny's diner.

Bridgeness Road,
Bo'ness, EH51 9JR
www.motor-museum.bo-ness.org.uk
Tel: 01506 827007

7 **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 and a replica has been installed at Kinnigars Park.

Kinnigars Park,
Harbour Road,
EH51 9LD

Free

8 **Callendar Estate Cycle Trails**

19km of single track cycle trails through mature woodland, also home to Canada Wood Bar and Kitchen, and Greenrig Cycles which provides bike hire, repairs and sales.

Greenrig Car Park,
Lochgreen Road, Falkirk FK13AZ
www.callenderastate.co.uk

Free

28 **Xtreme Karting**

Experience the thrill and adrenaline of indoor karting at its best at Scotland's only 5 star karting centre. (Rated by VisitScotland)

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

27 **Wellsfield Farm Activity Centre**

Wellsfield Farm offers a unique selection of on-site leisure activities and high quality holiday lodges. Activities include a Farm park, Equestrian Centre, Trout Fishery, Coffee Shop and Health Club

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

26 **Polmonthill Snowsports Centre**

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

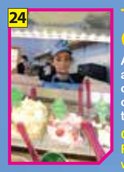
Polmont Farm, Polmont,
Falkirk, FK2 0YE
www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org
Tel: 01324 503835

25 **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, goats, ducks and chickens.

The Loan, By Linlithgow, EH49 6LN
www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org
Tel: 01506 845311

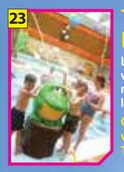
Free



24 **The Milkbarn Ice Cream Parlour**

An artisan ice cream parlour and café, with kids play area, cycle racks and a fibreglass cow to practice your milking technique on.

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



23 **The Mariner Leisure Centre**

Lagoon-shaped leisure pool with beach area and wave machine, plus soft play area and lots more.

Glasgow Road, Camelon, FK1 4HJ
www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org
Tel: 01324 503750

22 **Kinneil House, Museum & Estate**

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

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

Free

21 **Kinneil Brew Hoose and The Corbie Inn**

A micro brewery with bar / restaurant attached. View the brewery and taste real ales and cask beers.

84 Corbiehall, Bo'ness,
EH51 0AS
www.corbieinn.co.uk
Tel: 01506 825307

20 **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
www.swt.org.uk
Tel: 01324 486475 or 07739 428203

Free

19 **The Hippodrome Cinema**

Scotland's oldest picture palace, over 100 years old and beautifully restored. Screening the latest releases and classic films. Look out for the annual Festival of Silent Cinema.

10 Hope Street, Bo'ness,
EH51 0AA.
www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org
Tel: 01324 506850

18 **The Helix**

Home of the infamous Kelpies, the Helix is a 350 hectare park which also boasts a fantastic new Visitor Centre, kids Adventure Zone and Splay Play Zone, an Accessible Play Zone, a lagoon, wetlands and more.

Pre-book your Kelpie Tour to avoid disappointment.

NB. A small charge for parking does apply.

www.thehelix.co.uk

Free

17 **The John Muir Way**

The John Muir Way stretches for 134 miles across Central Scotland. A large section of the route can be found in the Falkirk area, a must for walking & cycling enthusiasts.

Johnmuirway.org

Free

16 **The Faw Kirk**

The graveyard at Falkirk Old and St Modan's Parish Church contains important historical memorials from the era of William Wallace, the Battle of Falkirk in 1298 and the second Battle of Falkirk in 1746.

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

Free

15 **Falkirk Stadium**

Home to Falkirk Football Club and Café Westfield which has panoramic views of the pitch.

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

9 **Callendar House and Park**

Over 2000 years of history are waiting to be discovered. Don't miss the Georgian kitchen with costumed interpreters bringing history to life, and leave time to explore the magnificent park and woodlands, including a section of the Antonine Wall.

Callendar Park, Falkirk, FK1 1YR
www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org
Tel: 01324 503770

Free

10 **Cloybank Estate**

Home to a wide variety of Country Sports including Golf, Air Rifle Shooting, Fishing, Falconry and Archery, as well as a family run tearoom offering home baked products as well as the produce from the onsite polytunnel.

Cloybank Estate Braeface Road
Banknock Falkirk FK4 1UE
Tel: 01324 841707
www.cloybank.net

11 **The Dunmore Pineapple**

This unusual structure was built in 1761 by an unknown architect as a garden retreat. 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)
www.nts.org.uk
Tel: 0844 493 2132

Free

12 **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
Tel: 01506 834949

13 **Falkirk Town Hall Theatre, Music and Cinema**

Carefully selected range of live music, drama, dance, comedy and film, with activities for families, workshops and exhibitions.

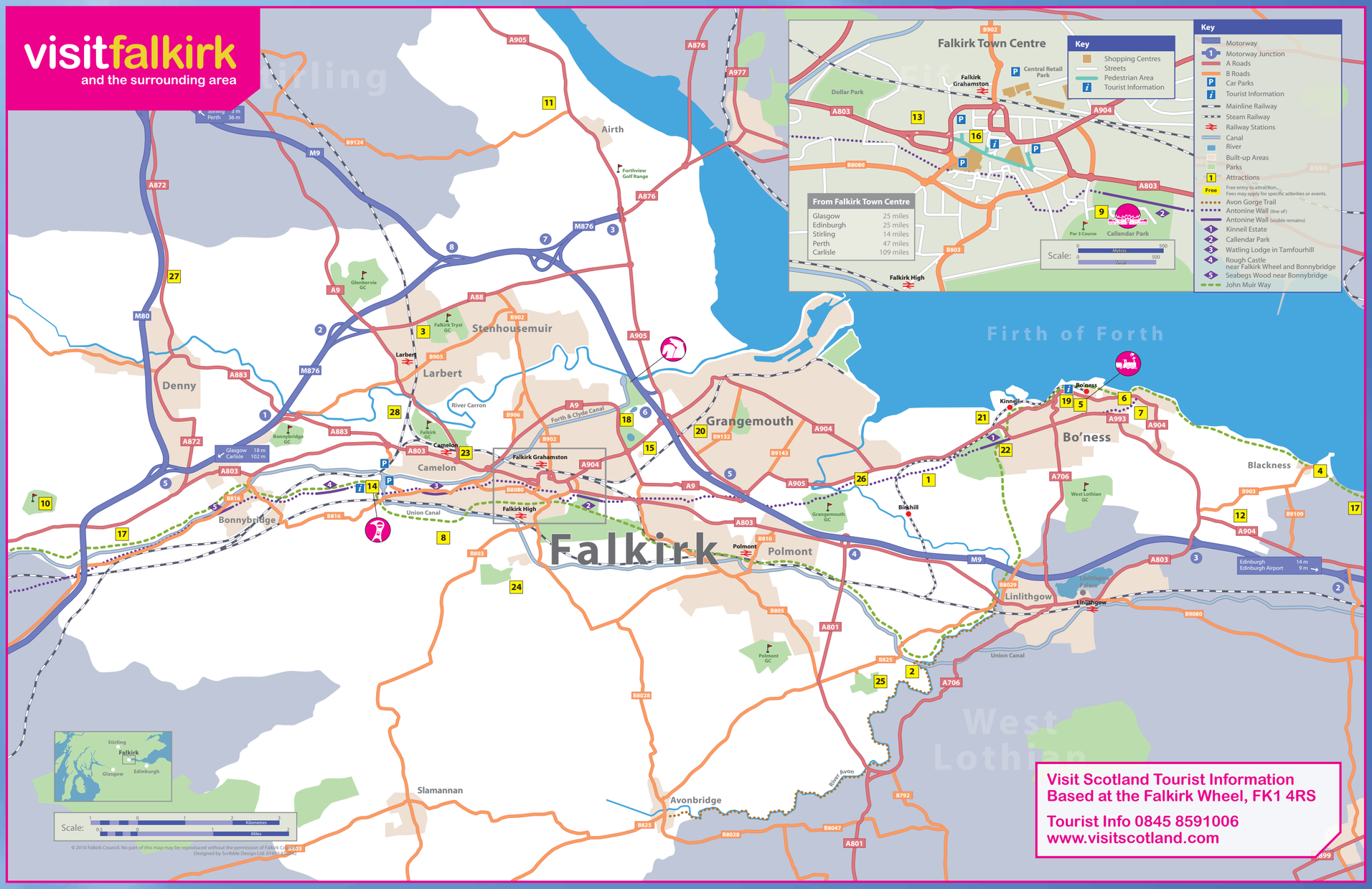
West Bridge Street, Falkirk, FK1 5RS
Price: See programme online for details
www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org
Tel: 01324 506850

14 **Falkirk Wheel and Scottish Segway Centre**

The world's 1st and only rotating boatlift - on site other attractions include The Scottish Segway Centre which provides off - road guided tours to the top of the Falkirk Wheel and beyond!

The Falkirk Wheel, Lime Road,
Falkirk, FK1 4RS. 08700 500208
www.thefalkirkwheel.co.uk

Scottish Segway Centre
01324 430033
www.scottishsegway.com



Visit Scotland Tourist Information
Based at the Falkirk Wheel, FK1 4RS

Tourist Info 0845 8591006
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