

KNOW THE CODE BEFORE YOU GO

- take responsibility for your own actions
- respect the interests of other people
- care for the environment.

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

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The Tay landscape is criss-crossed with signposted paths that take you up hills and across farmland, along rivers and into villages. Some have special stories to tell such as Milkboys Walk, Coronation Road and Old Cart Road.

Pathways to pleasure

About 1,800 years ago, the Romans extended their empire as far north as they could. They built a huge fort at Carpow (pronounced Car-poo), near Newburgh as a supply port for troops stationed in this part of Scotland. One carved stone found on the site is dated to 212 AD. A thousand years earlier, Bronze Age folk abandoned a logboat here in the muddy river bank. It's over 10m (30ft) long, carved from a single oak tree and is displayed in Perth Museum and Art Gallery.

Romans-on-Tay

The Tay and its landscape

There is no more intriguing part of Scotland to discover than this Perthshire landscape. Here you're never far from the surging River Tay and its meandering sister, the River Earn. As you explore, you'll find the views are always changing. Discover soaring cliffs, fertile farmland, a Roman camp and tales of witches.



Coronation Road. ©PKHT

Without water, we wouldn't survive. Until recent years, water determined where we lived. It's essential for all life and for growing food, washing and cooking. It's also vital for making everything from mortar for houses to textiles for clothes. It's important for transport and for generating power. Without water, the Tay landscape would look very different and be empty of people.

Down by the waterside

Until about 14,000 years ago, ice covered this whole area. Glaciers carved the valley of the Tay, leaving outcrops of hard rock as hills and cliffs. The weight of the ice pushed the land down. When it melted, the land began to rise again (and is still doing so), leaving fertile land along the riverside, particularly in the Garse of Gowrie. The river continues to shape its course, scouring its shores and shifting sandbanks.



River Tay in Winter. ©Mike Bell

Over the last 10,000 years, people like us have adapted the Tay landscape to meet our needs for food, shelter, roads, railways and places to work, shop, rest and play. Most of the time we have had to adapt what nature has provided. The land was moved around, formed and re-formed by tectonic activity before volcanoes added to the mayhem. Glaciers then shaped what we see today.

The story never ends



Kinnoull Hill Woodland Park. ©PKCT

WANDER IN WELCOMING WOODLANDS

DRIFT PAST REED BEDS AND

Visit Iron Age forts, Victorian follies, clay-built houses and a historic city. Pause in picturesque villages, follow ancient royal routes, drift past reed beds, and wander in welcoming woodlands.

Perth born Patrick Geddes was a founder of town planning and created the phrase

"THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL" and

"BY LEAVES WE LIVE"

Patrick Geddes. ©The Royal Scottish Geographical Society



the stories and secrets of this ever-changing landscape

The Tay landscape invites you to discover its stories and its secrets. You can make your way easily to places of interest and enjoyment by road, path, cycle way and river.

ALL WITHIN 1 HOUR OF EDINBURGH, GLASGOW OR DUNDEE

EDINBURGH: **44 MILES / 71 KM**

GLASGOW: **62 MILES / 100 KM**

DUNDEE: **23 MILES / 37 KM**

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Kinnoull Tower. ©George Logan

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LOOK

Landmarks to look for

As you explore the Tay landscape, most of the high hills you see are sites of Iron Age or Pictish hillforts. You can also discover the clay tower in Abernethy, the folly on Kinnoull Hill, and historic Kinfauns Church. Make your own list of favourite landmarks!

Scone Palace and Moot Hill

Visit the family home of the Earls of Mansfield, explore the ancient crowning place of Scottish kings (including Robert the Bruce) on the Stone of Destiny, walk in the footsteps of Queen Victoria, and admire the needlework of Mary Queen of Scots.

©Scone Palace

Kinnoull Tower and Woodland Park

Wander around mature woodland and admire the magnificent views of the River Tay. Visit Kinnoull Tower, a folly built in the 1820s by Lord Logan.

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Elcho Castle and Orchard

Built around 1560 AD, the fortified mansion is one of Scotland's best-preserved 16th century tower houses.

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Fergusson Gallery / Perth Museum and Art Gallery

Uncover the secrets of the ancient Carpow logboat at Perth Museum. Discovered close to Abernethy it is the second oldest boat known from Scotland, dating to around 1,000 BC.

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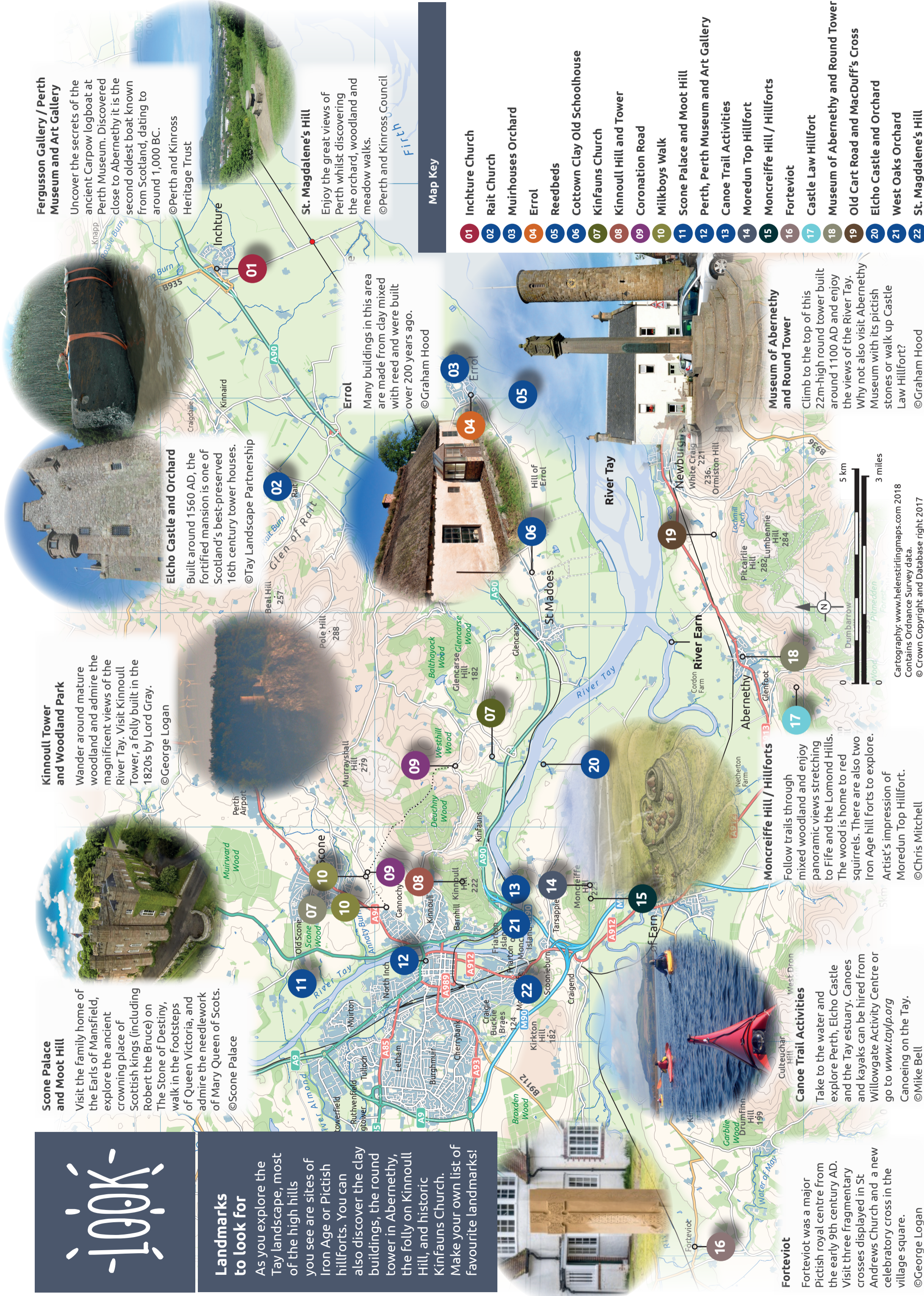
St. Magdalene's Hill

Enjoy the great views of Perth whilst discovering the orchard, woodland and meadow walks.

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Forteviot

Forteviot was a major Pictish royal centre from the early 9th century AD. Visit three fragmentary crosses displayed in St Andrews Church and a new celebratory cross in the village square.

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Canoe Trail Activities

Take to the water and explore Perth, Elcho Castle and the Tay estuary. Canoes and kayaks can be hired from Willowgate Activity Centre or go to www.taylp.org Canoeing on the Tay.

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Moncreiffe Hill / Hillforts

Follow trails through mixed woodland and enjoy panoramic views stretching to Fife and the Lothian Hills. The wood is home to red squirrels. There are also two Iron Age hill forts to explore. Artist's impression of Moredun Top Hillfort.

©Chris Mitchell

Museum of Abernethy and Round Tower

Climb to the top of this 22m-high round tower built around 1100 AD and enjoy the views of the River Tay. Why not also visit Abernethy Museum with its pictish stones or walk up Castle Law Hillfort?

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Many buildings in this area are made from clay mixed with reed and were built over 200 years ago.

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