



IN & AROUND KIRKMICHAEL

Explore this historic village, once an important droving centre and a principal market in the cattle trade between the Highlands and Lowlands.

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A MUSEUM WITHOUT WALLS

The Cateran Ecomuseum is a museum without walls, all our sites are outside. Designed to reveal the hidden history of Cateran Country by the community who live here, it tells the story of its people, places and landscapes from pre-history to the present day.



Situated on the 500-million-year-old Highland Boundary Fault – the great geological feature that divides the Scottish Highlands from the Lowlands – the Cateran Ecomuseum's human history stretches back through millennia with sites identified from Neolithic times.



There are Pictish Stones to excite your curiosity, unknown stories from the legends of King Arthur and the Irish Giant Finn mac Cumhaill, contemporary histories of the Scottish Traveller Community, important events linked to the great Jacobite rebellions and fables of the Caterans themselves, the Highland clan warriors who came to be associated with cattle raiding.

FIND OUT ABOUT SOME OF THE AREA'S HIDDEN STORIES INCLUDING ITS CONNECTIONS TO THE ONSET OF THE 1715 JACOBITE RISING.



Enjoy beautiful Strathardle's wooded glens, extensive wildlife, and good walking.



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You can discover the history of Scotland's Berry Capital, Blairgowrie, and visit the site of its Victorian Textile Mills, walk a part of the Highland Boundary Fault in Alyth and enjoy its well preserved old town centre. A hike along the Cateran Trail, one of Scotland's great long distance footpaths will take you across magical Glenshee to the small villages of Kirkmichael and Glenisla, offering you spectacular views through huge landscapes sculpted by glaciation and traversed by old drove roads and ancient rights of way.



This leaflet should be used in conjunction with the Cateran Ecomuseum website which offers more detail on each itinerary and points of interest.

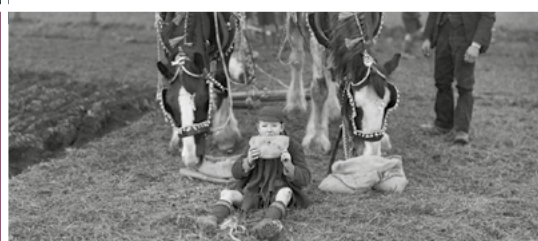
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Located in Strathardle Glen, the village dates back over 1,000 years. With various drove roads converging on the village, in the middle of the 18th century its cattle market lasted for several days and sometimes a week.



The area became popular as a holiday resort after Balmoral Castle was built for Queen Victoria in nearby Deeside and many of the local shooting lodges, known as "big houses", were built at that time.



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The Cateran Ecomuseum is a social enterprise whose vision is to enable holistic, democratic and sustainable involvement with culture, history and heritage.

Enjoy Scotland's outdoors responsibly

- Take responsibility for your own actions
- Respect the interests of other people
- Care for the environment



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1. Ballintuim Church

An important community church

Dedicated in 1899, St Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church is a simple but picturesque building designed by the Rev William Sugden.



2. James Small Monument

Memorial to a prominent local man

A 19th century Scottish Laird, James Small owned as much as 20,000 acres of land in the area, including Dirnanean, and played a leading role in village life.



3. Kirkmichael Kirk

A graveyard linked to the 'Black Death'

In 1350 AD a terrible plague, the Galor Mor, better known as the Black Death, struck the glen and its victims were buried in unmarked graves in a corner of the Churchyard.



4. The Minister's Well

An ancient well

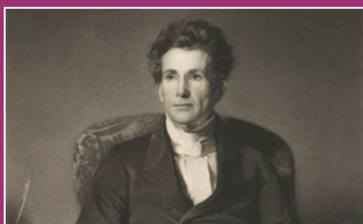
This old roadside water well opposite the church is fed by an underground spring which never runs dry.



5. The Bannerfield

An important site in the 1715 Jacobite Rising

It was here in September 1715 that John Erskine, 6th Earl of Mar raised a flag in support of the exiled Stuart King James VIII and gathered many Highlanders at the start of the 1715 Jacobite Rising.



6. Duff Memorial Church

Memorial to the Church of Scotland's first Missionary to India

Educated in Kirkmichael, Alexander Duff played an important role in the development of India's educational system and helped establish the University of Calcutta.



7. Dirnanean Garden

A Highland garden managed to encourage wildlife and wildflowers

Open every day from the beginning of June to the end of August, the garden is part of a designed landscape some of which can be seen from the Cateran Trail.



8. The Lunch Hut, Dirnanean

A Shelter for walkers with an intriguing connection to Queen Victoria

On Friday October 13th 1865 Queen Victoria passed by on her way from Dunkeld to Balmoral riding her Highland pony and accompanied by John Brown.