Glencorse Kirk

Built in 1885 to a design by Sir Rowand Anderson, leading church architect. The four storied, saddle roofed tower (unique in the Lothians at the time) was added 10 years later.

Enjoy a visit to this beautiful listed building in its rural setting, a short walk up the Kirk Brae from Milton Bridge.

Saturday: 1000 – 1200 hrs
(South of Edinburgh on A701 Milton Bridge Penicuik EH26)

Lodge St Leonard Loanhead and Lasswade

This Lodge has been active in Loanhead since February 1876 when a Charter was granted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to allow it to be formed. The foundation stone was laid on 29 April 1899.

The Lodge will be set up as per a meeting night, with Office-bearers to answer questions. Light refreshments free to visitors. Building not fully accessible but all visitors accommodated where possible.

Saturday: 1030 – 1400 hrs
Sunday: 1130 – 1400 hrs
47 Clerk Street Loanhead EH20 9RE

St Nicholas Buccleuch Parish Church

A programme of restoration has been carried out on the stonework of the church and the Alms Collection House both funded mainly by Historic Scotland and the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Apse is now a ruin. It contains the restored effigy of the Earl of Morton and his wife, Princess Joanna.

www.stnicholasbuccleuch.org.uk

Sunday 1000 - 1500 hrs
19 High Street Dalkeith EH22 1AX

Thistle Modelmakers

We are a small group of railway modellers based in Mayfield, Dalkeith, who design and make exhibition layouts. Come and see some of our layouts from around the world. Members will be on hand to put on demonstrations and answer questions and complimentary cuppa on offer too.

Saturday and Sunday: 1000 – 1600 hrs
Unit 51, Mayfield Industrial Estate, Dalkeith EH22 4AD

Straiton Pond Bat Walk

You will have the chance to see these amazing creatures and their aerial acrobatics as well as be able to identify them with our bat detectors as they swoop and chatter whilst hunting for their tea. Torch and warm clothes required. Ages 6+. Meet at Straiton Pond main entrance (opposite McDonalds) at 1930 hrs. Booking essential! Please telephone 01875 821716 (Fri-Mon)

Saturday 7 September 1930 until 2100 hrs

Doors Open Days is coordinated nationally by the Scottish Civic Trust. It runs throughout Scotland every September as part of European Heritage Days.

For up to the minute information follow DoD on facebook or visit our website:

www.facebook.com/MidlothianDoorsOpenDays/
www.doorsopendays.org.uk
www.scottishcivictrust.org.uk

Find DoD on Facebook: www.facebook.com/dodscotland

Should you require any assistance with booking, please call in to your local library where staff will be happy to help. Midlothian Council would like to thank all of the hosts who make Doors Open Day possible.

Note: visitors enter venues at their own risk. Neither Midlothian Council nor the participants are responsible for any accidents or damage that occurs. Building owners retain the right to refuse access. Due to unforeseen circumstances occasionally venues may alter their programme. Up to date information on DoD will be available online via social media and website.

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Follow us on Twitter: midgov

www.midlothian.gov.uk
Penicuik Storehouse

In late 2015 a community benefit society was formed – Penicuik Community Alliance - to help regenerate Penicuik Town Centre. It has embarked on an ambitious project to reopen the premises on 2 floors between High Street and Bank Street.

Tours of the premises as and when required

Saturday: 1200 – 1700 hrs

22 High Street
PENICUIK
EH26 8HW

Old Penicuik House

Children’s activity running throughout the day.
Guided Tour 1400 hrs
Please note converted stable block is not included.
Parking a short walk from Penicuik House at car park visible from the A766. Access to site for blue badge holders only. Contact Ranger Service 01968 670738 to arrange.

Saturday & Sunday: Old Penicuik House and High Pond: 1000 to 1600 hrs

Old Penicuik House, Penicuik, Midlothian
EH26 9LA

The Lost Garden of Penicuik

See first-hand the progress towards restoring it to its former glory.
Access from car park (OS grid ref NT 219 599) about 2 km south west of Penicuik centre on A766 Carlrops Road. Stout footwear recommended.
Sunday: tours at 1200 hrs, 1330 hrs, 1500 hrs and 1630 hrs from the car park

Sunday: 1200 – 1700 hrs

Last tour 1630hrs

The Pen-y-Coe Press and Papermaking Heritage Centre

Conducted tours around the adjacent Papermaking Heritage Centre at 1100 and 1400 hrs.

Saturday and Sunday: 1000 – 1600 hrs

1, 5 & 7 Bridge Street
Penicuik EH26 8LL

Soutra Aisle

Soutra Aisle, dated 1686, is a family burial vault, constructed when the Scottish church banned monuments inside churches. The unlocked crypt can be explored.

Guided tours by Director of Unique Archaeo-medical Investigations.

Saturday: 1100 – 1600 hrs

8 Miles South of Dalkeith off A68/A7 on B6368

Penicuik Community Development Trust: Penicuik Town Hall

The papermaking family built The Cowan Institute in 1894. They were nationally important social reformers: from 1799 their philanthropy funded a public library, schooling, social housing, sickness pay and pensions and piped drinking water. The Institute, Penicuik’s Town Hall spread the influence of ‘Scottish Baronial’ in France and Japan. Exhibition on display

Saturday: 1000 – 1400 hrs

33 High Street
Penicuik EH26 8HS

Penicuik Historical Society

Exhibition in former Council Chamber on first floor – lift available. On display will be photographs, documents and objects relating to the history of Penicuik Town Hall which opened in 1894 as the Cowan Institute. Exhibition will also include other aspects of Penicuik’s rich and varied history.

Sat 1000 – 1600 hrs

Marriage Room, Penicuik Town Hall, 33 High Street, EH26 8HS

Penicuik Heritage Regeneration Project

Exhibition and leaflets explaining the scheme together with a display of the Town Hall for All initiative that was showcased at last year’s Venice Biennale.

Digitising Family History Workshop: 1200 hrs until 1330 hrs - An introductory workshop into digitising your collection of family photographs and documents. Feel free to bring some along.

Saturday 1000 -1600 hrs

Town Hall
Penicuik
EH26 8HS
Dalkeith Museum

There is more to Dalkeith than meets the eye! Explore the old town’s fascinating past. From the Romans to more recent times, discover how people lived and worked.

Learn about at least one local hero - James Stagg, Royal Air Force Meteorological Officer who persuaded Dwight Eisenhower to change the date of the D Day landings.

Dalkeith Masonic Lodge

The lodge was completed and consecrated in 1766 by the local order of Freemasons and is one of the oldest purpose-built lodge rooms in the world.

Guided tours and Lodge set out as if for Masonic Meeting.

Complimentary tea and coffee for visitors.

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

The church has a history with Dalkeith which dates back to 1851 when the first branch was organised in May of that year.

Visitors can find out how to get started tracing their own family history, with access to the Church's large database and there will be activities for children.

Cousland Smiddy and Heritage Hub

Wartime in a Rural Community

Commemorating 80 years since start of World War II and how it affected life village life; displays show how residents coped and what they did to help the War effort.

Blacksmithing demos throughout the day in 300 year old forge.

As part of East Lothian Archaeology Fortnight, Dr Alison Sheridan of National Museum of Scotland will present a talk on 2300BC Early Bronze Age Skeletons discovered in Cousland over 100 years ago. Talks at: 1100 & 1300 hrs lasting 35 minutes. Numbers limited.

Soup, refreshments & cakes available all day. Local produce for sale.

Midlothian Camera Club

Midlothian Camera Club welcomes you to an exhibition of photographs taken by its members and a display of vintage cameras. The club caters for all levels of photographic ability and interests. It provides opportunities for its members to learn new techniques and develop their skills through activities, presentations and use of studio and darkroom facilities.

Mavisbank House

Meet at interpretation board - access can be gained via the pathway along River North Esk, from Polton Road. Parking around perimeter of grounds extremely limited - please use public transport or car share.

To book e-mail Engineshed@hss.scot stating tour time, name and contact details (phone and email).

Stout footwear recommended.

St Mary’s Episcopal Church

Built by the 5th Duke of Buccleuch and opened in 1845, St Mary’s was designed by architects William Burn and David Bryce in early English style with high double hammerbeam roof, vaulting in the chancel, magnificent stained glass windows made in France and heraldic floor tiles by Minton.

Cousland Smiddy and Heritage Hub

Sat 14: 1000 – 1600 hrs

Off A6124 East of Dalkeith
31 Hadfast Road
Cousland EH22 2NZ

Sat 11:00 – 1500 hrs

Meet at interpretation board - access can be gained via the pathway along River North Esk, from Polton Road. Parking around perimeter of grounds extremely limited - please use public transport or car share.

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Stout footwear recommended.

Valleyfield House and Penicuik Pottery

Exhibition of the history of the house in hallway and pottery on display for visitors to view.
**National Mining Museum Scotland**

**Climb the Headframe**
Magnificent views of Midlothian and beyond! Sturdy shoes and jackets essential, along with a good head for heights! Unsuitable for children and weather dependent. Tour times: Saturday 1030, 1130, 1300 and 1400 hrs. Saturday 14 September is National Chamber Music Day. We are delighted to host a FREE event in our beautiful Power House - a mining influenced programme of songs and music performed by a pianist and singer. This will take place at 2 pm. No booking required.

**Arniston House**
Private family home of the Dundas family who acquired Arniston Estate in 1571. Entry by guided tour only on a first come basis at: 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500 hrs. Pop up Tea Room in Orangery.

**Dalkeith Community Fire Station**
We will have various equipment demonstrations taking place and the opportunity for kids to get inside a real fire engine! Fire Station in full operation throughout the day. Please do not park in front of fire appliance bay doors.

**Various opening times**
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  - EH22 4QN
  - BOOK ONLINE AT: https://nationalminingmuseum.cloudvenue.co.uk/home

**Crichton Collegiate Church**
Crichton was built as a Collegiate Church by Sir William Crichton, Lord Chancellor of Scotland in the time of King James II. The building is now in the care of a Trust. Demonstration of the unique pipe organ built by Joseph Brook from 1430 to 1530 hrs. www.crichtonchurch.com

**Rosewell Parish Church**
In 1871 the foundation stone was laid for Rosewell Church which was opened officially on 22 July 1874. All items gifted are on display.

**Lasswade Church**
The Church was opened in 1830 for the Lasswade Congregation in the United Presbyterian Church. In 1894 the Church was completely overhauled and several alterations carried out. In 1929 the UP Church united with the Church of Scotland. Photographic and historic items exhibition.

**Newbattle Church**
**Building of Newbattle Church,**
on its present site was completed in 1728/29.
**Exhibition of photographs depicting ‘Newbattle Parish – Then and Now’**
**Craft activities for children**
1100 hrs until 1230 hrs: Guided tours available as required
1400 hrs until 1600 hrs: Rolling programme of live music!

**Vogrie House and Country Park**
House Tours: **Saturday 7 September** at 1300 and 1500 hrs. lasting 45 minutes - Ages 16+. Please telephone 01875 821716 (Fri-Mon) to book.

**The Wildlife Information Centre (TWIC)**
The Wildlife Information Centre (TWIC) collects, collates and disseminates wildlife information in south/central Scotland. Based in Caretaker’s Cottage, attached to Vogrie House, TWIC is opening to let people see the work we do, find out about our wildlife surveys and how they can take part.

**Crichton Collegiate Church**
Saturday: 1000 – 1600 hrs
(South west of Pathhead off B6367,) Crichton Pathhead EH37 5XA

**Rosewell Parish Church**
Saturday: 1000 – 1200 hrs
Camethie Street
Rosewell EH24 9DW

**Lasswade Church**
Saturday: 1100 – 1600 hrs
Caretaker’s Cottage,
Vogrie Country Park,
Nr Gorebridge EH23 4NU

**Newbattle Church**
Saturday: 1100 – 1600 hrs
Newbattle Road
Dalkeith EH22 3LH