

# CONNECTING FIFE'S STORIES



## THE KINGDOM OF DISCOVERY

YOUR FREE GUIDE TO AWARD-WINNING MUSEUMS, GALLERIES, AND CULTURAL DESTINATIONS IN FIFE

## FIND OUT MORE

### FIFE MUSEUMS FORUM

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For over 40 years, Fife Museums Forum (FMF) has been dedicated to connecting museums across the Fife region, playing a vital role behind the scenes! FMF brings confidence and encouragement to its members by sharing knowledge, experience, and training. By working together, FMF helps raise the profile of museum work across the region. The committee members volunteer their time from their roles within their respective museums, demonstrating their commitment to the community and the heritage of Fife. So, as you explore the museums of Fife, know that FMF is working diligently to support and promote these amazing attractions for visitors like you to enjoy.

#### Explore Fife's rich history hassle-free!

- No need to book, plus enjoy FREE entry at most venues.
- Access is easy with level access at most venues.
- Guided tours are often available.
- Be sure to check venue websites for the latest info and opening times before your visit!



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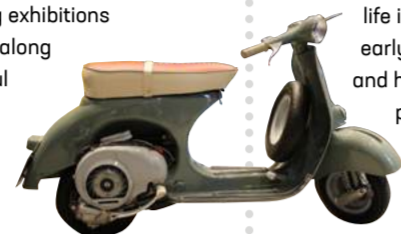
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### DUNFERMLINE CARNEGIE LIBRARY & GALLERIES

onfife.com

Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries is an award-winning museum, gallery, shop and reading room - all adjoining the world's first Carnegie Library. Situated in Scotland's ancient capital, it offers a rolling programme of exciting exhibitions covering Dunfermline's rich and varied history, along with stunning views of the Abbey. With beautiful rooms that can be hired for meetings and events, plus a top-notch cafe - it guarantees a great day out for all the family.



### KIRKCALDY GALLERIES

onfife.com

Kirkcaldy Galleries is a one-stop cultural destination, housing a museum, art galleries, library, and more under one roof. Originally built as part of Kirkcaldy's War Memorial in 1925, thanks to a generous donation by local linoleum manufacturer John Nairn. The Galleries showcase the town's history from ancient times to the present day. Explore remarkable art collections, including works by the Scottish Colourists, or bring the kids for a day of learning, adventure and activities.



### ST ANDREWS MUSEUM

onfife.com

Situated within the scenic Kinburn Park, St Andrews Museum occupies a stunning Victorian mansion. Explore the A-Z exhibition, offering a glimpse into the history of the area where each letter of the alphabet features star objects and images from the museum's collection. There are captivating temporary exhibitions, plus exciting events for adults and children alike. Highlights of the collection include a Bronze Age jet necklace found at Law Park in St Andrews 1907.



### FIFE CONTEMPORARY

fcaac.co.uk

Fife Contemporary produces a high-quality program of visual art and craft exhibitions, events, and activities across various venues in Fife. Their mission is to support artists, makers, and the public by facilitating engagement and enriching lives through artistic experiences. They create opportunities for the public to engage with new artwork in diverse locations. Fife Contemporary frequently collaborates with OnFife Museums and Galleries, complementing their program with contemporary exhibitions exploring current themes. For information on current events and locations, please visit their website.



### ANDREW CARNEGIE BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

carnegiebirthplace.com

Step into the humble cottage where the titan of industry, Andrew Carnegie, was born in 1835. Explore the modest 18th-century weaver's dwelling, a stark contrast to the grandeur of his later life in New York as the richest man alive. Delve into Carnegie's early years as a bobbin boy, his journey to America in 1848, and his remarkable rise to become one of history's greatest philanthropists. Don't miss the memorial hall built by Louise Carnegie, Andrew's widow, displaying objects to inspire and illuminate those who visit.



### WARDLAW MUSEUM

st-andrews.ac.uk/museums

The University of St Andrews, Scotland's first university established in 1413, boasts museums deeply rooted in its 600-year history of research and teaching. These museums hold approximately 115,000 artefacts and specimens, displayed across the campus and lent for exhibitions worldwide. The Wardlaw Museum features four thematic galleries highlighting the university's groundbreaking research and global impact, showcasing remarkable art, history, science, and natural history collections. Complemented by temporary exhibitions and interactive experiences, the museum offers a captivating cultural space for St Andrews, complete with a beautiful sea view from the terrace and garden.



### ST ANDREWS HERITAGE MUSEUM & GARDEN

st-andrewsmuseum.com

Explore the history of St Andrews, nestled in one of the oldest domestic dwellings in the town, a quaint 17th-century house and garden. Situated near the Cathedral and Castle, the museum and gardens offer a glimpse into its people and their stories, with displays depicting social, working, and domestic life. Wander through our hidden gem of gardens featuring a sensory garden, alongside engaging exhibitions and installations. Don't miss the chance for a unique photo opportunity with a friend in our exclusive double-seater outdoor privy, a charming touch of St Andrews' heritage.



### R&A WORLD GOLF MUSEUM

worldgolfmuseum.com

Our immersive galleries bring the past, present and future of golf to life. Explore over 400 years of golf's history on your tour of our outstanding sporting collection, rooted in St Andrews, recognised worldwide as the home of golf. Connect with the medieval origins of the game and discover its global development through golf's earliest societies, evolving equipment, groundbreaking fashion and championships. Discover engaging exhibitions and events, play in our Learning Room, and dress-up before hailing a putt on our green. Visit our R&A Shop and dine surrounded by views of The Royal and Ancient Clubhouse and historic Links in The Niblick Restaurant & Bar.



Image Credit: Fife Council / Damian Shields



### FIFE FOLK MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTRE

fifefolkmuseum.org

Fife Folk Museum provides a window on the social, economic and industrial heritage of Fife. The museum offers a Children's Trail, where young visitors can hunt for small objects and enjoy Feely boxes and dressing up clothes. Regular workshops and drop-in sessions, including activities such as spoon carving, storytelling, painting, and themed workshops for children, are available. Don't miss the popular free monthly talks covering a variety of subjects. Additionally, the museum offers outreach visits to schools and adult groups, bringing history to life beyond its walls. Be sure to check out the 19th-century Penny Farthing bicycle on display!



### SAVE WEMYSS ANCIENT CAVES MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTRE

wemysscaves.org

Discover our Museum and Visitor Centre, conveniently located near the historic Wemyss caves, renowned for their ancient carvings, including early Pictish. Begin your cave exploration with a guided tour or embark on a virtual reality tour within the building, exploring displays that celebrate the area's rich natural and cultural heritage. The museum features many unique items such as geological specimens, intriguing archaeological artefacts, cave-site discoveries, historic plaster casts, and local weaving and mining artefacts.



### CRAIL MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

crailmuseum.uk

This museum and heritage centre offers visitors a small yet unique glimpse into local history. Showcasing unique stories from Crail Airfield, HMS Jackdaw WWII, and the fascinating JSSL, where Russian was taught to decoders and spies during the Cold War, it captivates with its rich heritage. The Burgh Room includes timelines tracing back to the Royal Charter granted by Robert the Bruce in 1311 and beyond. Explore the vibrant local Herring trade and the legacy of the Kingo family, skilled weavers who once called Crail home. Visitors can also enjoy guided walks on Sunday afternoons, led by knowledgeable locals, offering a comprehensive exploration of Crail's colourful past.



### CUPAR MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

cuparheritage.org.uk

Established to meet longstanding demands for a town museum, the Cupar Museum and Heritage Centre is housed in a former staff cottage at Cupar Railway Station, a significant structure dating back to 1847. This museum tells the story of Cupar's history as the County Town. Through semi-permanent displays and presentations on local topics, visitors can explore the town's past. The museum's collection is always growing and includes items like ephemera, paintings, and donated artefacts, many of which were saved for the community by our Trustees. It's a crucial repository of Cupar's heritage.

Image Credit: VisitScotland / Kenny Lam



### SCOTTISH FISHERIES MUSEUM

scotfishmuseum.org

Located on the harbourfront of a lively coastal town, the Scottish Fisheries Museum is renowned nationally and internationally. Its extensive displays aim to engage visitors of all ages in the evolution of the Scottish commercial fishing industry and the lives of fisherfolk. Highlighting constant innovation, the museum features full-sized historic boats like the Zulu-class "Research," alongside artefacts, photographs, fine art and costumes. Delve into Scotland's maritime heritage - a highlight not to be missed is the opportunity to admire the sea-going flagship, the 1902 herring drifter "Reaper."



### FORTH BRIDGES LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

nghl.org

Discover the Forth Bridges Lighthouse Museum, home to the world's smallest working Light Tower, offering stunning views of the historic Queensferry Passage. From Queen Margaret to Queen Victoria, this crossing has royal connections dating back centuries. Learn about its formal constitution in 1809, closure in 1964, and the building of three bridges - Forth Bridge in 1890, Forth Road Bridge in 1964, and the new Queensferry Crossing in 2017. Enjoy panoramic views of all three bridges spanning three centuries. Pick up a Forth Bridges Trail map for a historic walk or complete a circular trail for a personal certificate. Advance bookings allow you to light the historic lamp, echoing the past.



### MUSEUM OF COMMUNICATION

museumofcommunication.org.uk

The Museum of Communication enlightens, educates, and entertains visitors by showcasing the evolution of communication technology. Through rescued artefacts spanning 200 years, the museum illustrates the stages of design, improvement, and change in communication devices. Young guests can explore the development of smartphones, while older visitors can reminisce about radios, TVs, and phones from their youth. The exhibits make the history of communication accessible to all, with everyday objects presented with clear explanations in simple language.



### SCOTTISH VINTAGE BUS MUSEUM

svbm.org.uk

At the Scottish Vintage Bus Museum, you'll find a collection of approximately 180 buses and artefacts showcasing Scotland's bus industry from the 1930s. Visitors enjoy guided tours of the expansive site aboard a vintage bus, with stops at the restoration workshop. Feel free to explore the large Exhibition Hall, complete with a café and shop.



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**THE KINGDOM OF FIFE, A REGION STEEPED IN HISTORY AND NATURAL BEAUTY, OFFERING A VIBRANT RANGE OF ATTRACTIONS FOR YOU TO EXPLORE BOTH INDOORS AND OUT. FIFE BOASTS A RICH HERITAGE, WITH PICTURESQUE COASTAL TOWNS, CHARMING VILLAGES, AND STUNNING COUNTRYSIDE LANDSCAPES WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED.**

Explore the art & culture, history and heritage and industrious spirit of Fife at award-winning museums, galleries, and cultural destinations, each offering unique experiences and stories of people and place.

#### ART & CULTURE

Fife's vibrant cultural scene extends beyond museums and heritage sites, to include a wide range of creative experiences. From the award-winning **Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries**, where visitors can explore thematic displays and changing exhibitions, to **Kirkcaldy Galleries**, offering insights into local history and remarkable art collections, the region boasts varied and engaging cultural venues. **St Andrews Museum**, set within the picturesque Kinburn Park, provides engaging exhibitions and activities, while **Fife Contemporary** curates dynamic art and craft exhibitions across various venues.

#### HISTORY & HERITAGE

Uncover early Pictish markings at the **Wemyss Caves Museum** and discover the story of the people of Fife at **Fife Folk Museum** in Ceres. In St Andrews explore the game of golf at the **R&A World Golf Museum** and then wander through the gardens at **St Andrews Heritage Museum & Garden** or you can find out about Scotland's first University at the **Wardlaw Museum**. Delve into the life of the famous industrialist at **Andrew Carnegie Birthplace Museum** in Dunfermline. Discover local stories at **Crail Museum & Heritage Centre** and **Cupar Museum and Heritage Centre**.

#### INDUSTRIAL LEGACY

Learn about Fife's fishing industry at the **Scottish Fisheries Museum** in Anstruther in the East Neuk or hop on a bus at the **Scottish Vintage Bus Museum** in Dunfermline in the west of Fife. Then pop along to Burntisland and discover the world of technology at the **Museum of Communication**. The **Forth Bridges Lighthouse Museum** in North Queensferry offers a unique perspective on Scotland's iconic bridges and their significance to the region's transportation history.



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## SCOTTISH VINTAGE BUS MUSEUM

[www.svbm.org.uk](http://www.svbm.org.uk)

M90 Commerce Park, Lathalmond, by Dunfermline KY12 0SJ

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£ Adult £8 | Junior/Concession £5 | Family £20

Museum Members FREE

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## DUNFERMLINE CARNEGIE LIBRARY & GALLERIES

[www.onfife.com](http://www.onfife.com)

1-7 Abbot Street, Dunfermline KY12 7NL

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## ANDREW CARNEGIE BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

[www.carnegiebirthplace.com](http://www.carnegiebirthplace.com)

Moodie Street, Dunfermline KY12 7PL

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## FORTH BRIDGES LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM

[www.nqht.org](http://www.nqht.org)

60 Main Street, North Queensferry KY11 1JG

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## MUSEUM OF COMMUNICATION

[www.museumofcommunication.org.uk](http://www.museumofcommunication.org.uk)

131 High Street, Burntisland KY3 9AA

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## KIRKCALDY GALLERIES

[www.onfife.com](http://www.onfife.com)

War Memorial Gardens, Kirkcaldy KY11 1YG

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FIFE OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERY TYPE OF TRAVELLER, WHETHER EXPLORING ITS RICH HISTORY, ENJOYING THE STUNNING NATURAL LANDSCAPES, OR IMMERSING ONESELF IN THE VIBRANT CULTURAL SCENE. WITH ITS WEALTH OF ATTRACTIONS AND EXPERIENCES, FIFE IS A DESTINATION WORTH EXPLORING FOR A MEMORABLE AND ENRICHING TRAVEL EXPERIENCE.

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Discover Fife and plan your visit: [welcometofife.com](http://welcometofife.com)

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PUBLIC TOILET	♿	ACCESSIBLE TOILET	♿
BABY CHANGING FACILITIES	👶	CHILDREN ACTIVITIES	👶
PUBLIC PARKING NEARBY OR DROP-OFF POINT	🚗	ACCESSIBLE PARKING	P♿
ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTE	🚗	LEVEL ACCESS	♿
GUIDED TOUR	👥	WIFI	📶
SHOP	🛍️	CAFE/LIGHT REFRESHMENTS	☕
LARGE PRINT, BRAILLE OR AUDIO GUIDES	👁️	HEARING LOOP	👂
TRANSLATION SERVICE / FOREIGN LANGUAGE GUIDES			🗣️



## CUPAR MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

[www.cuparheritage.org.uk](http://www.cuparheritage.org.uk)

Railway Station, Station Road, Cupar KY15 5HX

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## FIFE FOLK MUSEUM

[www.fifefolkmuseum.org](http://www.fifefolkmuseum.org)

High Street, Ceres KY15 5NF

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## ST ANDREWS HERITAGE MUSEUM & GARDEN

[www.standrewsmuseum.com](http://www.standrewsmuseum.com)

12 North Street, St Andrews KY16 9PW

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## FIFE CONTEMPORARY

[www.fcac.co.uk](http://www.fcac.co.uk)

Various Locations across Fife.

Please check the website for latest exhibition and events.

☎ 01334 474610

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## ST ANDREWS MUSEUM

[www.onfife.com](http://www.onfife.com)

Kinburn Park, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews KY16 9DP

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## SAVE WEMYSS ANCIENT CAVES MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTRE

[www.wemysscaves.org](http://www.wemysscaves.org)

Terras Hall, The Haugh, East Wemyss KY1 4SB

☎ 01333 310628

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## SCOTTISH FISHERIES MUSEUM

[www.scotfishmuseum.org](http://www.scotfishmuseum.org)

St Ayles, Harbourhead, East Shore, Anstruther KY10 3AB

☎ 01333 310628

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£ Adults £11.00 | Concessions (over 60s & students) £8.00

Children FREE up to 16 years (accompanied by an adult)



## CRAIL MUSEUM & HERITAGE CENTRE

[www.crailmuseum.uk](http://www.crailmuseum.uk)

62-64 Marketgate South, Crail KY10 3TL

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## R&A WORLD GOLF MUSEUM

[www.worldgolfmuseum.com](http://www.worldgolfmuseum.com)

Bruce Embankment, St Andrews KY16 9AB

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£ Adult £17.50 | Seniors aged 60+ £12.50

Carers, Students & Children aged 16 and under FREE



## WARDLAW MUSEUM

[www.st-andrews.ac.uk/museums](http://www.st-andrews.ac.uk/museums)

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