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Edinburgh's Coast & Countryside



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welcome

40 miles of stunning coastline, spectacular scenery, golden beaches, award-winning attractions, excellent accommodation, outstanding food & drink, fabulous events and the world's finest links golf courses - East Lothian combines the best of Scotland!

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From the excitement of horse racing to thrilling boat trips round the coast, you'll be amazed at what East Lothian offers. Festivals and events featuring dance, theatre, art, music, science and more will keep the whole family entertained. Family-friendly attractions with everything from animals to aeroplanes not only keep the kids occupied but offer activities for all ages.

Get outdoors and enjoy fishing, cycling and walking. Featuring 21 world-famous links and parkland courses, East Lothian is a golfer's paradise. The depth, variety and quality of golf rivals any in the world. You can play the world's oldest golf course as well as some of its finest modern facilities. Ideal wave and wind conditions provide the watersports enthusiast with exhilarating and exciting adventures from sailing to surfing.

If you're feeling a bit adventurous you can experience the thrill of wakeboarding and coasteering too!

stay

Get away from it all with a break in East Lothian, a world away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Relax and unwind, take a walk along one of the many unspoilt beaches, eat out at your choice of fine dining experiences or cosy traditional pubs, restaurants and cafes. Finish the day with a refreshing drink or two while admiring the views across the sea to Edinburgh and Fife.

There is quality accommodation for all budgets and tastes in towns and villages and nestled in rolling countryside. Choose from a variety of hotels, guest houses, restaurants with rooms, B&B's, self-catering, camping and holiday parks. Spoil yourself in an exclusive venue and add a unique touch to your stay. Or be the envy of your friends and stay somewhere a bit different – how about a converted double decker bus or a treehouse? No matter where you stay you are guaranteed a very warm welcome.



getting here

East Lothian is just 30 minutes drive from Edinburgh Airport and situated on the main A1 route as well as having easy access from the A68 and M8.

Regular buses link towns and villages. Musselburgh, Wallyford, Prestonpans, Longniddry, North Berwick, Drem and Dunbar all have rail stations.

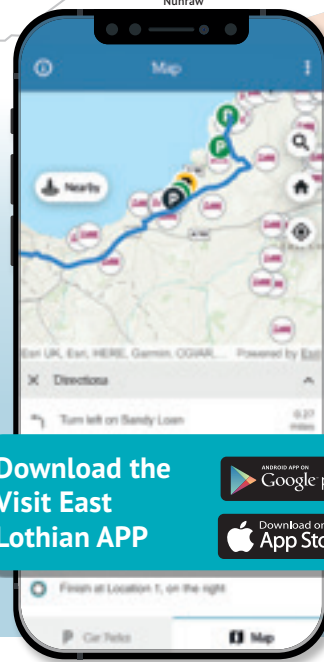


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Get up to date information on parking at East Lothian Council coastal car parks and know before you go. Plus find out about things to see and do, where to go for great food & drink, places to stay and much more to make the most of your East Lothian visit.

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taste

With a landscape of rural farmland and miles of beautiful coastline, it is no surprise that you can find and savour a wealth of high-quality food in East Lothian 'the garden of Scotland'. Whether you're looking for the freshest seasonal produce in farm shops and delis or the best places to eat out for that special occasion, you'll find it all here.

East Lothian has everything from scrumptious cider and fruit liqueurs, award-winning butchers, freshly caught seafood, and the juiciest fruit and crispiest vegetables all served in acclaimed restaurants. Other highlights for foodies include cafes that produce traditional dishes and home-baking, not to mention decadent afternoon teas!

On the last Saturday of every month, Haddington plays host to a Farmers' Market offering the opportunity to meet the farmers who grow and rear the produce.

Whatever your tastes and preferences – vegetarian, vegan, Michelin rated, fish & chips - you are sure to eat and drink some of the finest Scottish produce in East Lothian.



event highlights

Every year East Lothian is alive with events. Here are some which regularly feature in the calendar.

John Muir Celebrations - Activities and events for all ages centred in Dunbar, birthplace of John Muir.

Fringe by the Sea - An extravaganza that brings the colour, excitement and vibrancy of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe to North Berwick.

Lammermuir Festival - Beautiful music in beautiful places. Internationally renowned musicians and exciting new talent at unique locations throughout East Lothian.

The Saltire - Events throughout East Lothian celebrating its fame as Home of the Scottish Flag.

Golf - Scotland's Golf Coast welcomes a range of top golfing tournaments including the Genesis Scottish Open and AIG Women's Open.

Musselburgh Racecourse - Horseracing throughout the year with special themed days including Ladies Day.

The Brunton - East Lothian's place to be for a wealth of live arts, entertainment and film.

European Stonestacking Championships - Marvel at the creations made entirely from stones on the beach by the experts and have a go at stonestacking.

For up to date events information click here: [What's On](#) ↗



Scotland's
best-kept secret



discover

Some very important Scots were born here. Unravel the story of Scotland's flag, The Saltire, at its home in Athelstaneford. John Muir, the father of America's National Parks, spent much of his childhood in Dunbar. Take the time to find out about this renowned pioneer in the house where he was born.

Journey through film locations, re-live some of your favourite TV and movie moments, and discover East Lothian as you go. A must for Outlander fans!

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getting around

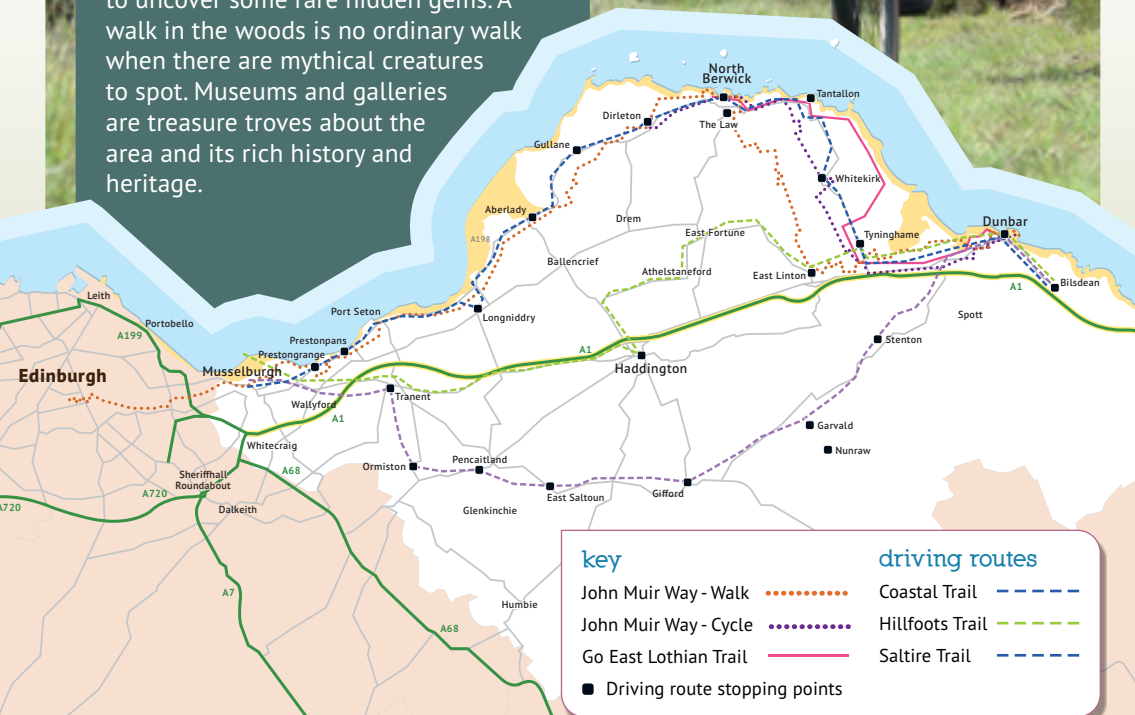
Walk or cycle along the John Muir Way, a long distance route between Dunbar and Helensburgh, and explore the beautiful places that you pass.

If walking and wildlife are your thing, you won't want to miss a day in the Lammermuir Hills.

Try something different – go bikepacking! The Go East Lothian Trail is perfect for families, microadventures or a long day ride. The Trail is just one of many scenic cycling routes that crisscross the area. Be inspired here:

[Cycling](#)

Slow down, relax and take the time to uncover some rare hidden gems. A walk in the woods is no ordinary walk when there are mythical creatures to spot. Museums and galleries are treasure troves about the area and its rich history and heritage.



driving routes

If you like to tour by car there are 3 Driving Routes to choose from which will get you to the places you need to see and provide you with a unique insight into the region's fascinating history and heritage and bring you right up to date with modern East Lothian. Each route has stopping points with interpretation boards which link to further information on things to see and do in the surrounding area.

Choose The Coastal Trail and enjoy spectacular scenery, varied wildlife and top attractions. Follow The Saltire Trail and delve into Scotland's rich history, heritage and culture.

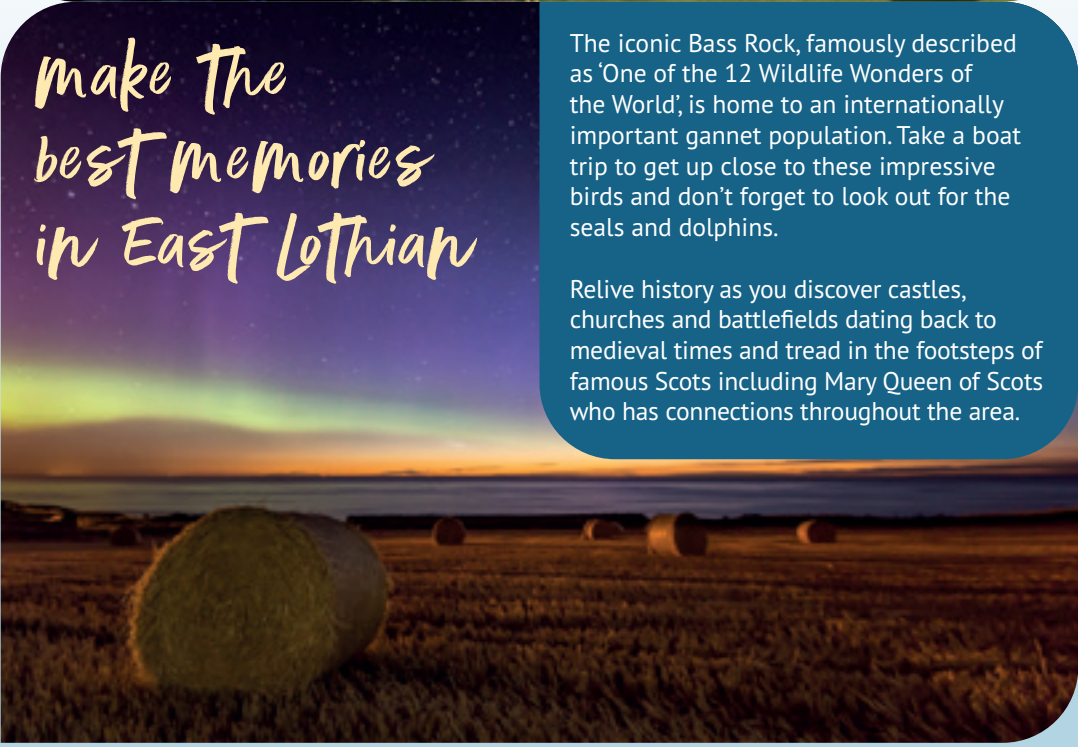
Meander along The Hillfoots Trail through glorious countryside and traditional villages and take in panoramic views.

[Scan here for Driving Routes](#)





experiences



make the
best memories
in East Lothian

The iconic Bass Rock, famously described as 'One of the 12 Wildlife Wonders of the World', is home to an internationally important gannet population. Take a boat trip to get up close to these impressive birds and don't forget to look out for the seals and dolphins.

Relive history as you discover castles, churches and battlefields dating back to medieval times and tread in the footsteps of famous Scots including Mary Queen of Scots who has connections throughout the area.



No ordinary day

Indulge in a spot of wellbeing. Treat yourself to some pampering in a tranquil spa. Learn something new – how about bushcraft, cookery or crafting?

Reconnect with nature as you follow a walking or cycling route. Make the most of the darkness and look up at the star-studded skies. Look after your body and mind as you practice yoga, forest bathing or bare foot walking.

Pop into gin and whisky distilleries for a tour and tasting and visit 5 star attractions. You can even step on board Scotland's only Concorde.

Shop to your heart's content and find unique gifts and souvenirs in the independent retailers which can be found in picturesque towns and villages.




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