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Edinburgh's Coast & Countryside

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The Bass Rock

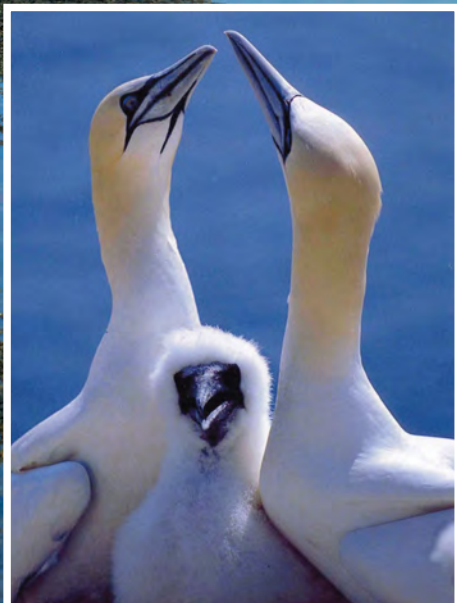
A rich and varied landscape; from the rugged coastline to the high moorland of the Lammermuir Hills. East Lothian is a coast and countryside paradise on Edinburgh's doorstep, offering great wildlife diversity and is particularly well known for its marine and birdlife including the largest northern gannet population on the Bass Rock.

There's panoramic breathtaking views in every direction and wide open spaces for all to enjoy.

Famous Scot, John Muir, renowned naturalist and founder of the National Parks in America, sets the scene and opportunities abound to follow in his footsteps round Scotland including some time on the John Muir Way.

"When I was a child in Scotland, I was fond of everything that was wild, and all my life I've been growing fonder and fonder of wild places and wild creatures. Fortunately, around my native town of Dunbar, by the stormy North Sea, there was no lack of wildness..."

Unique to the area are the Exmoor ponies roaming wild on **Traprain Law**, a distinct hill close by Haddington and on **Berwick Law** in North Berwick, both being outstanding volcanic features of the region. Amazing seabirds including the gannets and the cormorants, harbour seals and the noisy kittiwakes nesting at **Dunbar Castle** are to be seen and in autumn, 30,000 pink footed geese migrate to East Lothian shores. Puffins and often dolphins and porpoises can delight our visitors on boat trips.



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Inspiring Nature Visitor Attractions

John Muir's Birthplace Dunbar

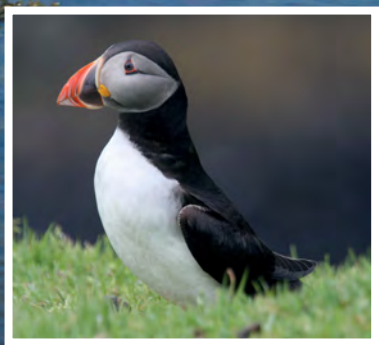
Famous Scot/ Coastal

Born in Dunbar, **John Muir** became a champion of conservation and a pioneer of the National Parks movement in the US. His love of the natural world started along the East Lothian coast. The museum celebrates his life and legacy to the world. **The John Muir Way** (Coast to Coast route) also begins here.

Scottish Seabird Centre North Berwick

Coastal/ Wildlife/ Environment

Unique coastal attraction and conservation body, helping people learn about Scotland's marine wildlife and seabirds. The perfect location for access to amazing coastal seascapes and breath-taking views. The state of the art Discovery Experience provides Interactive live cameras on the Bass Rock to see the world's largest northern gannet colony and other marine and bird life.



Scottish Seabird Centre

Nature Reserves and Woodlands

Natural places to visit include the region's nature reserves. Of particular note, **Aberlady Bay Nature Reserve** which is a special place of national significance for flora and fauna with a bird watching centre and lovely walks.

There's also several Scottish Woodland Trust reserves including **Woodhall Dean** and **Brock Wood**, near Dunbar. Woodlands include **John Muir Country Park** and **Pressmennan Woods**, Dunbar, **Butterdean Wood**, Haddington; **Gifford Community Woodland** and the **Pencaitland Railway Walk**, a historic disused railway providing a glimpse of the past and lovely nature and wildlife at the same time.





Bookable Experiences

Boat Trips

Departing from East Lothian to the **Bass Rock**, **Craigleith** and **Isle of May**. Plenty of wildlife to see and private hire available too.

Sula Boat Trips North Berwick

Seabird Centre Wildlife Boat Trips North Berwick

Bluewild Nature Boat Trips Dunbar Harbour or North Berwick.

Eco and Wellbeing

A variety of learning, socially responsible options and immersion in nature. Bespoke opportunities for groups.

Carfrae Farm Agritourism and farm stays offered as well as bush craft, fungi foraging, wild swimming and forest bathing and mindfulness experiences.

Tree-ditions Bush craft and traditional skills, plant and tree identification and foraging courses.





Llamas at East Links Family Park

Multi-generational tours can work well in the region with all the activities, boat trips and wide open spaces.

John Muir Alpacas

Morning and afternoon trekking with the alpacas, by **John Muir Country Park**.

East Links Family Park

20 acre small farm. Award winning adventure park with all sorts of animals from cattle to wallabies, llamas, donkeys and chickens.



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