

Things to do in Angus

With such busy lives today, more and more of us look forward to a day out or a short break to help us recharge our batteries. Angus is full to the brim with award-winning visitor attractions such as Glamis Castle. In Angus, just a few miles away from Dundee, you will find breath-taking, spectacular Highland Glens, and bracing and rugged coastlines mixed alongside quiet coastal retreats. Glamis Castle Five miles from Forfar, in the fertile valley of Strathmore, is the quaint village of Glamis. Family home of the Earls of Strathmore. Childhood home of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, and birthplace of the present Queen's younger sister, the late Princess Margaret Rose. Legendary setting of Shakespeare's "Macbeth". Guided tours, gardens, pinetum, nature trail, shops, licenced restaurant, play-area, picnic area. Glamis is set in the rolling hills of Angus, approximately 20km from the North Sea, in an area of considerable ancient history. Whilst the village is home to a curious old stone, said to be a monument to King Malcolm II, and some attractive eighteenth-century cottages, its most notable attribute is the grandeur of Glamis Castle. The modern visitor approaching the Highland Castle for the first time cannot but draw breath in admiration as he journeys down the mile-long avenue rich in colour, flanked in spring by swathes of yellow and cream daffodils, or the colours in the rows of autumn trees.

Spires, turrets, towers and statues will seize your attention initially, but there is so much more to explore in this legendary Castle. With its strong links with history, royalty and fiction, Glamis Castle is one of Scotland's most impressive visitor attractions. Whether you choose to visit Glamis to admire its stunning architecture, to explore its history, legends and myths or to enjoy the surrounding beauty of the grounds and gardens, you will not fail to be touched by the magic of Glamis.

Brechin Castle Centre While it may seem unusual to find a garden centre in a 65 acre country park, we believe it is one of the features that makes Brechin Castle Centre locally unique. Our visitors can make a day of it and combine a gardening or gift shopping outing with a leisurely meal, then enjoy a gentle stroll around the ornamental lake or visit the pets in the pets corner, the children can enjoy an adventure in our Dragons Lair playpark. Particular attractions include:-

- Dragons Lair play area with exciting new equipment installed in Spring 2005
- Ornamental lake with a model boat racing club every Sunday and Wednesday afternoon.
- Miniature railway, summer only and weather permitting, mid-day to 4pm
- Nature trails around the lake and wetland area
- Model farm with walks of up to 3km around the animal paddocks and through the farm steading and static display of vintage farm implements.
- Tame and friendly animals including guinea pigs and rabbits in our pets area.