

5. Kinneil House and Woods



Access Information

Bus: For further information on bus times, numbers, routes, etc call Traveline on 0871 200 2233 or visit www.traveline.org.uk

Train: No, although Bo'ness and Kinneil train can stop at Kinneil Halt, a short (10-15 minute) walk away.

Cycle: Sustrans Route 76 follows part of this route.

Parking: Small car park at museum and larger car park by Kinneil Woods.

Distance
 ■ = Suggested route - 2.8 km (1.7 miles)
 ■ = Easier option - 2 km (1.25 miles)
 ■ = Other paths available.

Path information

Part of the route is on unsurfaced grass paths which can be uneven and wet in places. The forest tracks are steep

in places, and can be muddy and uneven. There is seating along the path at various locations and picnic tables by Kinneil House.

Facilities

Car parking
 Seating and signs
 Disabled toilet at entrance to old walled garden (RADAR key required).
 'Supertoo' toilet just off Provost Road at rear car park entrance.
 Museum: open all year: Mon - Sat: 12.30- 4.00pm;
 For more information call 01506 778530.
 Toilets, shops, cafes and parking available in Bo'ness Town Centre.

For more information

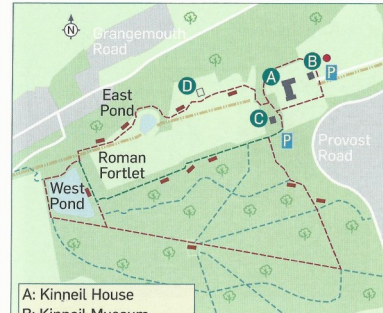
Please note that Kinneil House is only open on certain days, visit www.kinneil.org.uk for more information about open days and to find out about the 'Friends of Kinneil' group.

Enjoy 2000 years of history in one short route. From the site of a Roman Fortlet and the Antonine Wall to the remains of a medieval church, the historic Kinneil House and its fabulous woodland estate. In 2008, the Antonine Wall was designated as a World Heritage Site.

Finding Your Way

START: The best place to start your visit is at Kinneil Museum - a small red, roofed building in front of the imposing Kinneil House. Park your car in the small parking area next to the Museum, or in the larger car parking area off Provost Road at Kinneil Woods, a short distance away. The museum features an extensive display on the history of Kinneil Estate. There's also a short video about what you might see during your visit. The Museum is usually open Monday to Saturday, all year, from 12.30pm to 4pm.

- 1 From the Museum follow the red blaes path towards the imposing Kinneil House. The oldest part of the structure dates back to the late 15th century. It was remodelled in the 16th century, and transformed into a stately home for the Dukes of Hamilton in the 1660s. The House is only open on selected free days during the year. Ask at the Museum for dates or visit the Kinneil website -



- A: Kinneil House
- B: Kinneil Museum
- C: James Watt's Workshop
- D: Kinneil Church (remains)

Key

- Starting point
- Main path
- Alternative paths
- Other paths
- Antonine Wall
- Bench
- P Parking

www.kinneil.org.uk - for details. The House boasts some of the best renaissance wall paintings in Scotland - plus a resident ghost!

- 2 Standing in front of the House, look for a small exit in the wall to the left (right next to the building) and go through this. You should come to a roofless, 18th century

building. This is James Watt's Cottage - a building where the famous inventor carried out his early work to develop the steam engine. Watt was working in partnership with John Roebuck, who leased Kinneil House for a period.

- 3 To the immediate west of the cottage is a small footbridge. Cross this and head towards the ruins of the 12th century Kinneil Church. It used to be surrounded by a medieval village. The village and its many inhabitants are all gone today - but parts of the church and its gravestones remain.

- 4 Carry on past the church into the field to the west. Follow the path round the East Pond. You should shortly come to the remains of a Roman Fortlet from the 2nd

century - linked to the turf Antonine Wall. This is part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site. Details about the Fortlet and a special guide to walks around the Antonine Wall are available from the Museum.

- 5 Continue along the path to the West Pond. This is populated by swans, coots and ducks - and is popular with younger visitors. Here you can turn left to Kinneil Woods and make your way back to the car park.

- 6 Alternatively, go round the back (western edge) of the pond. This is a longer way to enter the Woods. There are a number of paths through the Woods to enjoy. If you think you're getting lost, just ask one of the many regular walkers or cyclists for directions.

Join A Group

Stepforth - supported by Falkirk Council - runs a number of free health walks around Kinneil Estate every week. Details are available at Kinneil Museum.

World Heritage Site

On July 7, 2008 the Antonine Wall which runs through Kinneil Estate was named a World Heritage Site.

Source: *Discover the paths networks in and around Bo'ness and Blackness*

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