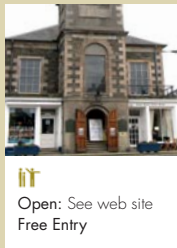




Bowhill House



Entrance hall at Abbotsford



Open: See web site
Free Entry

13 SIR WALTER SCOTT'S COURTROOM

Sir Walter Scott sat as Depute Sheriff of Selkirk. Now a museum which explores his life, his writings and especially his time as Sheriff. Accessible to disabled visitors.

Market Place Selkirk TD7 4BT
01750 720096 www.scotborders.gov.uk/directory_record/10709/sir_walter_scotts_courtroom



Open: See web site

14 THE HAINING

Sir Walter Scott was a frequent visitor to The Haining and in his diaries dated April 1831 Scott mentions The Haining.

Selkirk TD7 5LR
01896 668271 www.thehaining.co.uk



Open: See web site
£10/£9/£4

15 BOWHILL HOUSE & NEWARK CASTLE

The magnificent country home of the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch. Scott was a frequent visitor and guardian of the 5th Duke. The Sir Walter Scott Room at Bowhill is a tribute.

Bowhill Selkirk TD7 5ET
01750 22204 www.bowhillhouse.co.uk



16 BLACKHOUSE TOWER

Now in ruins, was the site of the Douglas slaughter, retold in the famous ballad *The Douglas Tragedy* collected by Scott in his *Minstrelsy of the Scottish Borders*.

Yarrow
www.southernuplandway.gov.uk



17 DRYHOPE TOWER

A ruined Scottish peel tower and belonged to the Scotts of Dryhope, and a daughter of the House, Mary Scott was known as the "Flower of Yarrow".

Yarrow
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dryhope_Tower



Limited opening times

18 ST MARY'S LOCH & TIBBIE SHIELS INN

Tibbie Shiels Inn, was the meeting point of Sir Walter and James Hogg, The Ettrick Shepherd. The crystal clear St Mary's Loch is referred to in Sir Walter Scott's *Marmion*.

St Mary's Loch Selkirk TD7 5LH
01750 42231 www.tibbieshiels.com



19 CAERLENRIG

John Armstrong was a notorious Scottish Border reiver he was hanged with 36 of his men at Caerlanrig chapel. *The Ballad of Johnnie Armstrong* was rescued and romanticized by Scott.

Teviothead
www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnnie_Armstrong



SIR WALTER SCOTT TRAIL

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The Sir Walter Scott Trail

Scott was born in Edinburgh in 1771 but spent his early childhood years in the Scottish Borders before returning to Edinburgh for his education. It was on his visits to the Borders that he became fascinated in family history and the Borders culture through listening to his elderly relative's stories. Scott was a talented poet, novelist and man of letters but also a keen antiquarian, the reason behind his body of work being focused on the past.

In 1804 Scott moved back to the Borders to pursue his career. Use the trail to follow Sir Walter Scott's footsteps and visit the inspirations behind many of his stories and also his Courtroom where he consolidated his career by becoming Sheriff Depute of Selkirk.



St. Mary's Loch

A WARM WELCOME TO THE SCOTTISH BORDERS

The Scottish Borders is one of Scotland's loveliest regions, known for its gentle hills, beautiful river valleys, dramatic coast and easy pace of life. It's also home to Scotland's historic textile towns, built around soft waters, river power and nature's glorious colours to inspire our designers.

Today, the small market towns of Hawick, Innerleithen, Selkirk and Peebles produce some of the world's finest tartans, tweeds and cashmere. Their iconic brands and products are found in the best international boutiques, but you can also find them right here, in our high streets and factory outlets. You'll also find romantic ruined abbeys, historic houses, fishing, golf, horse-riding, unique festivals and culture, excellent eateries and accommodation, and the friendliest welcome in Scotland. Whatever the time of year, the Scottish Borders' special magic will leave you relaxed, restored, and coming back for more.

TRANSPORT

The Scottish Borders is easily accessible, the reason behind many visitors returning. The four major roads throughout the Borders are the A1 in the East, A7 & A68 in Central Borders and the A697 from the South with a good network of minor roads joining to make access easy.

The Borders also has some excellent cycle routes for all different abilities and many of these sites are situated on a mixture of the Border Abbey Way, Southern Upland Way and the Four Abbey's Way. By late 2015 you will be able to take the train from the station next to Scotts monument, in the heart of Edinburgh down the old Waverly Line to the heart of Scott's country.



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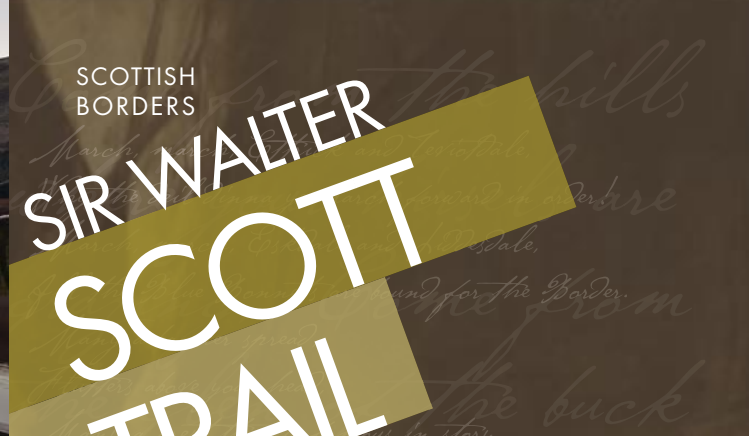
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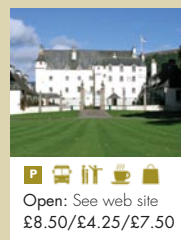
Old Gala House

Dryburgh Abbey

**1 BLACK DWARF'S COTTAGE**

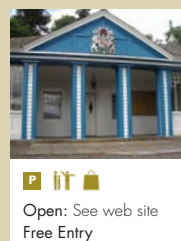
Home to the reclusive David Ritchie (1740-1811), on whom Walter Scott partially modelled the titular character of *The Black Dwarf*. The Parish Kirkyard also contains a monument to Ritchie's memory.

Manor Valley www.theblackdwarf.co.uk

**2 TRAQUAIR HOUSE**

One of Scott's favourite haunts and has been suggested as a model for the castles of Tully-veolan in *Waverley* (1814) and Ellieslaw in *The Black Dwarf* (1816).

Innerleithen Peeblesshire EH44 6PW
01896 830323 www.traquair.co.uk

**3 ST RONAN'S WELLS**

St Ronan's Well, the only novel by Scott set in the 19th c. The spa was frequented by Scott as a boy and to this day visitors come to sample the spring water, still "on tap".

Wells Brae Innerleithen EH44 6JE
01896 833583 www.scotborders.gov.uk/directory_record/10710/st-ronans_wells_visitor_centre

**4 CLOVENFORDS INN**

Scott stayed in the Clovenfords Hotel from 1799 to 1801. This met a condition of being Sheriff-depute as he had to live in Selkirkshire. There is a statue of Scott outside the inn.

1 Vine Street Clovenfords Galashiels TD1 3LU
01896 850203 www.clovenfords-hotel.co.uk

**5 CADDONFOOT CHURCH**

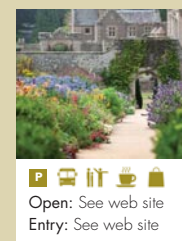
Stands on an impressive site, a mile from Clovenfords. The stained glass windows behind the Communion table, dedicated to Sir Walter Scott and Lord Inchscape.

1 mile from Clovenfords, TD1 3LG **01896 752967**
www.caddonfootgalatrinity.org.uk

**6 OLD GALA HOUSE**

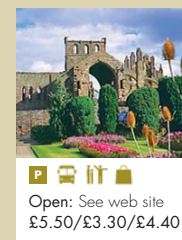
Scott had a good relationship with his kinsmen the Scott's of Gala, touring abroad with one of the lairds. He played a significant role in support of the developing textile industry in Galashiels.

Scott Crescent Galashiels TD1 3JS
01896 752611 www.scotborders.gov.uk/directory_record/10708/old_gala_house

**7 ABBOTSFORD**

Explore the historic home of Sir Walter Scott - discover a trove of intriguing objects. Visitor centre, exhibition, gift shop and restaurant. Beautiful gardens and tranquil woodlands.

Abbotsford Melrose Roxburghshire TD6 9BQ
01896 752043 www.scottsabbotsford.com

**8 MELROSE ABBEY**

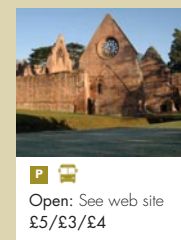
A magnificent ruin on a grand scale, burial place of Robert the Bruce's heart. Described in *The Lay of the Last Minstrel*. Scott appealed to the Duke of Buccleuch to carry out repairs.

Abbey Street Melrose TD6 9LG
01896 822562 www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

**9 RHYMER'S STONE**

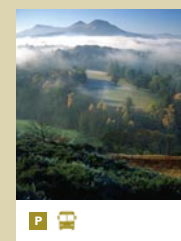
A large stone, marking the Eildon Tree site, inscribed with the legend of Thomas the Rhymer, a 13th c. Scottish laird with a reputation for prophesy and supernatural powers.

Old Main Road to Newtown St Boswells
www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g186506-d1913097-Reviews-Rhymer_s_Stone-Melrose_Scottish_Borders_Scotland

**10 DRYBURGH ABBEY**

Its remarkably complete medieval ruins makes it easy to appreciate the attractions of monastic life. Scott was buried in the north transept. Most of the abbey is accessible.

On the B6404, near St Boswells TD6 ORQ
01835 822381 www.historic-scotland.gov.uk

**11 SCOTT'S VIEW**

A viewpoint overlooking the valley of the River Tweed one of the favourite views of Scott. His funeral cortège passed this way and his horses stopped to allow their master a last look.

On the B6356, near St Boswells TD6 OAP

**12 SMAILHOLM TOWER**

As an infant Scott was sent to Smailholm for the good of his health and was told tales of the Border countryside. He acknowledged the effect they had on his imagination.

Sandyknowe Farm Kelso TD5 7PG
01573 460365 www.historic-scotland.gov.uk