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GUIDE TO VISITING

Eddleston & Peebles

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Hello!

My name is Yvette and I'm a travel writer and adventurer; I run the travel blog [Wayfaring Kiwi](#).

I'm originally from New Zealand, but I've been living in Scotland for 5 years with my husband and our dog, Angus.

On weekends we love exploring new corners of Scotland together- you'll find us wandering through castle ruins, or down at the local pub with a dram in hand and a story to tell!

I've travelled Scotland extensively- more than most Scots, as my husband would say.

In 2018, I was the first solo female to complete a hike called the Scottish National Trail, which runs the length of Scotland.

This hike made me fall in love with the Scottish wilderness- and develop a deep desire to protect it at all costs.

I'm delighted to partner with Established Titles to bring you this ebook- which is all about one of my favourite regions in Scotland: the Scottish Borders.

I hope you find this ebook useful - I just know you're going to love Eddleston and Peebles!

Yvette xx



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Introduction

Are you planning a trip to Scotland and want to visit your Established Titles plot in Eddleston? How exciting!

The small village of Eddleston is located next to the town of Peebles in the Scottish Borders, one of the bonniest towns in Scotland.

It's an excellent town to base yourself to explore the Borders- with perfectly manicured gardens, cute and quirky cottages, and bustling pubs filled with friendly locals.

The River Tweed sweeps alongside the town, providing walkers and picnickers with tranquil views, and the bright rotund hills of

the Southern Uplands attract cyclists and hikers looking for a challenging outing.

There is a real local feel to Peebles; independent shops line the High Street, and townsfolk are happy to stop and chat to you on the street and make recommendations on things to see and do in the town.

Located a short drive from Peebles you'll find charming historic houses and castles, cosy country inns, and scenic country roads that are abundant with wildlife.

I encourage you to spend at least a few days exploring this beautiful area, and take in all it has to offer.



How to find your plot

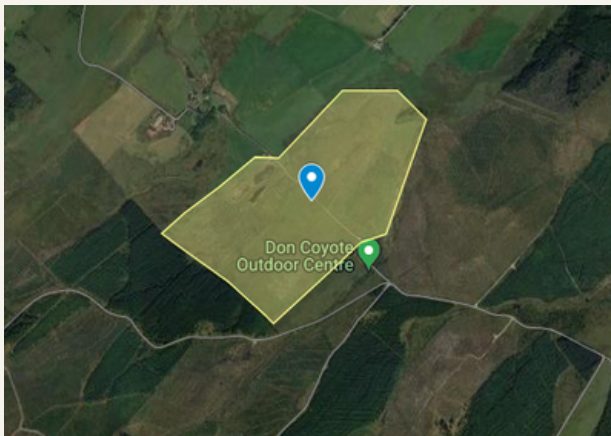
Your plot is located in Eddleston, which is a short drive from Peebles. As you make your way down a narrow country lane that merges into a shingle track, you will catch a glimpse of what it was once like when drovers used these roads to transport their cattle to the markets in England!

DIRECTIONS BY CAR

To reach your plot from Peebles, you will head north on the A703.

After you pass the village of Eddleston, turn left after one mile and follow the road to the Don Coyote Outdoor Centre.

The plot is located shortly after you pass Outdoor Centre. It is located on a sloped hill, with a pond located at the bottom.



A map of the plot



DIRECTIONS BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

From Edinburgh, take the X62 to Galashiels. Get off at Shiplaw Rd End, and it's about a 50-minute moderate hike to the plot.

It's not recommended to attempt this walk in poor weather, and be sure to wear proper hiking boots.

YOUR UNIQUE PLOT NUMBER

After your plot purchase, you will receive an email with your unique plot number and coordinates where you can find where your plot is located.

If you ordered a printed certificate, this information will also be on your certificate.

You can also find out where your plot is located by [clicking here](#).

All you need is your unique plot number and the email address that was used to purchase your Lordship or Ladyship Title Pack.

Getting around the Scottish Borders

You can explore the Scottish Borders by either driving or using public transport.

Edinburgh is the closest city to Peebles, and it's just a 45-minute drive from Edinburgh Airport to the town.

Here is some important information to help you decide the best way to explore Eddleston and Peebles.

BY CAR

The best way to explore Eddleston and the surrounding area is by car.

The car hire companies in Scotland I recommend are **Celtic Legend** and **Arnold Clarke**.

They are both local businesses in Scotland, and have a good quality fleet with exceptional customer service.

Be sure to take out appropriate car insurance for your trip.

Tips for driving in Scotland:

- We drive on the left in Scotland.
- Prepare yourself for lots of roundabouts and narrow country roads!
- Watch YouTube videos of what it's like driving through the Scottish Borders, so you have an idea on what to expect.

- Put down that dram! Scotland has a near zero tolerance limit for drinking and driving.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The bus company that operates in the Scottish Borders is **Borders Buses**.

There are regular buses from Edinburgh. You can also travel to the Scottish Borders by train. Peebles doesn't have a train station, but the closest station is **Tweeddale** near Melrose. You can catch the bus to Peebles from there.

ON FOOT OR BY BIKE

With miles and miles of sprawling countryside, cycling is a popular activity in the Scottish Borders.

You can hire a bike from **Bespoke Cycles** in Peebles.



Cycling is a popular passtime for many locals

Accommodation

Peebles has some stunning accommodation; from castles and hotels to historic houses and bed and breakfasts. Here are some of the best accommodation options we recommend for your perfect trip to the Scottish Borders.

BARONY CASTLE HOTEL (££)

A 16th-century castle-turned hotel tucked away in nature near the village of Eddleston.

Eddleston, Scottish Borders, EH45 8QW

+44 (0) 1721 730 395

general@baronycastle.com

baronycastle.com



PEEBLES HYDRO (££)

A hotel and spa, located a short walk from the Peebles town center. Upgrade to a feature room for views of the Border Hills.

Innerleithen Rd, Peebles EH45 8LX

+44 (0) 1764 651846

peebleshydro.co.uk



NEIDPATH CASTLE (££ - £££)

A quirky castle stay with themed apartments and views across the beautiful River Tweed.

Peebles, EH45 8NW

+44 (0) 1721 720333

enquiries@neidpathcastle.com

neidpathcastle.com



CRINGLETIE HOTEL (£££)

A luxury country house hotel, set within 28 acres of gardens.

Edinburgh Road, Peebles, EH45 8PL

+44 (0) 1721 725 750

enquiries@cringletie.com

cringletie.com



Pubs & restaurants

In Eddleston and Peebles, you can find award-winning cuisine made with fresh, local produce, traditional pubs filled with a range of different whisky to sample, and sweet treats to tantalise your tastebuds. Here is some of the best Scottish scran on offer.

CAFES

Eg - £

A small cafe in a performing arts centre.
Eastgate, Peebles EH45 8AD

Coltman's Kitchen, Deli & Bar - ££

Lovely cafe offering fresh, seasonal produce.

71-73 High St, Peebles EH45 8AN

Caldwells Homemade Ice Cream - £

Fresh gelato with a range of delicious flavours.

38 High St, Peebles EH45 8SF

RESTAURANTS



The Crown Hotel - ££

Traditional and casual Scottish pub and restaurant.

54 High St, Peebles EH45 8SW

The Horseshoe Inn - £££

An award-winning country pub with beautiful decor.



Eddleston, Peebles EH45 8QP

Osso - ££

Michelin star restaurant that serves a variety of tapas.

1 Innerleithen Rd, Peebles EH45 8BA

PUBS & BARS

Bridge Inn - £

Traditional Scottish pub with river views.
72 Port Brae, Peebles EH45 8AW

The County - ££

Classy yet traditional pub.

35 High St, Peebles EH45 8AN.

SUPERMARKETS

Tesco

Dovecot Rd, Peebles EH45 8EQ

Sainsbury's

38 Northgate, Peebles EH45 8RS

Things to do

From castles to historic houses, and tranquil gardens to shopping the high street, there is no shortage of things to do in and around Peebles! Here are some of my favourites activities and attractions.

CROSS KIRK

The Cross Kirk was founded when a stone urn, containing what was believed to be the relics of St Nicholas, was discovered on the site. A fine cross was also discovered, and the site was soon associated with miracles.

Alexander III paid for the first church on the site. It housed the cross and shrine of the saint and remained a pilgrimage centre until the 17th century.

The English set fire to the Cross Kirk in 1549, but it was later repaired. It's free to visit.



THE GREAT POLISH MAP OF SCOTLAND

The Great Polish Map of Scotland is a giant concrete scale model of Scotland, measuring 40m by 50m. It was built by a Polish WWII veteran and his small team of Poles.

The map is located on the Barony Castle grounds, where they were stationed, and was built sometime after WWII. The map was eventually forgotten about and fell into disrepair, however, it was rediscovered and restored to its former glory.



TRAQUAIR HOUSE

Traquair House is the oldest inhabited house in Scotland, and it has been in the Stuart family since 1491!

It has been visited by 27 Kings and Queens of Scotland, it was also the house where Mary Queen of Scots spent her final night in Scotland before fleeing to England.

It's filled with remnants of history, including one of Queen Mary's shoes and her rosemary beads.



KAILZIE GARDENS

Located one mile from Peebles at the centre of the Tweed Valley, you will find the tranquil Kailzie Gardens.

Stroll through the 15-acre gardens and admire the rose bushes, exotic plants, fountains, and some of the oldest larch trees in Scotland surrounded by 19th-century walled gardens.

There is also an osprey viewing centre, river walking paths, and courtyard cafe.



THE OLD PARISH CHURCH

The Old Parish Church is one of several Christian churches in Peebles.

The church was constructed in the 1880s, and is one of the most spectacular examples of architecture in the town.

It is located at the west end of the High Street, next to the old bridge that crosses the River Tweed.

It occupies the site of Peebles' old medieval castle.



SHOP THE HIGH STREET

One of the best destinations for independent shopping in Scotland is the village of Peebles.

There is a vast range of independent shops that sell unique clothing, art, souvenirs, and homeware.

The two main streets to shop are High Street and North Gate; there are also plenty of pubs and restaurants to enjoy in this area if you need to rest your feet after shopping until you drop!



COCOA BLACK CHOCOLATE & PASTRY SCHOOL

Cocoa Black offers a variety of half-day classes where you can learn to make your own truffles, petit fours, tarts, cheesecakes, and many more sweet treats.

If you don't feel like taking a class you can take a seat in their cafe and treat yourself to a selection of cakes and chocolates.

There are also vegan classes available.



Shopping

Peebles has a fantastic range of independent shops - it's one of my favourite places to go shopping in Scotland! The two main shopping streets are the High Street and Northgate; these streets intersect one another so it's easy to accomplish browsing both in an afternoon.

CLOTHING

Steffy's Boutique - vintage clothing store
31 Eastgate, Peebles EH45 8AD

Graham McGrath - men's clothing store
27-29 Eastgate, Peebles EH45 8AB

The Perfect Style - women's clothing store
14 High St, Peebles EH45 8SF

The Perfect Fit - baby clothing store
10 High St, Peebles EH45 8SF

Out and About - outdoor clothing store
2 Elcho Street Brae, Peebles EH45 8HU

ART

Moy Mckay - famous art gallery
17 Northgate, Peebles EH45 8RX



Tweed Art - framing and art gallery
1 Biggiesknowe, Peebles EH45 8HS

HOMEWARE & GIFTS

The Gift Box - cards, stationery and gifts
6 High St, Peebles EH45 8SF

A Wee Treat - baby and children's gifts
8 High St, Peebles EH45 8SF

Tethera Greys - hand-crafted gifts
9 High St, Peebles EH45 8AG

Tiger Lily - jewellery, gifts, and candles
61 High St, Peebles EH45 8AN

House of Gaia - crystals, books and jewellery
77 High Street, Peebles, EH45 8FE

Walks and hikes

Peebles is home to some lovely hiking and walking trails. You'll discover old Roman forts, castle ruins, and locations with folklorish tales when you lace up your hiking boots and step outside! Here are some of the nicest walks in the area.

Neidpath Castle and the Tweed walk

Rating: Easy

Time: 2.5 hours

This enchanting walk heads upstream along the beautiful banks of the River Tweed from the town of Peebles. It passes the dramatic Neidpath Castle before crossing the river to climb to a viewpoint before descending through the woods.



Glentress Circuit from Peebles

Rating: Moderate

Time: 3.5 hours

This beautiful and varied circuit from Peebles takes in the best views from Glentress Forest - better known for its mountain bike trails. You can visit the cafe and visitor centre before the return route leads through farmland and alongside the stunning River Tweed.



Cademuir Hill Forest

Rating: Easy

Time: 2 hours

This waymarked figure-of-eight forestry walk ascends to the summit of Cademuir Hill, a Sub 2000 or Marilyn. It offers superb views, but young trees will obscure them in time.





10 tips for visiting Scotland

1

Dishes you must try in Scotland include haggis, sticky toffee pudding, tablet, a full Scottish breakfast and a fish supper. Be sure to try whisky, and the soft drink Irn Bru!

2

Tipping isn't compulsory in Scotland, however, it is common practice to tip a few pounds or 10% of the bill when eating out. Tip your taxi driver £1 per ride, and your tour guide around 10%.

3

Choose 2-3 main activities per day, and have backup activities in mind if you have extra time. Scotland should be experienced at a slow pace.

4

The majority of places in Scotland accept credit cards, but always carry some cash, because some small shops accept cash only. It's also better to tip with cash!

5

Be sure to make reservations for dinner so you don't miss out. Scotland has a lot of pent-up travel due to Covid-19, so book ahead.

6

Many grocery stores have a £3 meal deal, which includes a sandwich, snack and a drink. These are great meals on the go if you have a long drive or hike planned.

7

Bring a water bottle with you - Scottish tap water is some of the best tasting water in the world! There are plenty of places you can refill your bottle too.

8

Check the weather forecast the evening before, so you know how to dress for the Scottish weather. Dress in layers, because the weather is changeable in Scotland.

9

Book a small group or private tour with a local. Not only will they know the area you are visiting better than most, but your money will go into the local community.

10

Be sure to include at least one hidden gem in your itinerary. Getting off the beaten path often creates the best memories!

Scotland

Packing List



ESSENTIALS

- Passport
- Cash/Credit Card
- Copy of travel insurance
- Boarding Pass
- Driving License
- Pen
- Water Bottle
- Book/Kindle
- Reusable Bags
- Sunglasses

TOILETRIES

- Hair Ties
- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Soap
- Sticking Plasters
- Make-up
- Cleanser
- Moisturiser
- Razor
- Deodorant
- Sunscreen

ELECTRONICS

- Cell Phone
- Phone Charger
- UK Plug Adapter
- Battery Pack (+ Charger)
- Headphones
- Camera
- SD Card
- Spare Camera Batteries
- Laptop
- Laptop Charger

MISC

- Backpack
- Scotland Map
- Travel Towel
- Eye Mask
- Laundry Bag
- Jewelry
- Umbrella
- Buff
- Bug Repellant
- Medicines

Scotland Packing List



CLOTHING

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merino Wool Socks | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Jacket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleepwear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long Sleeve Shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Sneakers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jeans | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking Boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gym Leggings | <input type="checkbox"/> Scarf |
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Links & Resources

Here is a list of links and resources that I've listed throughout this ebook, and a few other useful websites to help you with your planning!

- [Borders Buses](#) - the main bus network in the Scottish Borders.
- [Scotrail](#) - main train network in Scotland.
- [Historic Scotland](#) - to research any castles or historic spaces you'd like to visit, and to check opening dates
- [National Trust For Scotland](#) - to research any castles or historic spaces you'd like to visit, and to check opening dates.
- [Celtic Legend](#) - car hire in Scotland
- [WalkHighlands](#) - find hiking routes in Scotland
- [Visit Scotland](#) - Scotland's destination tourism website.
- [Scotland Starts Here](#) - an online guide to south Scotland and the Scottish Borders.



