

Experience 9 of Scotland's finest historic homes located in the heart of the beautiful Scottish Borders



The Scottish Borders is home to some of the finest historic houses and castles in Scotland. Set amidst breathtaking scenery, there is a wealth of historic houses to view and grounds and gardens to explore. Our featured homes and castles have fascinating historical links and each has its own unique charm.

Explore BIG HOUSES in the SCOTTISH BORDERS

Visit the finest historic houses and castles in the Scottish Borders, all within a 50 mile radius...

BY ROAD

There are three major trunk roads providing links from the North and South to all areas within the Scottish Borders; the A1 in the East and the A7 and A68 in the Central Borders.

BY RAIL and BUS

The stunning Borders Railway line takes just 55 minutes from Edinburgh Waverley to Tweedbank in the Scottish Borders. Alternatively, bus lines X62 and X95 pass through the Scottish Borders, and further public transport links operate from Galashiels to all main towns and villages in the area. For more information visit www.travelinescotland.com

WALKING

Wide open spaces and beautiful scenery make the Scottish Borders the perfect place for walkers all year round. The area is home to six national walks, as well as some 1500 miles of dedicated walking routes - make the most of your day and plan a walking tour of the Big Houses.

CYCLING

The Scottish Borders is home to wonderful cycling routes and many cycling events. The 7stanes offer fantastic mountain biking at Glentress, Innerleithen and Newcastleton. A cycling tour of the Borders' Big Houses is a great way to explore the area and experience the beautiful landscape.

PLAN YOUR VISIT

Opening hours and admission fees vary from venue to venue and are subject to seasonal variations. Please visit the individual websites listed for further details. Group visits are welcome at all the Houses and Castles featured but must be booked in advance.

ACCESSIBILITY

All houses and castles featured welcome visitors with different access requirements, as well as guide and assistance dogs. As the facilities at each venue may vary, we recommend you book your visit in advance, highlighting your specific requirements.

FREE MAP

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NEIDPATH CASTLE

MAP REF: B5



Home to clans, Fraser, Hay and Douglas, steeped in history and haunting tales. Neidpath Castle, is a step back in time.

Neidpath Castle, Peebles EH45 8NW

T: 01721 720333

E: enquiries@neidpathcastle.co.uk

www.neidpathcastle.co.uk



ABBOTSFORD

MAP REF: G7



Stunningly located on the banks of the River Tweed, Abbotsford, the home of Sir Walter Scott, is perhaps the most intriguing literary house in the world, where fact and fiction collide.

Abbotsford, Melrose, Roxburghshire, TD6 9BQ

T: 01896 752043 E: enquiries@scottsabbotsford.co.uk

www.scottsabbotsford.com



FLOORS CASTLE

MAP REF: I7



Scotland's largest inhabited castle and home to the 10th Duke of Roxburghe. An architectural masterpiece, with stunning walled gardens, extensive grounds, kids playground and cafes.

Floors Castle, Kelso, Scottish Borders TD5 7SF

T: 01573 223 333 E: enquiries@floorscastle.com

www.floorscastle.com



TRAQUAIR

MAP REF: B7



Scotland's Oldest Inhabited House. Visited by 27 Scottish Kings and Queens and with strong associations to Mary Queen of Scots and the Jacobite Uprisings.

Traquair House, Innerleithen, Peeblesshire EH44 6PW

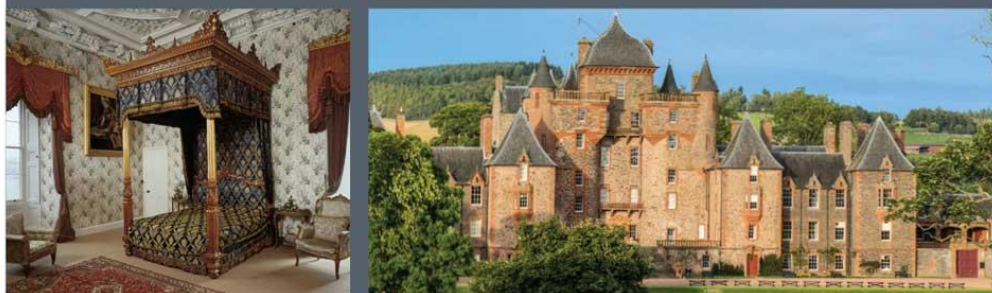
T: 01896 830323 E: enquiries@traquair.co.uk

www.traquair.co.uk



THIRLESTANE CASTLE

MAP REF: G4



One of the oldest and finest inhabited castles with a key role in Scottish history and home for the Maitland family.

Thirlestane Castle, Lauder, Scottish Borders, TD2 6RU

T: 01578 722430

E: enquiries@thirlestanecastle.co.uk

www.thirlestanecastle.co.uk



MONTEVIOT HOUSE

MAP REF: I8



Monteviot House, home to Kerr Clan Chief, overlooks the River Teviot and is surrounded by nine different garden "rooms".

Monteviot House and Gardens, Jedburgh, Scotland, TD8 6UH

T: 01835 830380

E: enquiries@monteviot.com

www.monteviot.com



BOWHILL House and Country Estate

MAP REF: D8



Enjoy a magical day out for all the family with house tours, exhibition, adventure playground, Victorian Kitchen, walks, ranger events, tearoom and shop.

Bowhill House and Country Estate, Bowhill, Selkirk, TD7 5ET

T: 01750 22204 E: info@bowhillhouse.co.uk

www.bowhillhouse.co.uk



MELLERSTAIN House and Gardens

MAP REF: H5



One of Scotland's finest stately homes with stunning Robert Adam interiors, gardens, parkland, coffee shop and holiday cottages.

Mellerstain House & Gardens, Mellerstain, Gordon, Berwickshire TD3 6LG

T: 01573 410225

E: enquiries@mellerstain.com

www.mellerstain.com



GUNSGREEN

MAP REF: L2



Smuggler's Palace, the house of secrets, find the unique hidden tea chute. Great for families, weddings, you can even stay.

Gunsgrreen House, Eyemouth TD14 5SD

T: 018907 52062

E: info@gunsgreenhouse.org

www.gunsgreenhouse.org





1 NEIDPATH CASTLE

EH45 8NW
Neidpath Castle lies about a mile west of Peebles just off the A72. Only a 45 minute drive from Edinburgh on the A703.



MILEAGE Edinburgh 23, Glasgow 52, Newcastle 93, Carlisle 76, Galashiels 19, Peebles 1, Kelso 36, Berwick Upon Tweed 75



2 TRAQUIR

EH44 6PW
Traquair is located 17 miles south of Innerleithen. The entrance gates are on the B7062 just off the B709 at Traquair village.



MILEAGE Edinburgh 28, Glasgow 65, Newcastle 96, Carlisle 75, Galashiels 12, Peebles 6, Kelso 29, Berwick Upon Tweed 60



3 BOWHILL

TD7 5ET
Bowhill lies three miles west of Selkirk on the A708 Moffat/St Mary's Loch Road. Selkirk is five miles south of Galashiels on the A7.



MILEAGE Edinburgh 41, Glasgow 90, Newcastle 77, Carlisle 60, Galashiels 10, Peebles 23, Kelso 22, Berwick Upon Tweed 45



4 ABBOTSFORD

TD6 9BQ
Abbotsford is located on the B5630 just off the A6091 between Galashiels and Melrose and is 1 mile from Tweedbank train station.



MILEAGE Edinburgh 38, Glasgow 78, Newcastle 72, Carlisle 61, Galashiels 3, Peebles 21, Kelso 16, Berwick Upon Tweed 39



5 THIRLESTANE CASTLE

TD2 6RU
Thirlestane Castle is signposted on the A68 at Lauder. The Eagle Gates into the estate are off the B6362 just south of the town.



MILEAGE Edinburgh 28, Glasgow 71, Newcastle 77, Carlisle 74, Galashiels 10, Peebles 28, Kelso 17, Berwick Upon Tweed 33



6 MELLERSTAIN

TD3 6LG
Mellerstain House is signposted on the A6089 Kelso-Gordon road. The approach from the A68 is through Earlston on the A6105 via the B6397.



MILEAGE Edinburgh 38, Glasgow 83, Newcastle 78, Carlisle 74, Galashiels 14, Peebles 35, Kelso 7, Berwick Upon Tweed 28



7 FLOORS CASTLE

TD5 7SF
Floors Castle is located in the heart of Kelso, accessed via Roxburgh Street or the B6397. The Castle is signposted throughout Kelso.



MILEAGE Edinburgh 43, Glasgow 87, Newcastle 71, Carlisle 71, Galashiels 15, Peebles 36, Kelso 0.5, Berwick Upon Tweed 25



8 MONTEVIOT

TD8 6UH
Monteviot House and Gardens is located on the B6400 approx 1 mile off the A68 near Ancrum, 6 miles north of Jedburgh.



MILEAGE Edinburgh 45, Glasgow 89, Newcastle 61, Carlisle 59, Galashiels 15, Peebles 34, Kelso 13, Berwick Upon Tweed 34

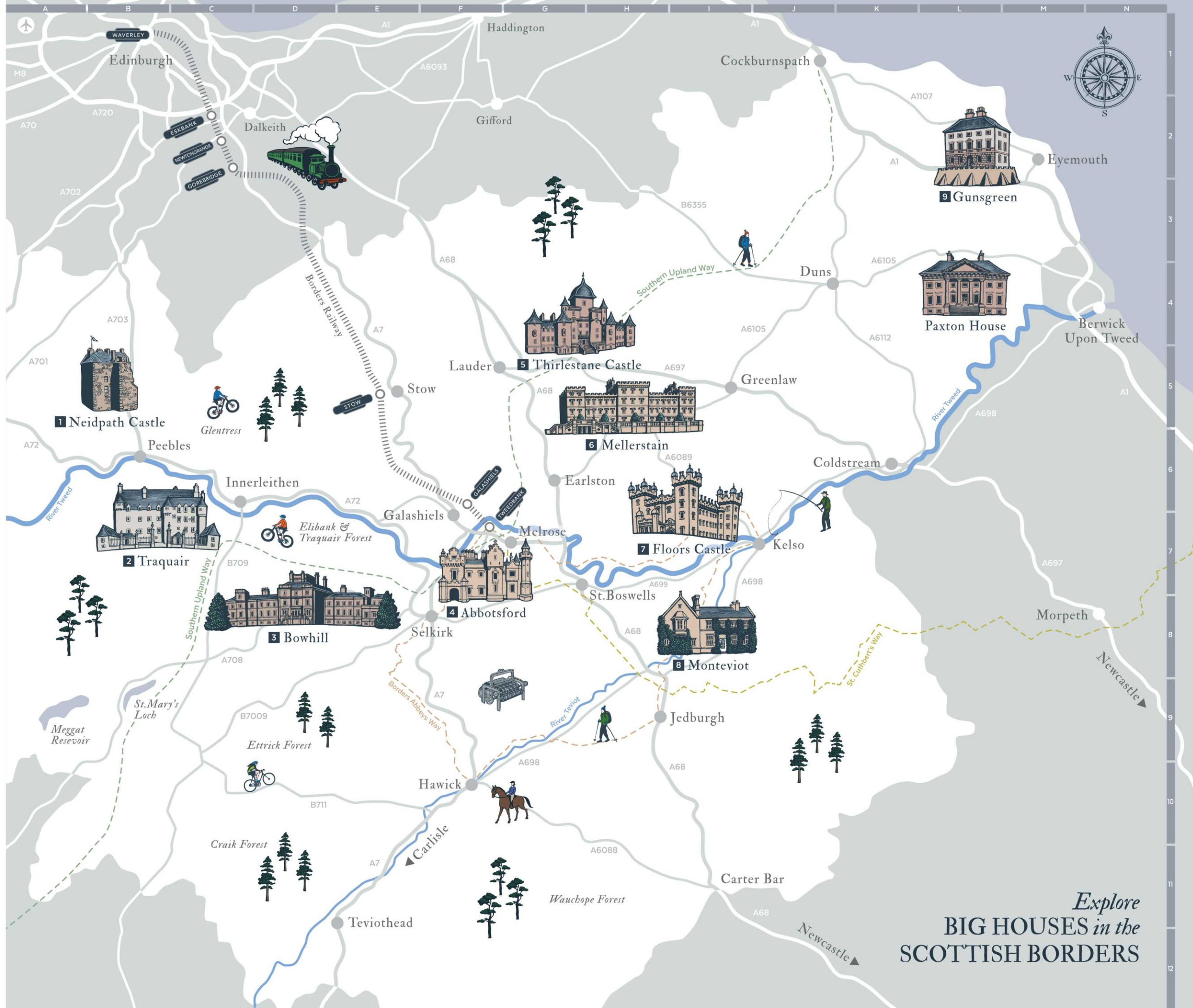


9 GUNSGREEN

TD14 5DZ
Gunsgreen House is located next to the harbour in Eyemouth on the South-East coast 9 miles north of Berwick upon Tweed.



MILEAGE Edinburgh 49, Glasgow 97, Newcastle 73, Carlisle 97, Galashiels 42, Peebles 68, Kelso 32, Berwick Upon Tweed 9



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