

Where to see the National Burns Collection

Please contact venue ahead of your visit to check opening times and access information. Venues marked with the ★ symbol are referred to in the Collections Competition overleaf.

● **Ayrshire 1-15** Iconic birthplace of Burns and constant inspiration for the adult poet, Ayrshire offers several significant treasure houses evoking the spirit of Burns. Download the Ayrshire treasure tour from www.burnsscotland.com

● **Dumfries and Galloway 16-22** Explore the historic towns of Dumfries and Kirkcubright, and savour the verdant Nith Valley – perfect settings for a rich and poignant collection of Burns treasures. Download the Dumfries and Galloway treasure tour from www.burnsscotland.com

● **Glasgow 23-27** Become enthralled in some of the world's leading libraries on the poet and see Burns as the Victorians saw him in the city's magnificent art collection. Download the Glasgow treasure tour from www.burnsscotland.com

● **Fife 28** Experience Dunfermline's direct link with Burns in the magnificent Murison Room at Carnegie Library.

● **Edinburgh 29-35** 'Scotia's darling seat' as Burns described the capital is now home to key collections which describe the poet very well. For the scholar, the National Library of Scotland and University of Edinburgh Library are a mine of manuscripts and books to understand the work of the poet as he wrote it. See Burns captured on canvas

in the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, delve into Burns's Masonic career in the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and meet the man through rare relics at the Writers' Museum. Download the Edinburgh treasure tour from www.burnsscotland.com

● **Borders 36-38** Follow in the footsteps of Burns by doing your own Borders Tour!



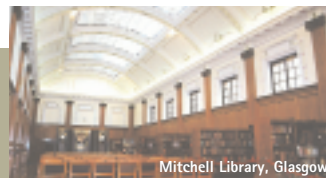
Burns Cottage and Museum



Robert Burns House, Dumfries



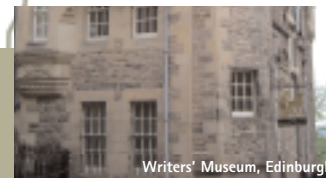
Ellisland Farm



Mitchell Library, Glasgow



Burns House Museum, Mauchline



Writers' Museum, Edinburgh

AYRSHIRE

1. BURNS COTTAGE & MUSEUM, Alloway
Birthplace of the poet and home to the country's richest Burns treasures.
WEB: www.burnsheritagepark.com
OPEN: 1st Apr to 30th Sep 9.30am-5.30pm, 1st Oct to 31st Mar 10am-5pm
ADMISSION: Adults £3, Children & Concessions £1.50, Family £9, Passport ticket to all attractions £5, Concession Passport ticket £2.50, Family Passport ticket £12
TEL: 01292 443700

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BURNS NATIONAL HERITAGE PARK, Alloway
OPEN: 1st Apr to 30th Sep 10am-5.30pm, 1st Oct to 31st Mar 10am-5pm
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2. CARNEGIE LIBRARY, Main St, Ayr
An interesting collection of Burns reference material including early editions and illustrations.
WEB: www.southayrshire.gov.uk
OPEN: (All year) Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am-7.30pm, Wed, Sat 9am-5pm, CLOSED Sunday
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01292 286385

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3. SOUTAR JOHNNIE'S COTTAGE, Kirkoswald
Home and workshop to John Davidson, 'Soutar Johnnie' in Burns's poem Tam O' Shanter, this beautiful thatched cottage provides an insight into real life at the time of Burns.
WEB: www.nts.org.uk
OPEN: 1st Apr to 30th Sep, Fri to Tue 11.30am-5pm
ADMISSION: Adult £3, concession £2, adult group £2, child group/school group £1, family £8
TEL: 01655 760603

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4. ROZELLE HOUSE ART GALLERY & MUSEUM, Monument Rd, Ayr
Rozelle House, on the route of Tam O' Shanter's epic journey home from Ayr, now shows a vivid depiction of the poem in the Goudie Collection of paintings.
WEB: www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/galleries
OPEN: (All year) Mon to Sat 10am-5pm, Apr to Oct Sun 2pm-5pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01292 445447

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5. AYRSHIRE ARCHIVES CENTRE, Craige Estate, Ayr
A host of archives which shed light on Ayrshire society at the time of Burns.
WEB: www.ayrshirearchives.org.uk
OPEN: (All year) Tues, Wed, Thurs 10am-4.30pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01292 287584

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6. LODGE TARBOLTON (KILWINNING) ST JAMES NO.135
67 Montgomery St, Tarbolton
Treasures intimately connected with Burns's Masonic career are on display in this working lodge.
WEB: www.thefreemasons.org.uk/tarbolton135
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01290 551100

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7. BACHELORS' CLUB, Sandgate, Tarbolton
Atmospheric setting for Burns's Masonic inauguration, and the debating society for single men Burns helped establish in 1781.
WEB: www.nts.org.uk
OPEN: 1st Apr to 30th Sep, Fri to Tue 1pm-5pm
ADMISSION: Adult £3, concession £2, adult group £2.50, child, group/school £2, family £8
TEL: 01292 541940

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8. LOCAL HISTORY DEPT., NORTH AYRSHIRE LIBRARIES HQ, Princes St, Ardrossan
The North Ayrshire Council Collection, which includes the Alexander Wood collection is a rich source of early editions of Burns and Victorian insight into the poet.
WEB: www.learning-north-ayrshire.com
OPEN: (All year) Mon to Sat 9.30am-5pm, CLOSED 1am-2pm, CLOSED Wed & Sun
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01294 472198

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9. NORTH AYRSHIRE MUSEUM, Manse St, Saltcoats
The North Ayrshire collection holds mainly artwork and Burnsiana, including an important series of prints by Bryden.
WEB: www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk
OPEN: Mon to Tue, Thurs to Sat 10am-1pm & 2pm-5pm
TEL: 01294 464174

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10. THE VENNEL GALLERY & HECKLING SHED, Glasgow Vennel, Irvine
OPEN: (All year) Fri to Sun 10am-1pm, 2am-5pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01294 275059

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11. IRVINE BURNS MUSEUM, 28 Eglinton St, Irvine
The only surviving manuscripts Burns had sent to the press for his first edition, several original letters, an extensive library and a rich collection of art form the highlights of this astonishing collection.
WEB: www.irvineayrshire.org/burns
OPEN: (All year) Sat 2.30pm-4.30pm, Easter to Sep Mon, Wed, Fri, 2.30pm-4.30pm, ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01294 274511

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12. LODGE LOUDOUN (KILWINNING) No.51 Greenside, Newmilns
Relics from the lodge dating from the time of Burns including items from his visit to the lodge.
OPEN: (All year) by arrangement
ADMISSION: FREE
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13. BURNS HOUSE MUSEUM, Castle St, Mauchline
On display in Burns's first married home in Mauchline (now Burns House Museum) are letters, poems and artefacts which retell the 'Mauchline Years'.
OPEN: (All year) Tues to Sat 10am-5pm
TEL: 01290 550045

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14. DICK INSTITUTE, Elmbank Avenue, Kilmarnock
Occasional displays of Burns material from the East Ayrshire Council collection.
OPEN: (All year) Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 10am-8pm, Wed & Sat 10am-5pm
TEL: 01563 554343

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15. DEAN CASTLE, Kilmarnock
With strong connections to Burns's patron and friend, the 14th Earl of Glencairn, Dean Castle hosts occasional displays of Burns material from the East Ayrshire Council collection.
OPEN: (All year) Apr to Sept, 12.15pm-4.15pm (Guided tour every hour)
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01563 554701

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DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
16. ELLISLAND FARM, Holywood
Located on the banks of the river Nith, the collection explains the Ellisland chapter of Burns' life powerfully and is displayed in farm buildings built by Burns.
WEB: www.ellislandfarm.co.uk
OPEN: 1st Apr to 30th Sept Mon to Fri 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, 1st Oct to 31st Mar, Tue to Sat 10am-4pm, CLOSED Sun & Mon
ADMISSION: Adult £2.50, OAP & Concession £1, Children under 15 FREE
TEL: 01387 740426

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17. ROBERT BURNS HOUSE, Burns St, Dumfries
Robert Burns House Museum contains an impressive array of artifacts closely associated with the poet and his family in this, Burns's last home.
WEB: www.dumgal.gov.uk/museums
OPEN: Apr to Sep, Mon to Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2pm-5pm, Oct to Mar, Tues to Sat 10am-1pm, 2am-5pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01387 255297

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18. ROBERT BURNS CENTRE, Mill Rd, Dumfries
Robert Burns Centre, in a beautiful riverside location interprets Burns's eventful life in Dumfries using an audio-visual introduction, objects and displays.
WEB: www.dumgal.gov.uk/museums
OPEN: Apr to Sept, Mon to Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 2-5pm, Oct to Mar, Tues to Sat 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm
ADMISSION: FREE (charge for AV presentations)
TEL: 01387 264808

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19. EWART LIBRARY, Catherine St, Dumfries
A rich reference source for those wishing to know more about Burns.
WEB: www.dumgal.gov.uk/lia
OPEN: Mon to Wed & Fri 9.15-7.30pm, Thurs & Sat 9.15am-5pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01387 253820

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20. DUMFRIES ARCHIVES CENTRE, Burns St, Dumfries
WEB: www.archives.dumgal.gov.uk
OPEN: Tue, Wed & Fri 11am-1pm & 2pm-5pm, Thurs 6pm-9pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01387 269254

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21. BROUGHTON HOUSE, 12 High St, Kirkcubright
A truly comprehensive library on Burns collected by the artist E.A. Hornel.
WEB: www.nts.org.uk
OPEN: Easter 2005 (check with venue)
TEL: 01557 330437

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22. GLOBE INN, 56 High St, Dumfries
One of Burns's favourite watering holes, the Globe Inn retains many original features, including two window panes inscribed by the poet.
WEB: www.globeindumfries.com
OPEN: Mon to Wed 10am-11pm, Thurs to Sat 10am-midnight, Sun 12pm-midnight
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01387 252335

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GLASGOW
23. MCLELLAN GALLERIES, 270 Sauchiehall St, Glasgow
See Nasmyth's famous portrait of Burns on display in the heart of the city.
WEB: www.glasgowmuseums.com
OPEN: Mon to Thurs, Sat 10am-5pm, Fri & Sun 11am-5pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0141 565 4100

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24. GLASGOW MUSEUMS RESOURCE CENTRE, 200 Woodside Rd, Glasgow
The Glasgow Museums Resource Centre in Nitshill can arrange tours of the reserve Burns collection on request.
WEB: www.glasgowmuseums.com
OPEN: 2.30pm (Tour)
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0141 276 9300

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25. UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW LIBRARY, SPECIAL COLLECTIONS, Hillhead St, Glasgow
An important resource for manuscript and bibliographical material on Burns.
WEB: www.special.lib.gla.ac.uk
OPEN: (Term Time) Mon to Thurs 9am-8.30pm, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 9am-12.30pm (Vacation) Mon to Thurs 9am-5pm, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 9am-12.30pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0141 330 6705

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26. UNIVERSITY OF STRATHCLYDE LIBRARY/ARCHIVES, 101 St James' Rd, Glasgow/16 Richmond St, Glasgow
A predominantly bibliographical Burns collection, the University of Strathclyde Archives also hold a holograph letter by Burns.
WEB: www.lib.strath.ac.uk/speccoll
LIBRARY OPEN: (All year) Mon to Fri 9am-5pm
TEL: 0141 548 4635
ARCHIVES OPEN: (All year) Mon to Fri 10am-2pm (Appointment only)
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0141 548 2497

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27. MITCHELL LIBRARY, North St, Glasgow
One of the world's leading reference libraries containing manuscripts, early editions of Burns, and records of two centuries of research interest in the poet.
WEB: www.glasgow.gov.uk
OPEN: Mon to Thurs 9am-8pm, Fri & Sat 9am-5pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0141 287 2999

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28. CARNEGIE LIBRARY, Abbot St, Dunfermline
WEB: www.fifedirect.org.uk/libraries
OPEN: (All year) Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9.30am-7pm, Wed & Sat 9.30am-5pm, CLOSED SUNDAY
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01383 312908

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EDINBURGH
29. THE GRAND LODGE OF ANTIENT FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS OF SCOTLAND, 96 George St, Edinburgh
A collection of symbolic artefacts from Lodge St Andrew in Dumfries of which Burns was a member, which sheds light on why Burns became a Freemason and how, later, this assisted his acceptance by Edinburgh's literati.
WEB: www.grandlodgescotland.com
OPEN: (All year) Mon to Fri 9am-4pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0131 225 5304

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30. UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH LIBRARY, George Square, Edinburgh
A significant collection of original manuscripts, early editions of Burns, and items relating to society at the time of the poet.
WEB: www.lib.ed.ac.uk
OPEN: (Term Time) Mon to Thurs 9am-7pm, Fri 9am-5pm, (Vacation) Mon to Fri 9am-5pm, (Summer Term 2004) Mon 12th April to Fri 18th June (Please register in advance as an external user)
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0131 650 8379

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31. WRITERS' MUSEUM, Lady Stair's Close, Lawnmarket, Edinburgh
Displayed in the same close (or alley) that Burns lived in during his time in Edinburgh, almost every aspect of Burns's life is retold in a diverse collection of art, printed material, original manuscripts and personal relics.
WEB: www.cac.org.uk
OPEN: Mon to Sat 10am-5pm, Sun during August 12am-5pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0131 529 4901

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32. MUSEUM OF SCOTLAND, Chambers St, Edinburgh
Placing Burns in the national context, the collection is representative of the man and the poet.
WEB: www.nms.ac.uk
OPEN: Mon to Sat 10am-5pm, Tue 10am-8pm, Sun 12noon-5pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0131 225 7534

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33. SCOTTISH NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY, 1 Queen St, Edinburgh
View the world's most famous portraits of Burns under one roof.
WEB: www.nationalgalleries.org
OPEN: (All year) All NGS galleries open daily 10am-5pm except Thurs 10am-7pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0131 624 6200

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34. NATIONAL LIBRARY OF SCOTLAND, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh
Described as 'the nation's bookshelf' the National Library has many Burns manuscripts and related reference works. These can be viewed by registered readers. To find out more about becoming a reader please call 0131 226 4531
WEB: www.nls.gov.uk/burns
OPEN: Mon to Fri 9.30am-8.30pm, Wed 10am-8.30pm, Sat 9.30am-1pm, CLOSED SUNDAY
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0131 226 4531

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35. NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF SCOTLAND, 2 Princes St, Edinburgh (General Register House)
The collection holds rare contextual material which helps build a picture of Scotland at the time of Burns.
WEB: www.nas.gov.uk
OPEN: Search Rooms Mon to Fri 9am-4.30pm Exhibitions (General Register House) Mon to Fri 9am-4.30pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 0131 535 1314

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Exhibitions of interesting original Burns material are occasional please check with venues in advance.
36. TWEEDDALE MUSEUM, CHAMBERS INSTITUTION, Peebles
OPEN: Mon to Fri 10am-12noon, 2pm-5pm Easter to Oct, Sat 10am-1pm, 2pm-4pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01721 724820

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37. HAWICK MUSEUM, Wilton Lodge Park, Hawick
OPEN: Apr to Sep Mon to Fri 10am-12noon, 1pm-5pm Sat and Sun 2pm-5pm, Oct to Mar Mon to Fri 1pm-4pm, Sun 2pm-4pm, CLOSED SATURDAY
TEL: 01450 373457

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38. ST. RONAN'S WELLS INTERPRETATION CENTRE, Well's Brae, Innerleithen
OPEN: April to Mid Oct Mon to Fri 10am-1pm, 2pm-5pm, Sat & Sun 2pm-5pm
ADMISSION: FREE
TEL: 01896 833583

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★ Virtual Tour available on www.burnsscotland.com
★ Collection Competition Venues