

# 99 Things to See and Do in Dundee

**A crowdsourced guide by people who know and love the city.**

Thanks for picking up a 99 Things guide! This is our sixth crowdsourced guide, produced by Creative Dundee in collaboration with people who live here and love it – huge thanks goes to everyone who shared recommendations of playful, free, accessible, cultural, green and mood lifting things to see and do.

Dundee's size makes it great to wander around and explore on foot, by bike or by bus. As well as it being easy to travel here from elsewhere, you can readily make day trips to lots of nearby places, too! We hope you enjoy your time in the city – share your experiences with us online using #DundeeGuide.

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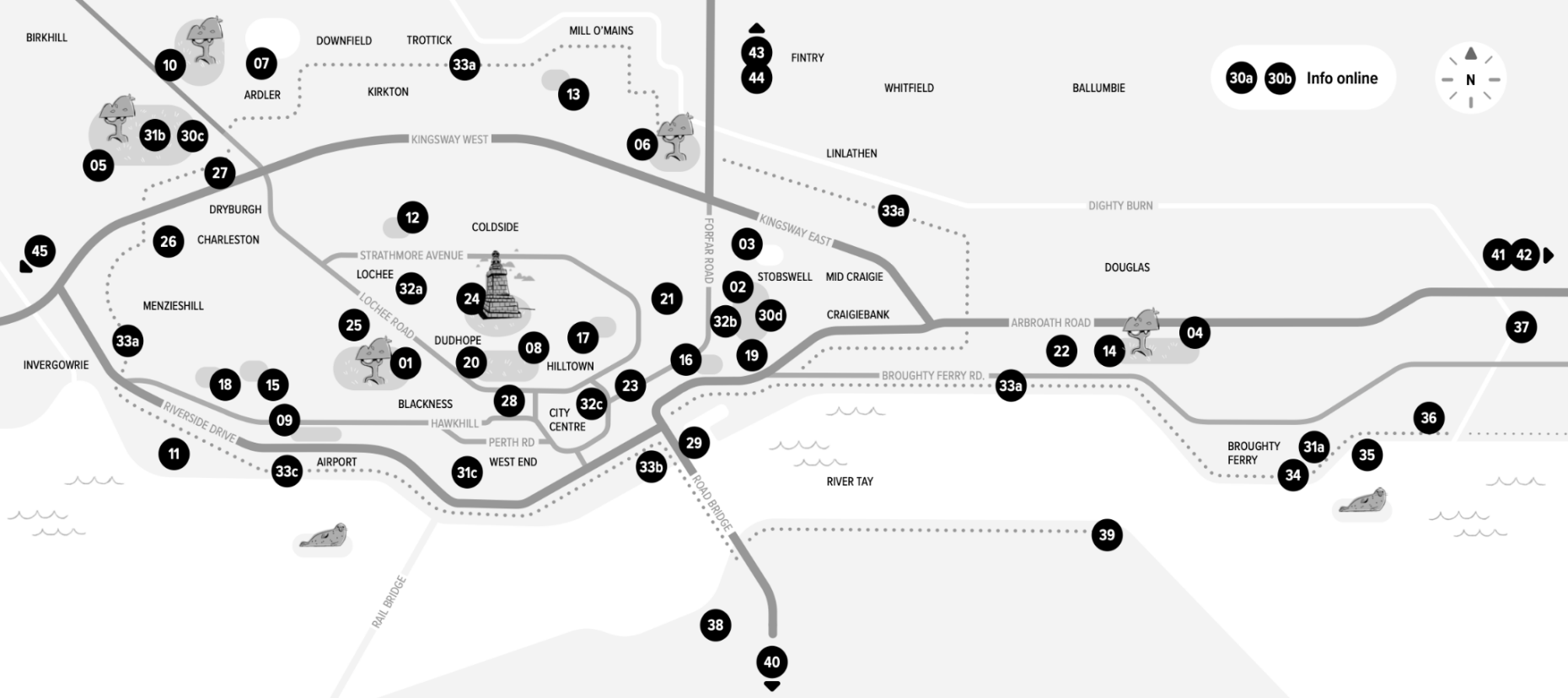
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# Across Dundee: Map



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## Across Dundee

### Parks and gardens

Dundee is Scotland's sunniest city, with lots of green and growing spaces to wander to and through on those bright days. Some include (1) **Balgay Park**, with Mills Observatory, Victoria Gardens and great views. Stop by the grand pavilion in (2) **Baxter Park**, wave to the swans, ducks and model boats at (3) **Swannie Ponds**, and don't miss the cherry blossoms at (4) **Dawson Park**! At (5) **Camperdown Country Park** you'll find a tree trail, Campy Growers and the Wildlife Centre, and (6) **Caird Park** is home to Mains Castle, Den o' Mains woodland and the Regional Performance Centre sports hub. Walk around the reservoir at (7) **Clatto Country Park** and watch the skaters at (8) **Dudhope Park**. Experience landscapes from around the world at (9) **Dundee Botanic Gardens** and the wildlife and walking routes of (10) **Templeton Woods**. Keep your eyes peeled for local flora and fauna at nature reserves, including (11) **Riverside**, (12) **The Miley** and (13) **Trottick Mill Ponds**.

Dundee's wonderful community garden network includes (14) **Duntrune Community Gardens**, (15) **Ninewells Community Garden**, (16) **Tayview Community Garden** (with the Wee Forest nearby) and (17) **The MAXwell Garden**. Visit [growdundee.blog](http://growdundee.blog) to discover gardens, urban orchards, allotments and foraging spots!

### Explore more

Admire the impressive exterior of (18) **Maggie's Centre**, designed by renowned architect Frank Gehry, and find out about local transport pioneers at (19) **Dundee Museum of Transport**. Join a lunch-club or take a class at (20) **Bharatiya Ashram Dudhope Multicultural Centre** and (21) **Dundee International Women's Centre**, and enjoy touring and community productions at (22) **Gardyne Theatre** and (23) **The Little Theatre**. Don't miss Dundee's ultimate view – head to the top of (24) **The Law** and experience a glorious panorama of the city, Perthshire, Angus, Fife and the Tay.

Get active with (25) **Ancrum Outdoor Centre**, (26) **Change Centre Dundee**, (27) **Dundee Ice Arena**, (28) **Avertical World** and (29) **Wild Shore Dundee**, or go for a run with (30a) **Frontrunners LGBT group**, (30b) **Roadrunners**, (30c) **Camperdown parkrun** or (30d) **Baxter Park junior parkrun**. Wee ones can burn energy at (31) **popular play parks** including (31a) **Castle Green**, (31b) **Camperdown's** many play zones and (31c) **Roseangle**. Try an (32) **Open/Close street art trail** in (32a) **Lochee**, (32b) **Stobswell** or the (32c) **City Centre** to discover nooks and crannies. The 26-mile (33a) **Green Circular cycle route** loops right around the city, including right past (33b) **Dundee Cycle Hub** where you can get bike advice – and did you know you can (33c) **cycle or walk along the Tay** (or over!) all the way from the airport to Broughty Ferry and beyond?

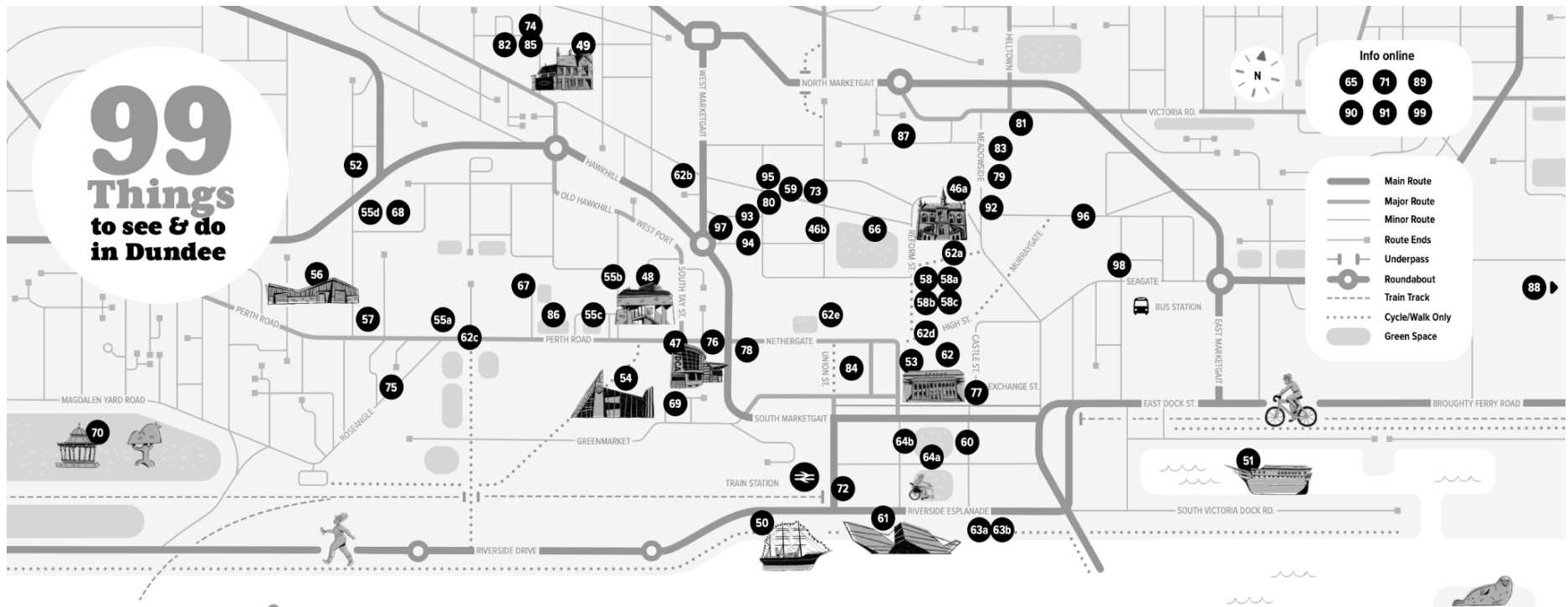
Embrace seaside life in the Ferry – explore (34) **Broughty Castle Museum** then visit (35) **Broughty Ferry Beach** to spot dolphins and sailboats, or go for a swim in the Tay before treating yourself to an ice cream or poke of chips. Wander along the Esplanade to find (36) **Barnhill Rock Gardens** then head to (and under!) the (37) **Seven Arches Viaduct** by the Dighty Burn.

### **Take a day trip**

There's more to explore just outside of Dundee! Take a trip across the bridge to (38) **Newport-on-Tay**, where you'll find Forgan Arts Centre and Tatha Gallery, or head to (39) **Tayport** for the Larick Centre and a walk through the spectacular Tentsmuir forest and beach. Further around the (40) **North East Fife** coast you can visit St Andrews, Craigtoun Country Park, Cambo Gardens, Kingsbarns Beach and the fishing villages of the East Neuk – make a stop at Bowhouse for a weekend market. Explore beautiful beaches along the (41) **Angus** coast from Monifieth and Carnoustie up to Lunan Bay and St Cyrus, with the stunning Arbroath Cliffs in between. Go to (42) **Arbroath** for the Signal Tower Museum and the house and gardens of Hospitalfield, alongside their contemporary art programme. Check out (43) **Forfar** for the Meffan Museum & Art Gallery and Forfar Loch. For (44) **walks in Angus and Perthshire**, try the Angus Glens, Backmuir Woods, Monikie Country Park, the Blue Door

Walk in Edzell and the Hermitage at Dunkeld. Don't miss stunning views from the hills of the Sidlaws, and visit the Catheran Ecomuseum – a museum without walls. UNESCO City of Craft (45) **Perth** is home to Perth Art Gallery, Perth Theatre, Perth Concert Hall, Perth Creative Exchange and more – go for a wander by the Tay around Branklyn Garden and the Norie-Miller Walk, or enjoy the view from the top of Kinnoull Hill.

## City Centre: Map



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### Take in the city's creativity

Explore fascinating insights into Dundee at the (46a) **McManus Art Gallery and Museum**, with more to find at their (46b) **Barrack Street Collections Unit** just along the road. (47) **Dundee Contemporary Arts** has everything under one roof – galleries, a two-screen cinema, print studio and family creative space. (48) **Dundee Rep Theatre and Scottish Dance Theatre** produce and show world-class performances, and (49) **Verdant Works** brings Dundee's jute textile history to life. Step onboard (50) **RRS Discovery** to explore the famous polar expedition ship, then head along the Waterfront to (51) **HMS Unicorn**, Scotland's oldest ship. Enjoy local and touring music, theatre and comedy at (52) **Whitehall Theatre** and (53) **Caird Hall**, and visit (54) **Dundee Science Centre** for interactive exhibitions and hands-on learning. The University of Dundee hosts exhibitions in the (55a) **Cooper Gallery** inside Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art & Design, (55b) **D'Arcy Thompson Zoology Museum**, (55c) **Tower Foyer and Lamb Galleries** and (55d) **LifeSpace Science Art Research Gallery**. Artist-run (56) **GENERATORprojects** often feature exhibitions by local and emerging artists, and nearby car-park based (57) **Woosh Gallery** is open 24/7. Drop by the (58) **Keiller Centre** to find (58a) **NEoN Digital Arts**, art-vending machine (58b) **Volk Gallery** and (58c) **Federation Gallery**. See more art in the windows of (59) **Nomas\* Projects** and billboard panels of (60) **Sharing Not Hoarding**. Whatever you do, don't miss Scotland's design museum, (61) **V&A Dundee!**

### Go for a wander

Just a short walk from (62) **City Square**, several monuments nod to Dundee's creative past – visit (62a) **Oor Wullie**, (62b) **Bash Street**, (62c) the **Lemmings**, (62d) **Desperate Dan and Minnie the Minx**. Find neighbours from colder climates commemorated through the (62e) **Penguins** outside the historic Old Steeple and (63a) **Whale** sculpture at the (63b) **Urban Beach** – don't forget your bucket and spade! At (64a) **Slessor Gardens** you can celebrate the pioneering spirit of Dundonians

with the (64b) **Discovery Walk** and wander through themed pocket gardens. (65) **Public Art Dundee** has free online trails to introduce you to 50+ artworks across the city. Pause for a moment of quiet contemplation at (66) **The Howff**, (67) **Geddes Quadrangle**, (68) **WeeCAIR Medicinal Garden** and (69) **Urban Orchard**. Visit the bandstand at (70) **Magdalen Green** and explore Dundee's history with (71) **DD Tours**. Need a rest but still want to see the sights? Jump on the (72) **Discover Dundee open-top bus** between April and September!

### **Make, learn and create**

If you're looking for ways to get creative, try (73) **Double Door Studios**, (74) **Dundee Ceramics Workshop**, (75) **Dundee Art Society** and (76) **DCA Print Studio**. Spaces like (77) **Reboutique**, (78) **The Wardrobe**, (79) **ScrapAntics** and (80) **Art Angel** build community around creativity, sustainability and wellness. Visit Dundee's brilliant libraries, including (81) **Central Library**, for varied programmes and resources, and drop in to the (82) **ScrapStore** and the (83) **Community Toolbox** at Wellbeing Works to borrow, reuse and recycle.

### **Creative spaces, live music, festivals and events**

Here are a few of the organisations and events that keep the city creative as the UK's only (84) **UNESCO City of Design**. (85) **Wasps Studios** hosts over 75 artists and makers at Meadow Mill. (86) **University of Dundee**, (87) **Abertay University** and (88) **Dundee & Angus College** all have leading art and design courses, with degree shows in spring. (89) **Hotchpotch** presents monthly open mics for writers, (90) **Shaper/Caper** throw shapes and have fun through critically-acclaimed performances and (91) **Icebreaker Comedy** hold regular nights at venues across the city centre.

See local and touring bands at (92) **Conroy's Basement**, (93) **Beat Generator** and (94) **Clarks on Lindsay Street**, catch live music, clubs or drag at (95) **Church**, and head to (96) **Kings**, (97) **Duck Slattery's** and (98) **POUT** for a night out.



The city is home to lots of festivals and events – some to check out include: [Dundee Month of Design](#); [Dundee Design Festival](#); [Dundee Women’s Festival](#); [Dundee Comic Con](#); [Dundee Dance Event](#); [Dundee WestFest](#); [Dundee Summer Streets Festival](#); [Dundee Pride](#); [Dundee Graffiti Jam](#); [Arcadia](#); [Festival of the Future](#); [Discovery Film Festival](#); [Dundee Science Festival](#); [Dundead Horror Film Festival](#); [Dundee Fringe](#); [Scottish Fashion Festival](#); [16 Days of Activism](#); [Dundee Hooley](#); [Dundee Jazz Festival](#); [Christmas in Dundee](#); and [WinterFest](#). Search online to find out what’s happening next.

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