

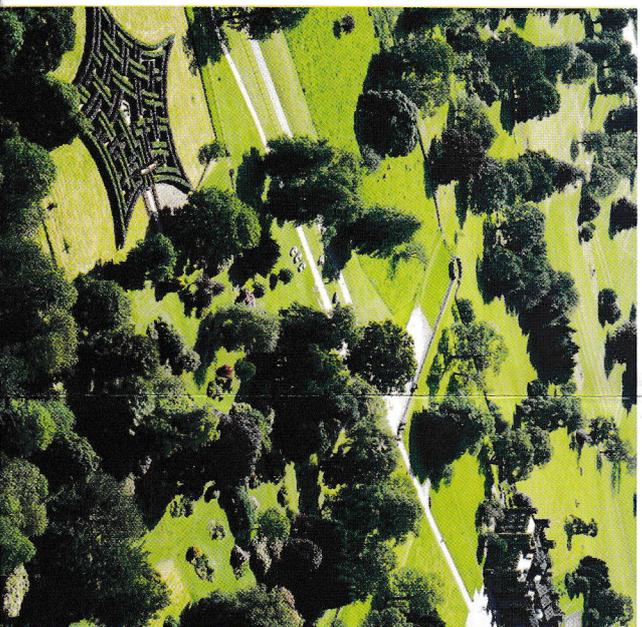
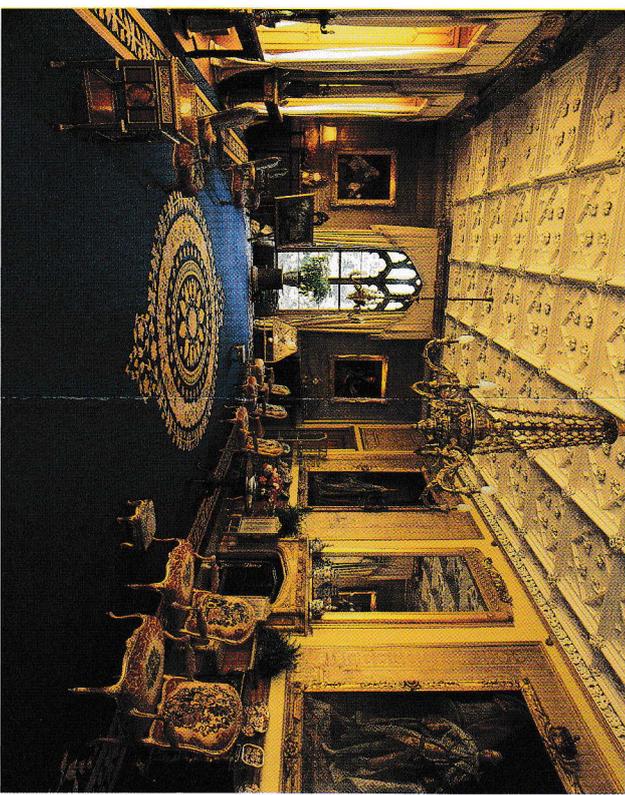
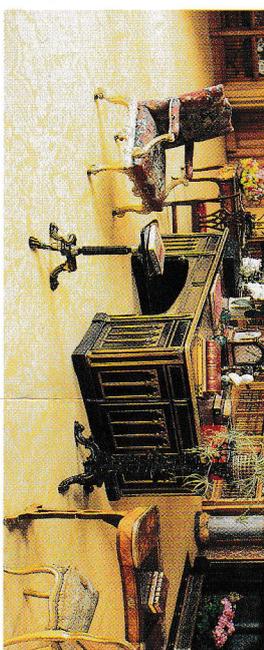


SCONE PALACE

THE CROWNING PLACE
OF SCOTTISH KINGS



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There's so much to see and do at Scone Palace, it's no wonder that it's one of Scotland's favourite visitor attractions

Visit the Palace of Kings

Visit Scone Palace, the crowning place of Scottish Kings, where Macbeth, Robert the Bruce and Charles II were crowned. Scone breathes history like nowhere else in Scotland. It is the family home of the Earls of Mansfield and the ancient crowning place of Scottish Kings on the Stone of Scone. It was the capital of Pictavia in the 5th Century onwards. Medieval Parliaments were held at Scone and it was immortalised in Shakespeare's *Macbeth*.

Here you can see where the Stone of Scone once stood and ponder on the tantalising mystery of where it might be today. You can wander down the splendid gallery (Scotland's longest room) where King Charles II strode to his coronation in 1651. During the Jacobite rebellions, The Old Pretender spent 3 weeks at Scone and his son Bonnie Prince Charlie visited in 1745.

You can admire the needlework skills of Mary, Queen of Scots' bedhangings that she worked on while in prison on Loch Leven.

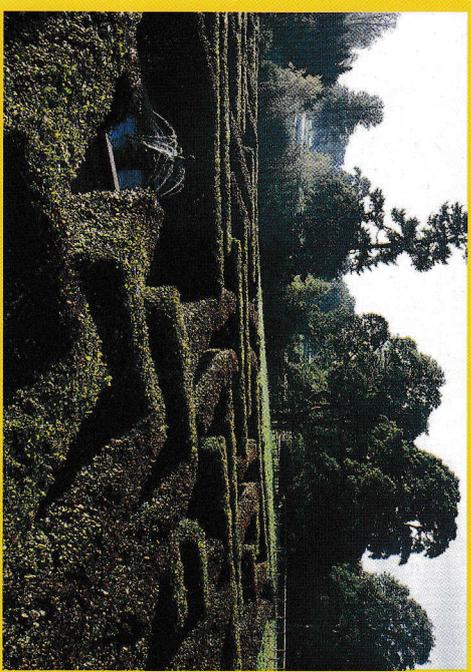
Discover the desk at which France's tragic Young Queen, Marie Antoinette, wrote her letters prior to the days when the guillotine beckoned.

You can also see the state rooms where Queen Victoria was entertained on her way to the Highlands in 1842, and the bedroom in which she slept.

If you are a lover of fine things, Scone is a unique treasury of furniture and paintings, porcelain and other *objets d'art*.

Outdoor Fun

But it's not only history at Scone. The Palace is surrounded by beautiful gardens and peaceful woodland, perfect for a gentle stroll or even a picnic - all under the watchful eye of the ever curious peacocks.



There's a great adventure playground for the children to burn off that excess energy, not to mention the unique "tartan" maze of 2000 beech trees half green, half copper, designed by the world famous designer Adrian Fisher. The maze was planted in the shape of the heraldic Murray Star.



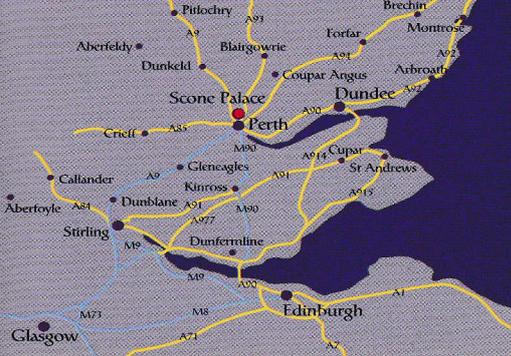
New for 2010 is the Scone Palace Wildlife Trail with Cyril the Squirrel.

The Pinetum and David Douglas - Son of Scone

In the Pinetum, just a short walk from the Palace, stands a gigantic 184 year-old tree. This is the magnificent Douglas Fir which was grown from a seed sent home in 1826 by David Douglas, the famous botanist and explorer.

David Douglas was born in the village of Scone in 1799 and worked as an under-gardener at the Palace, before heading for a life of adventure and discovery in the wilds of North America - from where he sent back over 200 species of new plants.

Today we remember this famous son of Scone with a Plant Hunters' Pavilion dedicated to Douglas and other Scottish plant hunters.



Planning your visit

By Road: From Dundee, Edinburgh or Glasgow, follow the signs for the "A93 - Braemar". We are situated 2 miles North of Perth on the A93.

By Air: Scone Palace is less than an hours drive from Edinburgh Intern'l Airport and just over an hour from Glasgow Intern'l Airport. The smaller airport of Dundee is 30 minutes drive away. The local Scone Airport has facilities for light aircraft and is only 10 minutes away. The Palace has helicopter landing space by prior arrangement.

By Sea: Ferry Terminal: Visitors arriving at Rosyth, via the Norfolk Line service, should follow the signs for Perth (M90). We are situated 30 minutes drive north of the Rosyth terminal.

By Bus: "Strathtay" service No.58 (leaves South Street, Perth) and the "Stagecoach" service No.3 (leaves South Street, Perth).



Opening Times

1st April - 31st October 2010
Gates open at 9.30am - Last Admission 5.00pm (Mon - Fri & Sun). Last Admission 4.00pm on Saturdays

Winter Hours: Grounds open each Friday 10am-4pm (Nov-Apr).

Winter Tours by Appointment

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