



Dogs must be kept under control.

Please note that there are no toilets outwith the town centre, except due east of site 12.



It is displayed on waymarkers and other objects from site 7 to site 12.

Look for this sign



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16 Melike Ferry
The site of the greatest local disaster in 1809.



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15 Embo Beach
The site of the earliest settlers with their chambered cairn as well as the home of Norsemen. Now a typical collection of fishermen's cottages.



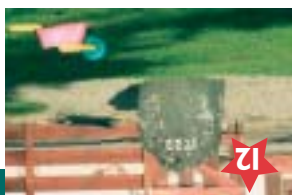
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14 The Receiving House
Until 1830, post was carried by relays of runners. The Receiving House was the handover point and the town's post office.



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13 Littletown
Tenants cleared here and formed a rare 1819 settled here and formed a rare collection of vernacular architecture.



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12 The Witch's Stone
Carnraig Street. In the garden of the first house you will see a stone with the date 1722. The last execution in Scotland for alleged witchcraft took place here.



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11 Dornoch Links
Dornoch's successful tourism is based on its long sandy beach and its world famous golf course. View the panorama here and you can see why.



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10 The Earl's Cross
Tucked into the whins (gorse) is the sculptured stone known as the Earl's Cross.



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9 Cholera Stone
Round the back of Earl's Cross House there is a stone marking a supposed cholera victim's grave.



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8 Gallows Hill
Just outside the gates of Earl's Cross House, you will see a plaque marking Gallows Hill, site of the last public hanging in Dornoch.



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7 St. Michael's Well
The stone marks the old burgh boundary. Visit the site to find out why it is not situated at the actual well.



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6 Dornoch Light Railway
Along the Embo road is the terminus of the railway. The old railway station waiting room is now a takeaway.



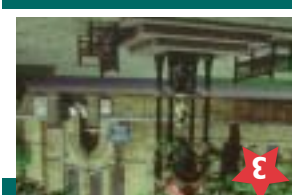
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5 The Early Church
By the river there is the site of the old Monastery well; next to the Council Chamber and the Library donated by Andrew Carnegie.



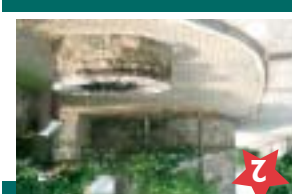
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4 Mercat Cross
The former commercial centre of Dornoch is situated beside the churchyard of the Cathedral.



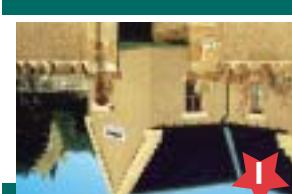
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3 Cathedral Green
On the green space in front of the cathedral, look out for the ornate cast iron drinking fountain under the trees.



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2 Old Parish Manse
Turn left out of Historylinks and past the adjoining house. In front of the low wall on your left, you'll see the circular well.



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1 Historylinks Museum
The starting point for each trail with comprehensive information. Accompanying audio guide and 'A Short History of Dornoch' available from the shop.

The Trail.....

Welcome to Dornoch! - we all hope you will enjoy its unique heritage to the full. You can explore the town by walking around with an eye open for detail: a street name here, and architectural detail there, all add up to give a fascinating picture of our past. Dornoch is unusual, in that so much of our heritage is accessible.

Dornoch Castle and Jail, from the Cathedral parapet

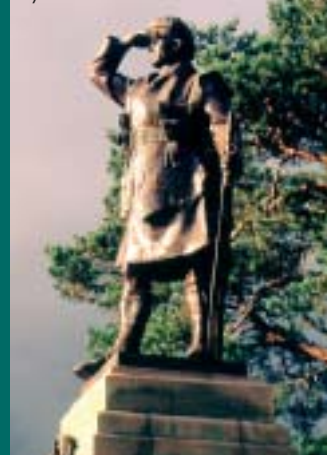


Visit a grocer's (Grant & Son, in Cathedral Square) where the same family has been serving customers since 1825. Stroll among the gravestones in the churchyard, looking for familiar names. Stand where Madonna and Guy Ritchie stood at the Christening of their son in the Cathedral. Contemplate your fate in a cell in the Jail (now a shop). Imagine how poor wretches met their deaths at the hands of the executioner, at several sites.

To make your stay in Dornoch more entertaining and informative, the people of Dornoch invite you to follow the Historylinks Trail.

If you are not content merely to wander with the help of this leaflet, visit Historylinks Museum (follow the signs from the square). Apart from a significant collection of artifacts, with displays and local stories, there are several unique film-shows to help bring 7,000 years of Dornoch's history alive for you. Children can dress-up as Vikings, do puzzles and quizzes, or have their photo taken in the stocks.

Dornoch War Memorial - a Seaforth Highlander, sculpted by Alexander Carrick



Historylinks has something for everyone, making it an attraction not to be missed.

So look around! Enjoy our heritage, as we do! Stop and talk to us if you like. Residents of this historic Royal Burgh are always happy to smile and talk, and usually have a fund of knowledge to draw upon.

Audio Guide

Audio guiding is available in English, French, German and Spanish. For a modest sum, you can rent a CD player and a recording in one of the languages, describing all 16 sites in more detail.

School Packs

There are separate school packs suitable for primary and secondary level. A limited number of paper copies are available. Schools should pre-book at Historylinks to receive CD-ROMs of the material free of charge.

A Historical Guide to Dornoch

To remind you of your visit to Dornoch in the months or years to come. Available from Historylinks.

Museum Admissions (2005)

Adults£2.00
Concessions£1.50
Children accompanied by adultsFree

Opening Times

Daily from 10 am during the Summer.
OPEN some days of the week during the rest of the year. Phone for exact details.

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Historylinks Trail

Heritage sites around Dornoch



Includes trail map of Dornoch



Route Options.....

Hub Trail

Easy walking through the town centre, sites 1 to 5.
 ♿: Make detour round churchyard, otherwise full access.
 Allow 45 minutes at most.

South-East Spoke

Littleton and Witch's Stone (sites 13 & 12)
 Easy walking. Full ♿ access.
 Allow 30 minutes at most.

West Spoke

Receiving House & War Memorial (sign 14) via
 birthplace of Donald Ross in St Gilbert St.
 Easy walking. Full ♿ access.
 Allow 30 minutes at most.

North Spoke

Railway Station & St Michael's Well (sites 6 & 7).
 Easy walking. Full ♿ access.
 Allow 15 minutes at most.

Main Trail

Moderate walking through the town centre,
 woodlands and open countryside with sea views.
 Passes signs 1, 2, 3, 14, 4, 5, 6, 7, (8), 9, 10, 11, 12,
 13. Look out for "Historylinks Trail" arrow signs
 along your path.
 No ♿ access, nor suitable for pushchairs between sites 7
 and 12.
 Allow 2½ hours at most.

By cycle or car.....

Embo (Site 15)

Leave Dornoch past Station (6). Follow mainly single-
 track road until turning to the right, signed "Embo."
 3½ miles/5½km by road. Can be walked by taking
 Main Trail and continuing north after sign 11. (2½
 miles/4km)

Meikle Ferry (Site 16)

Follow Castle Street left into Sutherland Road, by

Church Hall. Follow single-track road to A9. Left,
 then first right signed "Meikle Ferry North (No
 ferry)." 5½ miles/9km.

Other things to look out for...

- Tourist Information Centre
- Birthplace of Donald Ross - world-famous golf course architect
- Panoramic view across Dornoch
- Sutherland's largest rookery
- The Station (now 'Dornoch') Hotel, early 20th Century: purpose-built to cater for the many tourists coming by rail.

Also, look for the Dornoch Cat!

