



Scottish Snowdrop Festival 4th February–18th March 2012

Places to visit near Errichel

Please be aware that dates published for snowdrop openings are 'approximate' as snowdrops do not (unfortunately) flower to order and their flowering can be dependent on which part of the country they are growing in and variations in the climate. As a general rule, call in advance. For further information, contact http://surprise.visitscotland.com/snowdrop_festival.aspx

1 Birks of Aberfeldy

Spectacular waterfalls in a dramatic wooded gorge made famous by the national bard, Robert Burns. A narrow path follows a circular route. Spring flowers and woodland birds. Open daily dawn till dusk. Free entry. Address: Aberfeldy, Perthshire. Tel: 01887 820 276 (Aberfeldy Visitor Information Centre).

2 Blair Castle Gardens

Enjoy the seasonal delight of snowdrops in bloom on a walk around the castle grounds. A gentle meandering route passes through the Hercules Garden and weaves along to St Brides Kirk. The walk also includes access to two new paths (only open to the public at snowdrop time). Then step inside and enjoy the indoor flowers. Cream teas available in the castle's Tullibardine Restaurant. Open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 4 February–18 March, 10:00am to 4:00pm (free entry). Address: Blair Atholl, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH18 5TL, tel: 01796 481207.

3 Kilbryde Castle

Huge drifts of snowdrops in the wild garden and glorious spring bulbs. Steep paths. Open Sunday 4 March 1.00pm–4.00pm (adults £4.00, children free). Address: Dunblane, Perthshire, FK15 9NF, tel: 01786 824 897

4 Cluny House Gardens

A wonderful, wild woodland garden overlooking the scenic Strathhtay valley. Spot red squirrels which are easily seen and see a good display of snowdrops. Seeds available for sale. Open 20 February–15 March, 10am–4pm (adults £4.00, children £1.00). Address: Cluny, near Aberfeldy, Perthshire, PH15 2JT, tel. 01887 820 795

5 Black Spout Wood

Spring brings snowdrops and wood anemones to the oak woodland floor. Easy, waymarked paths, tumbling burns and a mighty waterfall – the Black Spout! For more information, visit the Pitlochry Visitor Information Centre. Open daily dawn till dusk. Free entry. Address: Pitlochry, Perthshire, tel: 01796 472 215 (Pitlochry Visitor Information Centre).