

walking distance. a friendly, individual service within easy independent shops and restaurants provide something special — where traditional independent retailers — perfect for finding Our lovely Victorian town centre offers many Or simply enjoy the delights of the town itself.

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Children's Day Festival in the UK. year, attracting thousands of people to the finest takes place on the last weekend in June each yearly calendar Bo'ness Children's Fair Festival One of the most important events in the Bo'ness







and Doctor Who. and TV series such as James Bond, Harry Potter

collection of famous vehicles and props from films The Bo'ness Motor Museum houses a private

September each year.

the famous Bo'ness Hill Climb Revival held in the town's Roman Week celebrations and hosts Nature Reserve. Kinneil also plays a key part of walk along the foreshore takes you through the that changed the course of history. A short Watt lived and developed the steam engine Explore Kinneil House and Estate, where James

Railway Exhibition.

and Kinneil Railway and visit the Scottish Theatre or board a steam train on the Bo'ness cinema in Scotland. Take in a play at the Barony refurbished Hippodrome, the oldest operational Popular local attractions include the recently Rougess Search fo storos 🖰 әүт чәојид

to live and visit. parking make Bo'ness a great place access by road and rail and free car The town's central location and easy

and a great community spirit. finest Children's Day Festival in the UK a stunning Victorian town centre, the Bo'ness offers fantastic local attractions,

character and history.

banks of the River Forth, is steeped in (or properly Borrowstounness) on the The beautiful historic town of Bo'ness







# Getting Here...



Located 16.9 miles north-west of Edinburgh and 6.7 miles east of Falkirk, Bo'ness lies on the south bank of the Firth of Forth and is easily accessible by all means of transport.

Travelling from Edinburgh and the east, exit at J3 onto the A803 then take the A904 into Bo'ness. From the west, exit the M9 at J5 onto the A905 then take the A904 into Bo'ness. For a detailed road route to Bo'ness go to

#### Free Parking

Bo'ness town centre has plenty of car parking spaces with easy access to the town centre. Car parks are well signposted and parking is free.

There are regular bus services to Bo'ness from Edinburgh, Linlithgow and Falkirk. The services are operated by First Group. For further public transport information contact Traveline Scotland 0871 200 2233 or visit

The nearest station to Bo'ness is Linlithgow, which is served by regular trains from Edinburgh, Glasgow and Stirling/Dunblane. Details of rail services are available from National Rail Enquiries on 08457 48 49 50.



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# Bo'ness Town Heritage

Discover the beautiful waterfront town of Bo'ness - a town steeped in history and tradition which has played host to the ancient Romans, 17th century seafaring traders and the Industrial Revolution

Bo'ness has a charming traditional Victorian town centre, packed with independent shops, cafés, restaurants and businesses. You'll find lots of wonderful independent shops such as, award winning jewellers, a book shop, toy shop, shoe shops, butchers, gift and card shops, bakers and lot's more. Bo'ness town centre also features Scotland's first purpose built cinema - The Hippodrome, now over 100 years old. Recently fully refurbished, the Hippodrome shows all the top box office movies along with classics and indie films.



It's easy to spend a whole day in Bo'ness, where you can visit Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway and relive the romantic days of steam. A visit to Bo'ness isn't complete without enjoying a walk around Kinneil Estate, where you'll discover the remains of a Roman fortlet and the Antonine Wall - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You can also visit historic Kinneil House and Museum where 2000 years of history is on display.

Other highlights of a trip to Bo'ness include the Bo'ness Motor Museum featuring many famous cars from top movies and the recently unveiled replica of the ancient Roman Bridgeness Slab.



# What's going on in Bo'ness



Bo'ness hosts one of the biggest children's events in Europe - the Bo'ness Fair Festival, at the end of June each year. This event sees the crowning of a local girl as queen, plus a massive procession throughout the town. A fantastic family day - free to attend.

The town also hosts other events and festivals right throughout the year. Here are some of the things to watch out for in a typical year:

#### **MARCH**

Silent Film Festival Hosted at the famous Hippodrome Cinema in Bo'ness town centre.

Night At Kinneil Museum An open evening at this bags and special events.

Victorian Street Fair Old worlde fun in the fabulous Bo'ness Town Centre.

#### JUNE

Bo'ness Children's Fair Festival, and a range of fun events leading up to the Fair.

#### **JULY** Funny in Falkirk

Central Scotland's comedy festival, with slots in Bo'ness.

#### AUGUST

Kinneil Heritage Day Free event for all the family in Kinneil Estate.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Bo'ness Hill Climb A revival of a historic motor race, which once attracted people like Jackie Stewart and Stirling Moss to town.

Big Roman Week Walks, events and much more to celebrate our

#### **OCTOBER**

Halloween events on the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway and at Kinneil House.

Real Ale Festival in Bo'ness Town Hall.

#### NOVEMBER

Countdown to Christmas With the Christmas lights being switched on in Bo'ness Town Centre.

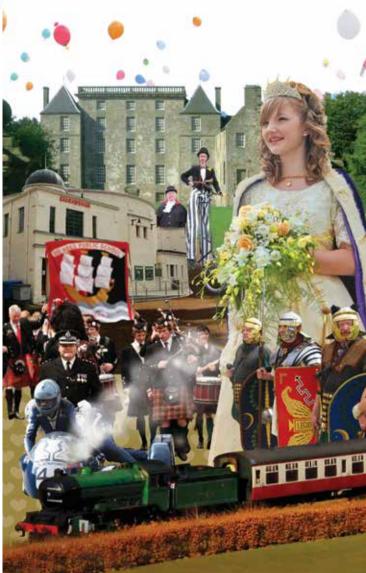
#### **DECEMBER**

Santa Trains and Black Bun Hogmanay Specials at the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway.

There are also special days at the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway and free Kinneil House open days throughout the year - plus a variety of shows, musicals and arts events at local venues.

Check Bo'ness Library, local press or local websites such as s1boness.com and unlockboness.com for details on up-and-coming events. Most importantly, join in and enjoy the fun.

# Unlock the Bo ness



www.unlockboness.com



#### Bo'ness Town Centre

An outstanding Conservation Area, packed with listed buildings, character shops and superb local facilities. See a display of old photographs of the town in Bo'ness Library. Look out for regular events and activities.

Free town centre parking:

- 1. Off Seaview Place, EH51 0AJ
- Off Seaview Place, EH51 0
   Union Street, EH51 9AQ
- 3. Register Street, EH51 9AE



#### Hippodrome Cinema

Scotland's oldest purpose-built cinema, opened in 1912, and re-opened after a £2 million revamp in 2009. See big blockbusters and classic movies in this wonderful pre-art deco building, complete with cafe/bar area and the latest sound and projection equipment. Normally open six days a week (closed Tuesdays). Hope Street, EH51 0AA
Tel: 01324 506850

www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org/arts

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#### Bo'ness Library

An old tavern, bakery and warehouse, dating back to the 17th century - now developed into a modern library building. Features free internet access and wi-fi, local and tourist information, and regular free exhibitions and activities. Open Mon-Sat, all year. Times vary.

Scotland's Close, EH51 0AH Tel: 01506 778520

www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org/libraries



#### Memorial to Mining

Bo'ness was one of the first places to be used for coal mining in Scotland, with links to Carron Ironworks, birthplace of the Industrial Revolution in Scotland. Its last pit closed in 1983. This memorial colliery wheel was unveiled in 2007 - and features historical information and plaques designed by local children.

Just off Seaview Place/Waggon Road, EH51 0BW



#### Bo'ness Town Hall

Just south of the town centre, this imposing B-listed building is popular for weddings, parties, dances and other community events. Look out for special events - including popular opera and stage shows.

Glebe Park, Stewart Avenue, EH51 9NJ Tel: 01324 506938

www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org.uk/arts

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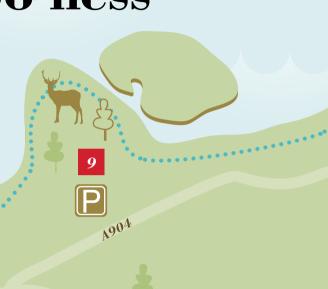
#### Museum of Scottish Railways

Just beside Bo'ness Station. An excellent way to end your steam trip around Bo'ness. See exhibits showcasing 100 years of railways in Scotland. Open from April to October. There is an admission charge to see main exhibition.

Union St, EH51 9AQ Tel: 01506 822298

www.bkrailway.co.uk







Kinneil Museum

Housed in the former stable block of

visual shows, a small shop area and a

of history at Kinneil. Open all year,

Mon-Sat, 12.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Tel: 01506 778530

www.kinneil.org.uk

permanent exhibition on the 2000 years

Kinneil House, the museum features audio

Kinneil Museum, Kinneil Estate, EH51 0PR

www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org.uk/heritage



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# Kinneil House

An imposing mansion dating back to the 15th century, Kinneil boasts some of the best Renaissance wall paintings in Scotland - plus a resident ghost. Tour the grounds throughout the year and see inside the House during special open days - see website or Kinneil Museum for further details. Free.

Kinneil House, Kinneil Estate, EH51 0PR www.kinneil.org.uk

www.historic-scotland.gov.uk



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# Kinneil Fortlet & Estate

See the remains of a Roman fortlet in Kinneil Estate, a public park to the west of Bo'ness. The fortlet was part of the Antonine Wall, built around 142 AD - now a World Heritage site. The Estate also features woodland walks, ponds and historic buildings, including James Watt's cottage. Open all year. Free.
Kinneil Estate, EH51 OPR



# Kinneil Nature Reserve

Coastal parkland to the north of Bo'ness - once dominated by Kinneil Colliery. The area is now a haven for birds and other wildlife - and a stopping off point for the Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway. Features great walks and picnic benches, plus stunning views.

Parking off Snab Lane, EH51 0PS and off Kinneil Road, EH51 0AY and at Corbiehall.

www.kinneil.org.uk



# Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway

Hop aboard a train at Bo'ness Station, to the east of the town centre. Scotland's leading steam railway is well-used by film companies and thousands of visitors each year. Look out for Thomas the Tank Engine and other themed events. Charges vary. Seasonal cafe.

Union St, EH51 9AQ Tel: 01506 822298 www.bkrailway.co.uk



BO'NESS 3 miles

Less Via A904

# Bo'ness Harbour

Bo'ness was once the second-biggest port in Scotland. Today its inner dock lies silent. However visitors can still moor small craft in the outer harbour, now in the care of Falkirk Council. The harbour links to the extensive local paths network and is next to the town centre.

Free parking at Union Street.



## **Barony Theatre**

A wonderful 120-seat theatre delivering plays and events throughout the year. Also hosts a popular film club. The building features a cafe/bar area and ample parking to the rear. For details on the latest productions, please visit the website.

Borrowstoun Road, EH51 9RS Tel: 01506 824414

www.baronyplayers.co.uk



## **Bo'ness Recreation Centre**

Featuring a 25m, 6 lane-swimming pool; health and fitness club; fitness classes and cafe area - plus outdoor pitches and recently refurbished changing village. Gauze Road, EH51 9QB Tel: 01506 778510

www.falkirkcommunitytrust.org.uk/sport



## Bridgeness Slab

www.kinneil.org.uk

Open air replica of one of the best Roman finds in Britain. An amazing piece of Roman art discovered at Bridgeness, Bo'ness, in 1868 - and once part of the Antonine Wall. Also features information about the Antonine Wall and other Roman sites to visit. Free.

Off Harbour Road, EH51 9LF www.romanboness.org.uk



## Bo'ness Motor Museum

Leave Bo'ness shaken and stirred! See cars used in James Bond and Harry Potter movies, and other vehicles dating back to the 1930s. Look out for the 007 bar and diner - and a vast array of movie memorabilia. Admission charge.

Bridgeness Road, EH51 9JR Tel: 01506 827007

www.motor-museum.bo-ness.org.uk



## Coastal Walks

Take a wander along the stunning foreshore walk between Bo'ness and Blackness. Park up in our free car parks, walk along the beaches for a view of the famous Forth Bridges and visit the amazing Blackness Castle. Part of the new John Muir Trail.

For more details, pick up a leaflet from Bo'ness Library or other outlets - or download a guide to walks around Bo'ness and Blackness.

www.falkirk.gov.uk/paths



## Blackness Castle

Built in the 15th century by one of Scotland's most powerful families, the Crichtons. Once used as a garrison fortress and state prison. More recently used by Mel Gibson to film "Hamlet". Open all year. Admission charge.

Off Castle Road, Blackness, EH49 7NH Tel: 01506 834807

www.historic-scotland.gov.uk