



Appendix 12.1

Tourist Attractions Baseline

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1 Tourist Attractions Baseline Data

1. The five major tourist attractions in Ayrshire and Arran, based on VisitScotland's website, are listed in **Table 12.1**. The closest main tourist attraction is located approximately 15.4km north west of the Site Boundary at its closest point.

Regional Tourist Attractions	Visitors Numbers	Approximate Distance to the Site Boundary
Dean Castle Country Park	1,373,146	40.7km north
Culzean Castle and Country Park	382,608	15.4km north west
Robert Burns Birthplace Museum	266,369	17.9km north
Maclaurin Art Gallery	66,501	19.2km north
Scottish Maritime Museum	64,746	38.7km north

Table 12.1 Regional Visitor Attractions (VisitScotland, 2019b)

2. Local tourist attractions within the 15km Study Area have been identified using VisitScotland's database of visitor attractions (VisitScotland, 2020a), other internet searches and consultation responses from the Scoping Report. These are presented in **Table 12.2**.

Local Tourist Attractions	Approximate Distance to the Site Boundary
Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere Buffer Zone and Transition Zone	Within the Site Boundary
Galloway Dark Sky Park	Within the Site Boundary
Galloway Dark Sky Park Core Area	725m south east
Merrick Wild Land Area	2.9km south east
Carrick Forest (Mountain bike route)	3.9km south
Blairquhan Castle	5.9km north
Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere Core Area	6.9km south east
Loch Doon Campsite	7.4km north east
Roundhouse Café	7.5km north east
Dalquharran Castle	7.6km north west

Local Tourist Attractions	Approximate Distance to the Site Boundary
Loch Doon Castle	8.1km east
Scottish Dark Sky Observatory	8.2km north east
Dalcairney Falls	8.7km north east
Doon Valley Railway Museum	10.5km north east
Crossragual Abbey	11.0km north west
Home Cook School (in Maybole)	11.6km north west
The Carrick Centre	11.7km north west
The Merrick mountain peak	11.9km south east
A. D. Rattray Whisky Shop	12.5km north west
Souter Johnnie's Cottage	13.3km north west
Adventure Carrick	13.9km west
Trump Turnberry Golf Course	15.6km north west

Table 12.2 Local Tourist Attractions

3. Tourist accommodation has also been identified within the 15km Study Area using VisitScotland's accommodation database (VisitScotland, 2020b) and other internet searches. The tourist accommodation is listed in **Table 12.3**.

Location	Tourist Accommodation	Approximate Distance to the Site Boundary
Craig	One self-catering accommodation	3.6km north
Straiton	Two cottages and one hotel	6km north
Blairquhan	One hotel and nine cottages	5.9km north
Crosshill	One cottage and one caravan park	6.3km north
Kirkmichael	One cottage	8.0km north
Tormitchell	One cottage	9.1km west
Dalmellington	Two hotels	10.3km north east

Location	Tourist Accommodation	Approximate Distance to the Site Boundary
Maybole	One self-catering accommodation, one cottage, one bed and breakfast and one caravan park	11.0km north west
Old Daily	One bed and breakfast	12.2km west
Pinclanty	One self-catering accommodation and one bothy	12.5km south west
Dailly	One cottage, one bed and breakfast and two hotels	13.4km west
Girvan	One bed and breakfast, one guesthouse, one self-catering accommodation and two hotels	14.7km west
Culzean	One camping and caravan park, one lodge, four castles and one cottage	14.8km north west
Turnberry	Two self-catering accommodation, one lodge, one hotel and two holiday parks	14.9km north west
Maidens	One holiday park, one bed and breakfast and one hotel	15.0km north west

Table 12.3 Local Tourist Accommodation

4. Blairquhan Castle is based in Blairquhan, which is located approximately 5.9km north of the Site Boundary, is both a wedding venue and tourist accommodation.

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