WELCOME to Falkirk, Scotland! The Falkirk area sits at the very heart of Scotland, midway between Edinburgh and Glasgow with excellent motorway and rail links and two international airports close by.

Transforming the Scottish landscape are two of the world’s most unique attractions:

- The Falkirk Wheel
- The Kelpies in Helix Park

PLUS the John Muir Way is opening in April 2014, the Falkirk area has a significant section of this walk which links Dunbar to the waters of the Clyde in Helensburgh.

Falkirk also has a great range of further attractions including

The Historic Callendar House, The Antonine Wall (a World Heritage Site), The Bo’ness & Kinneil Railway, Blackness Castle, Kineill House plus numerous heritage monuments and family friendly attractions.

Many of our attractions are listed overleaf or for more information go to www.visitmapfalkirk.com or follow us on Facebook
The Helix

Something fantastic is happening in Central Scotland! The Helix has transformed 350 hectares in Falkirk into a brand new recreational green space & visitor attraction, including lagoon, wetlands, splash play area, trails & outdoor event space.

The jewel within this project, The Kelpies, stand 30 metres tall, & are the world's largest equine sculptures. Towering over the Forth & Clyde canal, they form a dramatic gateway to the canal entrance on the East Coast of Scotland.

Visitors will soon experience a tour inside The Kelpies and hear all about their origin & inspiration. The Kelpie visitor centre & gift shop opens in 2014.

The Falkirk Wheel

Scotland’s most exciting example of 21st century engineering, The Falkirk Wheel, is the World’s first rotating boatlift & eye-catching working sculpture which links the Forth & Clyde Canal with the Union Canal.

A visitor centre, boat trips, play areas and over 100 acres of woodlands plus regular events and activities complement this unique attraction.
Bringing History to Life

The Falkirk area is rich in history, with World Heritage Site the Antonine Wall, Callendar House, the Faw Kirk graveyard, Kinneil House and Blackness Castle all highlighting the area’s heritage over 2000 years.

Callendar House is one of Scotland’s finest baronial mansions, built in the style of a French Chateau. The working Georgian Kitchen features costumed interpreters and the house itself has connections to great historical figures such as Mary Queen of Scots, Oliver Cromwell and Bonnie Prince Charlie. Within the house is the Park Gallery which hosts contemporary exhibitions.
Falkirk is a historic town centre with a traditional high street and conservation area. Enjoy the many speciality shops and the town heritage trail alongside the convenience of major high street brands.

The Steeple is a notable landmark on the High Street dating back to 1814. Overlooking the High Street is Falkirk Old and St Modan’s Parish Church, known as the ‘Faw Kirk’ from which Falkirk is believed to take its name. The graveyard contains memorials and graves from the Battle of Falkirk including those of William Wallace’s companions.

A fine selection of coffee shops, pubs, bars and restaurants will keep you refreshed by day and night while Falkirk Town Hall will entertain you with its programme of comedy, drama, music and family orientated events.
Where to Stay
A warm welcome awaits you at a wide choice of hotels, guest houses and B&Bs, including over 600 Visit Scotland quality assured rooms.

With something to suit every taste and pocket, you’ll also find some beautifully situated and well-appointed self-catering houses, cottages and chalets in the area.

Search for accommodation at www.visitfalkirk.com or www.visitscotland.com

How to Get Here

**Car** from Carlisle and the South, take the M6, M74, M73 and join the M80 from Glasgow. From Edinburgh take the M9.

**Train** Direct services from London, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Inverness.

**Air** Edinburgh Airport (19 miles), Glasgow Airport (33 miles) and Prestwick Airport (56 miles)

**Local** public transport
www.travelinescotland.com, Tel. 0871 200 22 33 (24 hours)

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Bonnie Bo’ness

Bo’ness is a beautiful historic town nestled on the Firth of Forth with lovely views of the Ochil Hills and the Forth road and rail bridges.

With impressive architecture, it boasts many interesting buildings, including the pre-art deco Hippodrome Cinema which screens an interesting mix of the latest releases, classics and silent films.

The Bo’ness and Kinneil Railway takes you back to the days of steam power with a leisurely ride along the Firth of Forth. Bo’ness Station hosts memorabilia of 100 years of railways in its Museum of Scottish Railways and numerous special events are held throughout the year including visits from Thomas the Tank engine.

The Antonine Wall originally stretched 37 miles from Bo’ness to the Firth of Clyde. Today, you can see a replica Roman distance marker at Kinnigars Park and you can find out more about the Roman occupation at Kinneil Museum. Kinneil House and Estate has a fascinating history and many sites of interest including a Roman fort and the inventor James Watt’s cottage.

Bo’ness Motor Museum houses a collection of vehicles from TV and film, from James Bond to Harry Potter. Blackness Castle, a short drive from Bo’ness, is a 15th century structure right on the River Forth, known as the ship that never sailed.
Activities & Events

There are a great range of activities within the Falkirk area. Xtreme Karting at Larbet offer a 5 star indoor karting experience whilst the Mariner Leisure Centre has a tropical wave pool with slides and chutes. Polmonthill Ski Centre offers ski-ing and snowboarding. Callendar Estate Cycle Trails provide 19 km of single track cycle trails, graded from beginner to advanced providing something for everyone.

For a day out with the kids, Falkirk has a number of soft play centres. Wellsfield Farm Activity centre doesn’t just cater for kids but also has a Trout Farm and Equestrian Centre.

What’s On

To keep up date with the many events and festivals happening within the Falkirk area keep checking our Events Listing on www.visitfalkirk.com, check out www.mifalkirk.co.uk or follow Visit Falkirk on Facebook.