



PLACES TO GO

Within a Short Walk

For a walk:

Polmont Woods (end of the driveway, turn left, walk over the motorway bridge, then turn right) and Polmont Reservoir (through Polmont Woods)

Union Canal (up the hill, past Polmont Station; Linlithgow is about 2hrs via the canal & the Avon Viaduct)

For coffee/tea & cake, or a snack lunch:

Nutmeg Café (soup, sandwiches & excellent home baking; 4.3* on Google)

For a meal out:

Claremont Inn restaurant (general, family-friendly food; 4.5* on Google) – www.claremontinn.co.uk

Inchyra Grange Hotel (modern steak & grill restaurant; 4.1* on Google) – www.macdonaldhotels.co.uk/inchyra

For a drink:

Black Bull Inn (historic pub; 4.3* on Google) – www.blackbullpolmont.co.uk

For a takeaway:

Land & Sea Fish & Chip Shop (fish & chips; 4.2* on Google) – www.land-n-sea.co.uk

All In One (burgers, kebabs, Indian, pizza, pasta, Mexican; 4.2* on Google) – www.allinonepolmont.co.uk

Peking Inn (Chinese, 3.9* on Google)

For groceries:

Aldi (small supermarket; 4.4* on Google)

Polmont Convenience Store (Post Office & corner shop, sells great home baking!)

For a whisky tour & tasting:

Falkirk Distillery (4.5* on Google) – www.falkirkdistillery.com

Public Transport

Train:

Polmont Station is a 15-20 minute walk away (only 10 mins back because it's all downhill!) on the main Edinburgh – Glasgow line. Trains to Edinburgh and Glasgow are every 10 – 30 mins, and each take about 25 mins. Trains to Stirling are usually every 30 – 60 mins and take about 20 mins.

Bus:

Buses to Falkirk leave from Polmont Main Street about every 20-30 mins, and take about 10 mins. Buses to Edinburgh are once an hour, and take about 1h15m. Getting to Glasgow by bus requires changing in Falkirk and journey times vary.

Taxi:

Tartan Line are usually very responsive and reasonably priced. 01324 474777.

24/7 Falkirk Taxis also come well recommended, especially for airport transfers. 01324 620000.

Other Places to Get Food

(for those within a short walk, see previous page)

Local Restaurants

Chianti (Italian, 4.4* on Google, 5 mins by car) – www.chiantifalkirk.co.uk
Beijing Banquet (Chinese AYCE buffet, 4.1* on Google, 5 mins by car) – www.beijingbanquet.com
MBK Canalside (family-friendly, 4.3* on Google, 5-10 mins by car) – www.masonbelleskitchen.co.uk
The Bridge Inn (pub food, 4.3* on Google, 5-10 mins by car) – www.thebridgeinn-linlithgow.co.uk
The Scott's (Scottish, 4.1* on Google, 5-10 mins by car) – www.thescotts.co.uk
Benny T's (fish & chips, 5-10 mins by car) – www.bennyts.co.uk
The Corbie Inn (pub food, 4.6* on Google, approx.. 10 mins by car) – www.corbieinn.co.uk
Bridge 49 (café & bistro, 4.4* on Google, approx. 10 mins by car) – www.bridge49.co.uk
Cook's Bar & Kitchen (Scottish, 4.3* on Google, 10-15 mins by car) – www.cooksbarandkitchen.co.uk
Croft & Creel (steak & seafood, 4.9* on Google, 10-15 mins by car) – www.thecroftandcreel.co.uk
Monterey Jack's (American, 4.1* on Google, 10-15 mins by car) – www.monterey-jacks.com
Christie's Scottish Tapas (Scottish, 4.5* on Google, 10-15 mins by car) – www.christiesfalkirk.co.uk
Erawan Thai (Thai, 4.7* on Google, 10-15 mins by car) – www.erawanthaiuk.com
Sumo (Japanese, 4.5* on Google, 10-15 mins by car) – www.facebook.com/p/Sumo-Noodle-Cafe-100036214855465
Café Corvina (Italian, 4.6* on Google, 10-15 mins by car) – www.cafecorvina.co.uk
Gambero Rosso (Italian, 4.5* on Google, 10-15 mins by car) – www.gamberorossofalkirk.com
The Tea House (Chinese, 4.6* on Google, 15-20 mins by car) – www.the-tea-house.com

Local Takeaways Offering Delivery to Our Site

The Bungalow Shop (breakfast, 4.6* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-thebungalowshop-laurieston
Nutmeg Café (breakfast & sandwiches, 4.1* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-nutmeg-cafe-grangemouth
Kaylos (breakfast & burgers, 4.0* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants--kaylos-falkirk
Stacks (burgers, 4.0* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-stacksfalkirk-jawcraigfk1
Bao Now (Asian, 4.0* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-bao-now-falkirk-jawcraig
Flames (Indian, 4.3* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-flames-falkirk
Spice of Life (Indian & pizza, 4.2* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-spiceoflife-fk2
Tasty Grill (kebab & curry, 4.1* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-tasty-grill-new-falkirk-fk2
Fireaway Designer Pizza (pizza, 4.4* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-fireaway-jawcraig
Nero Pizzeria (pizza, 4.3* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-from-italy-to-scotland-new-linlithgow
Mexican Tex Mex (Mexican, 4.3* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-mexican-tex-mex-bar-and-grill-falkirk
Chilli Cottage (Indian, 4.8* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-chilli-cottage-indian-takeaway-falkirk
Hot Kebabs (Kebabs & curry, 4.1* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-hot-kebabs-new-jawcraig-fk1
Streats Kitchen (breakfast, burgers, 4.6* on JustEat) – www.just-eat.co.uk/restaurants-streatskitchen-falkirk

National Chains

Greggs (sandwiches, 4.0* on Google, three within 5-10 mins by car, or delivers to our site) – www.greggs.co.uk
Bob & Bert's (burgers, 4.3* on Google, 10-15 mins by car, or delivers) – www.bobandberts.co.uk
Nandos (Afro-Portugese, 4.1* on Google, 10-15 mins by car) – www.nandos.co.uk
Pizza Hut (pizza, 4.1* on Google, 10-15 mins by car, or delivers) – www.pizzahut.co.uk
Brewers Fayre (family-friendly w/ soft-play, 3.7* on Google, 10-15 mins by car) – www.brewersfayre.co.uk
Frankie & Benny's (Italian-American, 4.3* on Google, 10-15 mins by car, or delivers) – www.frankieandbennys.com
McDonalds (burgers, 3.8/3.9* on Google, two within 10-15 mins by car, or delivers) – www.mcdonalds.com
KFC (chicken, 3.7* on Google, 10-15 mins by car, or delivers) – www.kfc.co.uk
Tim Hortons (burgers, doughnuts, 4.0* on Google, 15-20 mins by car) – www.timhortons.co.uk

Places to Visit in Falkirk/Grangemouth

Kelpies (giant horses head sculptures) – free; takes about an hour to walk, or 10-15 mins by car
Falkirk Wheel (world's only rotating boatlift) – free; 15-20 mins by car
Callendar House (historic stately home, museum, gallery, & parkland) – free; 10-15 mins by car
Air Thrill (inflatable & trampoline park) – £10-15 per hour, Thursday-Sunday only; 10-15 mins by car
Cineworld (multiplex cinema) - £8-10 tickets; takes a bit over an hour to walk, or 10-15 mins by car
Tenpin Falkirk (bowling & laser tag) – from £4 per person, per game; 15-20 mins by car
Grangemouth Sports Complex (swimming & other sports) – adults from £5.20; 45 min walk or 5 mins by car
Mariner Centre (swimming inc. wave machine & other sports) – adults from £5.20; 15-20 mins by car

Other Places Nearby

Kinneil House, Bo'ness (historic house & estate) – parkland & museum free; about 10 mins by car
Bo'ness & Kinneil Railway (heritage steam/diesel railway) – £15-20 tickets; 10-15 mins by car
Hippodrome Cinema (oldest cinema in Scotland) – £8-10 tickets; 10-15 mins by car
Muiravonside Country Park (woodland/parkland, sculpture trail, play park) – free; 10-15 mins by car
Beechraigs Country Park (parkland, loch-side walks, play park) – free; 10-15 mins by car
Blackness (Castle & beach) – castle tickets from £7.50, beach free; 15-20 mins by car
Linlithgow Palace (historic palace) – tickets from £8; 10-15 mins by car (25 mins by train/walk)
Linlithgow Loch & historic town (walks, shops, galleries & cafés) – free; 10-15 mins by car (25 mins by train/walk)
House of the Binns (stately home & parkland) – tickets £10-15; about 15 mins by car
Bridgend (golf, footgolf, circus skills & Highland games) – from £15 per player; 15-20 mins by car
Pineapple (gardens & pineapple-shaped building) – free; 20-25 mins by car
South Queensferry (historic town with views of the Forth Crossing's three bridges) – free; 20-25 mins by car
Inchcolm Abbey (historic island Abbey, access by ferry) – tickets £25-30 including ferry; 20-25 mins by car
Hopetoun House (stately home & grounds) – adults from £13.50; 20-30 mins by car
Jupiter Artland (sculpture park & art gallery) – tickets £10-15; 20-30 mins by car
Edinburgh International Climbing Arena – prices from around £10; 20-30 mins by car
Jump 'n' Joy, Tullibody (soft play & trampolining) - £10-15 per hour, Thursday-Sunday only; 25-30 mins by car
Five Sisters Zoo – tickets £15-20; 25-35 mins by car
Castle Campbell & Dollar Glen (castle & walks) – castle tickets from £7.50, glen free; around 30 mins by car
The Japanese Garden at Cowden (garden & café) – pre-booking recommended, tickets from £9.25; 30-35 mins by car
Silverknowes Beach (sandy beach); 35-40 mins by car

Stirling

Stirling Castle (historic castle & museum) – tickets £15-20: 25-30 mins by car (1hr by train)
Wallace Monument (historic monument & museum) – tickets £10-15; 25-30 mins by car
Stirling Old Town Jail (historic jail museum & escape room) – adults from £10 ; 25-30 mins by car (1hr by train/walk)
Blairdrummond Safari Park (safari park & adventure playground) – tickets from £15.50; 25-30 mins by car

Trossachs, Loch Lomond & Surrounding Areas

Lake of Mentieth & Inchmahome Priory (fishing, boating, historic priory); 35-45 mins by car
Calendar & Bracklinn Falls (attractive shopping town & waterfall walk); 40-50 mins by car
Go Ape Aberfoyle (high rope courses, zip lines, & forest segways) – prices from £20; 45-55 mins by car
Queens' View & The Whangie (lovely walk to a bizarre rock feature) – free; 50-55 mins by car
Ross Priory (restaurant & gardens) – meals from £16.50, grounds access free; 1hr by car
Balmaha Circular (90 minute cruise on Loch Lomond) – adult tickets approx. £20; 1hr by car

Loch Lomond Shores (shopping, visitor centre, aquarium, play area, boat trips); 1 hr by car
Luss (picturesque conservation village, lovely walks with downloadable map); 1h10m by car
Ben Lomond, Ben Vorlich & other Trossachs mountain walks – free; 1h-1h40m by car
Hill House, Helensburgh (Charles Rennie Mackintosh house) – adults entry around £15; 1h10-1h20m by car

Fife

Culross (fascinating historic town for a walk, also a palace) – palace entry is around £15; 20-25 mins by car
Deep Sea World (aquarium & longest underwater walkway in Europe) – tickets from £18.50; 20-30 mins by car
Falkland Palace & garden – tickets are £15-20; 45-50 mins by car
Backhouse Rossie Estate Garden (walled garden & café) – tickets from £3.50; 45-50 mins by car
Scottish Deer Centre (wildlife park & play areas) – adult tickets around £15; 50-55 mins by car
East Neuk villages (picturesque fishing villages such as Elie, Crail, Pittenweem, & Kingsbarns); 1h5m-1h15m by car
St Andrews Castle, Abbey, historic town & beaches; 1h10m-1h20m by car
Scotland's Secret Bunker (former cold war bunker) – adult tickets around £16; 1h10-1h20m by car
Kellie Castle & Garden (castle guided tours, & garden walks) – tickets £10-15; 1h5m-1h15m by car

Edinburgh

Edinburgh Zoo – tickets £25-30; 25-35 mins by car
Royal Observatory (talks & visitor centre) – mostly free; 35-40 mins by car
Royal Yacht Britannia – tickets around £20; 40-50 mins by car

City Centre (all approx. 1hr by train/walk or 40-50 mins by car but you then have to find parking!):

Edinburgh Castle – tickets are around £20
National Galleries of Scotland – free
National Museum of Scotland – free
(there are many, many smaller museums and galleries in Edinburgh, if you have a walk around)
Scottish Parliament (parliament, exhibition, & café) - free
Palace of Holyroodhouse (official Royal residence) – tickets around £20
Dynamic Earth (planetarium & science centre) – tickets around £20
Camera Obscura & World of Illusions – tickets £20-25
Mary King's Close (historic underground close) – tickets around £25
(there are many, many other tours and experiences in Edinburgh, if you look out for them)

Glasgow

House for an Art Lover (Rennie Mackintosh house, museum & café) – tickets around £10; 40-50 mins by car
Glasgow Science Centre – tickets around £15; 40-50 mins by car
Burrell Collection (museum & art gallery) – free; 45-55 mins by car
Kelvingrove Art Gallery & Museum – free; 45-55 mins by car (1h15m by train)

Others

National Mining Museum – adult entry around £10; 40m-1h by car
Innerpefferay Library, Crieff (Scotland's oldest lending library) – admission £10; 50m-1h by car
Scone Palace, Perth (castle & gardens) – tickets around £20; 55m-1h by car
V&A Museum (design museum) - free, Dundee; 1h10m-1h20m by car
Discovery Point & RSS Discovery, Dundee (Antartic exploration ship museum) – free; 1h10m-1h20m by car
New Lanark Visitor Centre (historic mill museum) – adult entry around £15; 50m-1h by car

Places of Worship

(I have tried to pull together a list of the nearest place of worship for all the religions and Christian denominations that I am aware of, locally, but if yours is missing from the list, please let me know and I will add it for the future)

Polmont Old Parish Church (Church of Scotland), 5 min walk (out of the gate, turn left, 150m on your left)

Christ the King Catholic Church & St Anthony's Catholic Church, both 5 mins by car, FK3 0HB & FK2 0SB

Brethren's Meeting Room, 5 min walk (out of the gate, turn left, 150m on your right)

Wallacestone Methodist Church, 5-10 mins by car, FK2 0DT

Falkirk Baptist Church, 10-15 mins by car, FK1 1RW

Christ Church, Falkirk (Episcopal), 10-15 mins by car, FK1 1RX

Falkirk Free Church, 15-20 mins by car, FK2 8SN

Olivet Evangelical Church (Independent Christian), 10-15 mins by car, FK1 1RS

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 10-15 mins by car, FK2 7AX

Falkirk Islamic Centre, 10-15 mins by car, FK1 1UG

Garnethill Synagogue, 35-45 mins by car, G3 6UB

Hindu Temple of Scotland, 30-40 mins by car, G73 3DQ

Dhammapadipa Temple (Buddhism), 30-40 mins by car, EH14 1LA

Gurdwara Singh Sabha (Sikh), 30-45 mins by car, G3 7HY

You may also be interested to visit Falkirk Trinity Church (Church of Scotland), which is the original place of worship in the town, and the 'kirk' for which Falkirk is named. There has been a church on the site since at least 1166, and parts of the current building date from 1450. There are also some historically significant religious artifacts in and around the church building, and important graves dating back as far as the army of William Wallace. The church is a 10-15 min drive, at FK1 1JN. You can read some of the history of the church at <https://falkirktrinity.org.uk/about-us/our-historic-church/> and <https://falkirklocalhistory.club/around-the-area/churches/falkirk-parish/falkirk-trinity-church/>.