

## DRUMMOND CASTLE GARDENS & MUTHILL TEA ROOM

**Print out this guide and take it with you on your day trip.**

[Drummond Castle](#) is a bit of an unknown secret. The castle itself is still inhabited by the Drummond family and is not open to the public. However the gardens can be visited and are a stunning sight – especially during autumn/fall.



This trip is perfect as a day excursion on a Saturday. The nearby village of Muthill has a tea room, which serves light lunches and delicious home-baked cakes (I recommend the carrot cake.) It's probably best to arrive late morning, have a look at the village church in Muthill, then have lunch & cake at the tea room to fill up with energy for the walk to the castle and back.

### **Trip description:**

To get there, take bus no. 47 (the Stirling to Crieff route) from the bus stop opposite the main entrance to Stirling University (bus timetable printed below – but confirm timings on [www.travelinescotland.com](http://www.travelinescotland.com) before you head off. Sunday bus times are different!).

Get off at the village of Muthill (ask the bus driver to give you a shout when you are there). The tea room is just 50m along from the post office where the bus stops and should be open from around 10:30am until about 4:30pm (**open Easter till late October**).

The entrance to Drummond Castle is about a mile from the village towards Crieff. The bus does **not** normally stop at the castle entrance (but you can always ask the driver whether he can make an exception). Getting to the main gate involves walking along a busy road out of Muthill towards Crieff. The big road can be avoided, but the driveway from the main entrance to the castle is a fantastic long alley of high trees, which is worth seeing.

To avoid the busy road you can approach the castle from the rear: From the tea room walk along the main road towards Crieff. At the end of the village the road turns sharply right. Here, a small and quiet single track road continues straight on passing the golf club. Follow this road for 1.75 miles, then turn right at a T-junction. Follow that road for another mile until you reach the rear gate to the castle (There will be signposts for tourist coaches.) You are basically walking around the garden walls of the castle until you reach the rear entrance.

### **Map link:**

<http://www.multimap.com/map/browse.cgi?lat=56.3380&lon=-3.8580&scale=25000&icon=x>

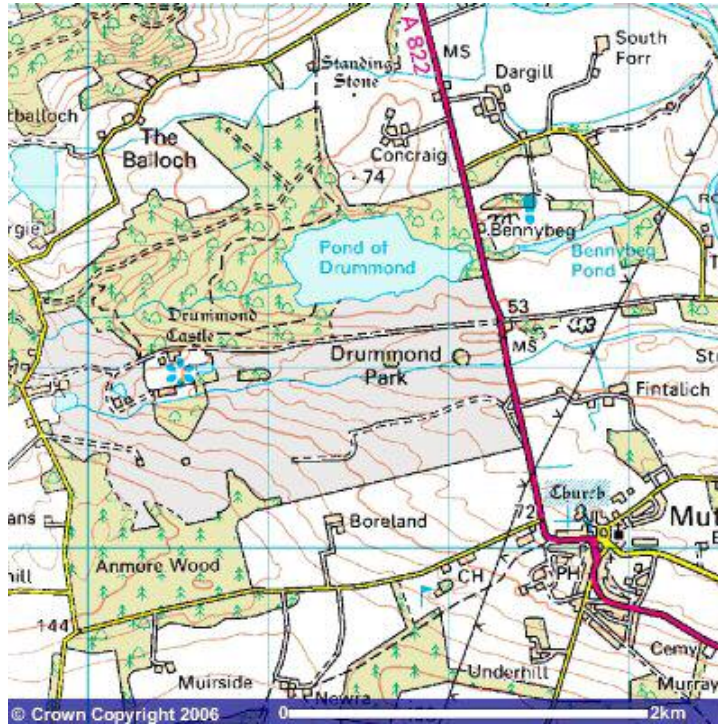


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**Drummond Castle Gardens opening hours:**

Daily 1pm – 6pm (until last weekend in October, then closed for the winter)

Entrance fee £4 (but well worth it)

THE CASTLE ITSELF IS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, however the Gardens are open and afford marvellous views of the buildings and surrounding countryside.

**Bus timetable (Route No. 47 – Stirling to Crieff)**

**SATURDAY TIMES ONLY** - correct at 20 Sept 2008

<b>Departing</b> Bridge of Allan, Airthrey Road, <i>opposite University front entrance</i> <i>(bus drives towards Bridge of Allan)</i>	<b>Arriving</b> Muthill, Drummond Street, <i>at Post Office</i>
09:58	10:30
12:08	12:41
<b>Return</b>	
Muthill, Drummond Street, <i>opposite Post Office</i>	Bridge of Allan, Airthrey Road, <i>University front entrance</i>
15:58	16:32
17:23	17:57
18:10	18:44

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