



**HIGHLAND MG OWNERS' CLUB
AUTUMN AMBLE 2025
30 SEPTEMBER – 3 OCTOBER INCLUSIVE**

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Highland MG Owners' Autumn Amble 2025. I hope you have an enjoyable time. If you need to contact me, I am on 07777 641436 (not hands free though!).

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Highland MGOC Events Coordinator

GENERAL:

SOME GENERAL POINTERS:

The Amble is a series of social routes; any routes or timings are only suggestions. Please be prepared to navigate independently using the information in this booklet and, hopefully, a decent map. This year we have 4 routes – A, B, C & D; each route is designed to fill a day so you should choose to do 2 during the Amble. It is anticipated that most will choose either A or B on Wednesday and C or D on Thursday but there is no reason not to do the routes in a different order - you choose!

Please feel free to depart whenever you are ready in the morning – I expect that most will want to be on the road between 09:00 and 09:30 am. You will need small change for some of the parking and some of the toilets. If you are a member of Historic Environment Scotland or the National Trust Scotland, bring your cards with you. None of the suggested visits has been pre-booked, so just turn-up whenever you want.

WHO IS GOING?

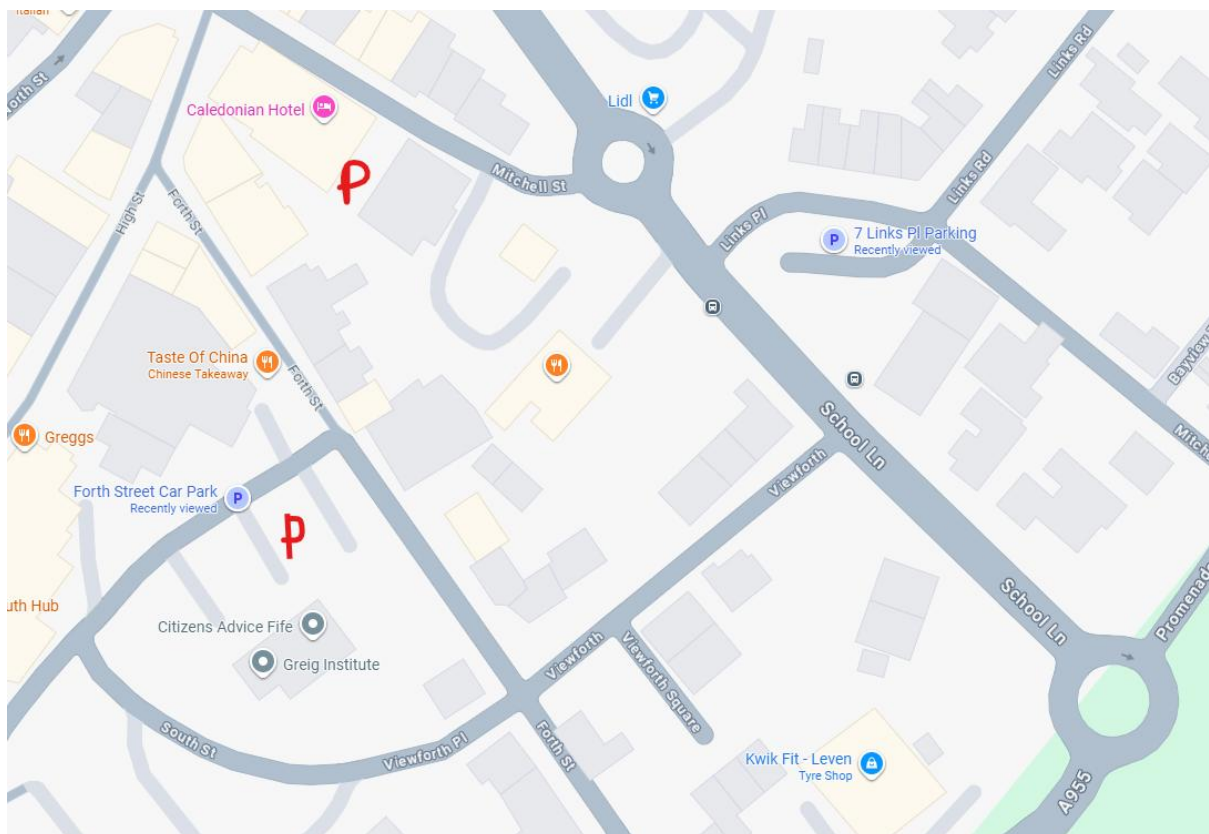
Stuart & Margaret Brock
Tony Gill & Angela
Richard Jenner
Hughie & Katherine MacKenzie
Chris Moore
Richard & Jane Penman
Nick & Viv Ricketts
Chris & Gill Silver
Nick & Jean Simpson
Dave & Dawn Tennant

(10 cars, 18 people)

WHERE ARE WE STAYING?

The hotel is the Caledonian, 81 High Street, Leven, Fife, KY8 4NG, tel: 01333 424101. Check-in is from 3 pm. Stuart is the point of contact for the hotel. The carpark is at the southern end of the hotel, accessed off Mitchell Street (see below). We are booked on a B&B basis, but Stuart has reserved tables for dinner for 7:30 pm each evening; you will be able to order off the menu, please settle your meal and drinks bill each evening.

To find the hotel avoiding the High Street which is pedestrianized, follow the A955 from Methil, pass the Shell garage (see Fuel below). At the roundabout past the garage, take the 1st exit and cross the River Leven and take the 2nd exit at the roundabout (sp Town Centre, A955), stay in the right lane approaching lights and go straight on, straight on again at the mini roundabout (Farm Foods on the left), at the next roundabout (past Kwik Fit) turn left (sp St Andrews, A955), at the next mini-roundabout (Lidl on the right), turn left, the hotel is in front of you with the carpark entrance (council run, FOC, 37 places) immediately before it on the left. There is alternative council run FOC carpark on Forth Street – see map below with parking marked **P**.



FUEL:

The recommended petrol station is the Shell Bawbee Service Station, Wellesley Road, KY8 3AB; this is just off the A955, Methilhaven Road (can

be accessed from either the Methilhaven or Wellesley road) and has V-Power (E5, 99RON). It is about ½ mile from the hotel.

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY

I expect most will make their own way to the hotel. Using Inverness as a notional starting point the direct route is around 140 miles and is just under 3 hours (without stops) using the A9 to Perth then the M90 to junction 9 with the A912 which merges briefly with the A91 before continuing past Falkland to Muirhead where you join the A914 briefly before turning off right on to a minor road through Kennoway and into Leven.

I plan to use the A9 as far as Ballinluig then to take the A827 to Aberfeldy (E5 available) then on to the A826 (Glen Cochill) to the A822 to Crieff via the Sma Glen. I will depart Crieff on the A822 through Muthill and the left turn on to the A823 which goes past the Gleneagles Hotel then over the A9 on the A823 through Glen Eagles and Glen Devon. I'll carry on through the Yetts o Muckart, to the junction with the A977. I'll briefly turn left on to the A977 before turning right at the Crook of Devon to the B9097 crossing the M90 at Junction 5. My route then follows the B9097 and B920 to the A911 then on to Leven via Glenrothes and Methil. This route is 170 miles and around 4 hours without stops. I plan to be leaving Inverness around 11 am so might see you enroute.

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

We have a choice of 4 routes (A-D) for Wednesday & Thursday (see attached route maps for an overview) together with places you may want to visit. I have not booked anything, so you are free to proceed at your own pace and to stop, or not, wherever you choose. Each route should take a full day so you should choose 2 from the 4 and can do them in whatever order suits you, or indeed, you can choose to do something else. Some of the visits require a degree of mobility but hopefully there is something for everyone. I expect most will want to be on the road between 9 am and 9:30 am; most attractions open at 10 am.

ROUTE A

Route A is for the Secret Bunker, KY16 8QH, (<https://secretBunker.co.uk/>) then St Andrews. Please note there is stair access only to the Bunker – 16 steps down to the entrance corridor (150 metres long) and a further 24 steps down to the lower floor. Adult tickets are £17.95, concessional rate (65 plus) is £15.95. The Bunker is open 10 am to 5 pm. Total route length is around 44 miles.

Leven to the Bunker

We will follow the coast road to Anstruther then northwards to the Bunker. This is 21 miles. You will probably want to stop in some of the fishing villages on the way. If you only want to stop at one village, I recommend Anstruther which has the benefit of better parking. My next recommendation is Pittenweem as it is still a working harbour, but parking is less easy and will involve a walk down (and back up again!) to the sea front.

From the hotel, back to the mini-roundabout and follow the A955 sp St Andrews. At the next roundabout, take the right lane on approach and then the 3rd exit on to the A915 (sp St Andrews). At the mini-roundabout, take the 2nd exit and continue on the A915 through Lundin Links. Follow the A915 through Lower Largo. At the traffic lights, go straight on onto the A917 sp Elie & Anstruther (ignore the brown Bunker sign that would take you left). After 2.5 miles you need to turn off to the right to maintain the A917 sp Elie & St Monans. At the mini roundabout in Elie, you should take the 1st exit and continue on the A917 (sp St Monans & Pittenweem etc). If you want to visit the harbour, turn-off right at the small green on your right at the brown sign for the Ship Inn. Follow the coast road to the harbour where there is a pay & display carpark. Return to the A917 by back tracking and turning right at the small green.

The A917 skirts St Monans but if you want to visit the large harbour turn off right immediately past the Easter Neuk Veterinary Clinic (brown SP Town Centre). At the T-junction at the harbour, turn left and follow signs to the parking and public toilets. Return to the A917 and continue towards Pittenweem.

Again, the A917 skirts Pittenweem but you may want to visit the harbour area. This is much more of a working harbour than Elie or St Monans and parking is very restricted. To visit the harbour, turn off right at the West End Bar (one way street), at the T-junction turn left on to the High Street and try to find some on-street parking. You can then walk down to the harbour along one of the Wynds. Return to the A917 by turning left at the church and following the one-way system (Marygate) to a T-junction with the A917; turn right and on to Anstruther.

In Anstruther, the route to the Bunker is to turn off left on to the B9131 at the mini-roundabout (1st exit brown sp Secret Bunker 4). If you want to visit the harbour area and sea front, take the 3rd exit and follow the road, there are 2 carparks at the harbour or on-street parking.

To find the Bunker, follow the B9131 through the Spalefield Crossroads to a staggered crossroad where you should turn off right on to the B940

(brown sp Scotland's Secret Bunker 1 – old military buildings to the right just before the junction). Follow the road to the Bunker which is to the right of the road.

Bunker to St Andrews

The distance from the Bunker to St Andrews is 7 miles. Back track from the Bunker to the staggered crossroads with the B9131. Give Way then turn right sp Dunino B9131. Follow the road to a Give Way at Brownhill with the A917, turn left sp St Andrews 1 ¼. In St Andrews you can on-street park (try South Street - mainly Pay & Display) or try one of the public car parks. The Murray Place car park is free and is accessed by turning left at the first mini-roundabout (on to South Street), go straight over at the next mini-roundabout and at the next mini-roundabout take the 2nd exit (ie turn right – Dell St), at the Give Way go straight over, at the next Give Way, turn left then immediately right, this takes you into the Murray Place car park. If you cannot find a place, follow the one-way system back to North Street and turn right then turn right off North Street signed with a coach parking on to Golf Place and keep following Golf Place to a large public car park on the right - KY16 9AB. See table below for things to do.

St Andrews to Leven

The direct route back to Leven is around 16 miles along the A915 from the west end of the town sp Leven & Kirkcaldy A915. Entering Leven, at the roundabout by the Letham Glen Park (archway on the right, garage ahead), take the first exit and follow the road back to the mini-roundabout at Lidl's – the hotel is on the right.

ROUTE B

Route B is for the Scottish Fisheries Museum, KY10 3AB, in Anstruther (<https://www.scotfishmuseum.org/visit-us.php>) then St Andrews. The museum has ramped accessibility apart from the Fisherman's Cottage which can be viewed via a window. Adult basic tickets are £10 with concessions at £8 although you can pay a bit more and make a charitable donation. There is a café. The opening hours are 10am to 4:30pm. Total route length about 41 miles.

Leven to the Fisheries Museum

Route B follows the route of Route A to Anstruther (15 miles). In Anstruther, the route to the museum is to turn off right at the mini-roundabout (brown sp town centre attractions) and follow the road, there are 2 car parks at the harbour; the second one is closer to the museum.

Museum to St Andrews

The distance from the Fisheries Museum to St Andrews is 10 miles. Back track to the mini-roundabout and go straight over (2nd exit sp St Andrews 9, B9131). Follow the B9131 to a Give Way at Brownhill with the A917, turn left sp St Andrews 1 ¼. In St Andrews you can on-street park (try South Street - mainly Pay & Display) or try one of the public car parks. The Murray Place carpark is free and is accessed by turning left at the first mini-roundabout (on to South Street), go straight over at the next mini-roundabout and at the next mini-roundabout take the 2nd exit (ie turn right – Dell St), at the Give Way go straight over, at the next Give Way, turn left then immediately right, this takes you into the Murray Place carpark. If you cannot find a place, follow the one-way system back to North Street and turn right then turn right off North Street signed with a coach parking on to Golf Place and keep following Golf Place to a large public carpark on the right -KY16 9AB. See table below for things to do.

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Things to do in St Andrews:

Interesting shops & restaurants

The Cathedral ruins (KY16 9QL, grounds only, FOC, last entry 3:15pm

The Castle (KY16 9AR, Historic Environment Scotland, tickets £8 - £10, last entry 3:15 pm)

The Aquarium (KY16 9AS, day passes £15 - £16, last entry 4pm)

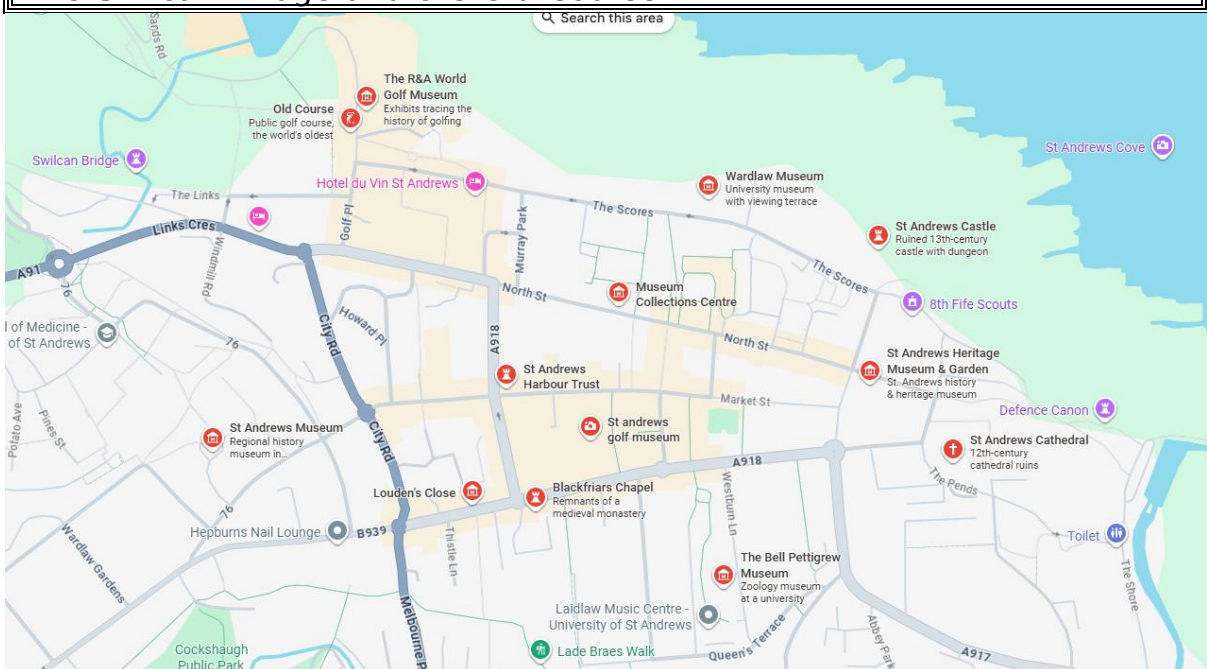
The Botanic Gardens (KY16 8RT tickets £6.20 - £7.50, last entry 4:30 pm)

St Andrews Museum (KY16 9DP, FOC, open to 4pm)

The Wardlaw Museum (KY16 9AR, FOC, open to 7pm)

St Andrews Heritage Museum & Gardens (KY16 9PW tickets £5- £7.50, open to 4:30 pm)

The Swilcan Bridge and the Old Course



ROUTE C

Route C is the castle and palace route. The route takes in Kellie Castle, Cupar and Falkland Palace and is 50 miles long. Both the castle and palace have stairs access.

Leven to Kellie Castle

Leven to Kellie Castle (KY10 2RF) is 10 miles. The castle is National Trust for Scotland opens at 10am and has a tearoom -

<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/kellie-castle>. Tickets are £13.50 or £10.50 for concessions.

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then the 3rd exit on to the A915 (sp St Andrews). At the next roundabout, take the right lane on approach and then the 3rd exit on to the A915 (sp St Andrews). At the mini-roundabout, take the 2nd exit and continue on the A915 through Lundin Links. Follow the A915 through Lower Largo. At the traffic lights, go straight on onto the A917 sp Elie & Anstruther. After 2.5 miles, the road becomes the B942 (the A917 is a turn-off to the right) and there is a brown sp Kellie Castle 5 – follow the brown sps/B942 3 ¾ miles until there is a sign to the castle off to the left as the B942 takes a sharp bend to the right. Turn left on to the B9171. At the Give Way in Newton of Balcormo, turn right. The access road for the castle is on the left after 150 yards.

Kellie Castle to Falkland Palace via Cupar & Strathmiglo

The route to Falkland Palace (KY15 7BY) via Cupar is 28 miles. You may want to visit the former Royal Burgh of Cupar which has a compact and characterful centre and plenty of places to eat. Falkland Palace is National Trust for Scotland with last entries at 4:15 pm. While there is a shop, there is no tearoom. Tickets are £18 or £14.50 for concessions.

At the bottom of the access road, turn right and drive straight on at the junction in Newton of Balcormo to Arncroach. Follow the road through Arncroach and the Gillingshill Nature Reserve to a T-junction with the B940. Give Way and turn left (sp Cupar 10). Follow the B940 all the way to Cupar. At the Give Way with the A915, turn right, then immediately left. Give Way in Peat Inn and turn right. In Pitscottie, Give Way and turn right then immediately left. After a further 3 miles, in the outskirts of Cupar and a T-junction, Give Way and turn left (A91) into the right lane. If you want to stop in Cupar, follow the parking signs at the first roundabout, otherwise follow the A91 (right lane). Out of town, at the roundabout where the A92 crosses, take the 2nd exit and stay on the A91. Go through Auchtermuchty. Take the next major turning on the left on to the A912 sp Falkland.

In Falkland, turn off right for the carpark signposted 300 metres. This takes you past the palace entrance on the right, turn left for the carpark as signposted then left again. The carpark is FOC and has a WC.

Falkland Palace to Leven

The route back to the hotel is 12 miles. Return to the A912 and turn right and follow the road to a large roundabout and take the 3rd exit on to the A92 in the direction of Glenrothes. On the outskirts of Glenrothes, approaching the first roundabout use the right lane and take the 2nd exit staying on the A92. Approaching the next roundabout, use the left lane and take the 1st exit on to the A911 (sp Leven etc). Follow the A911 out of Glenrothes past the Milton of Balgonie to a roundabout with the A915,

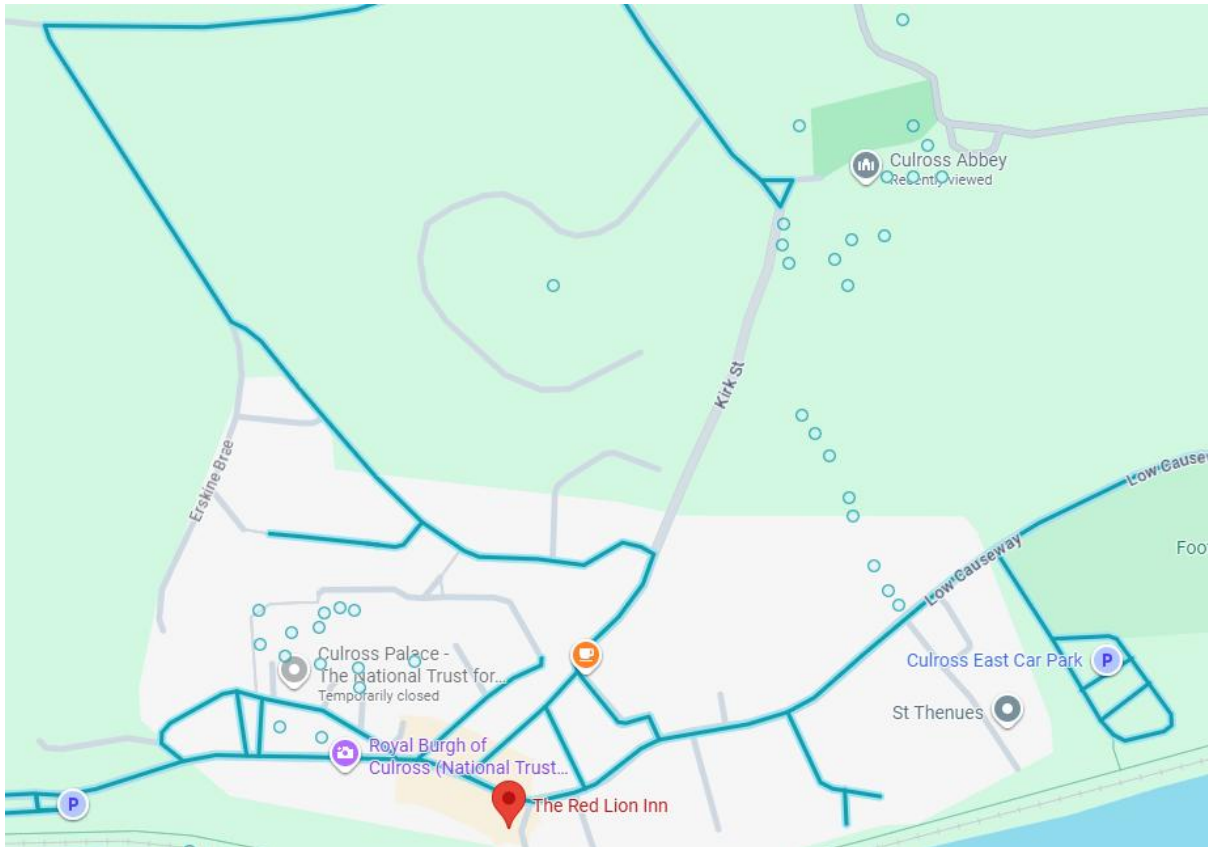
take the 3rd exit on to the A915 sp Edinburgh heading south. Cross the River Leven and railway and at the next roundabout take the 1st exit sp Methil B932. At the next roundabout, take the 1st exit sp Leven A955. This road will take you past the Shell garage on the right. At the roundabout past the garage, take the 1st exit and cross the River Leven and take the 2nd exit at the roundabout (sp Town Centre, A955), stay in the right lane approaching lights and go straight on, straight on again at the mini roundabout (Farm Foods on the left), at the next roundabout (past Kwik Fit) turn left (sp St Andrews, A955), at the next mini-roundabout, turn left, the hotel is in front of you with the carpark entrance immediately before it on the left.

ROUTE D

Route D is to Culross with the opportunity to visit Dunfermline on the return leg under your own navigation. The total route length is around 69 miles and follows the coast to Culross with a return via inland roads avoiding the M90 and most of the A92 dual carriage way.

Leven to Culross

Leven to Culross is 33 miles following the coast through Buckhaven, East Wemyss, Kirkcaldy, Burnt Island, Dalgetty Bay and Rosyth. Culross is under the care of the National Trust for Scotland. It is a remarkable example of a 17th- and 18th-century Scottish burgh. The Palace and gardens (open 10am – 4 pm) require a ticket (£13.50, concessions £10.50); tickets can be obtained from the Townhouse shop. The Palace and Townhouse have staircases. There is a café (Bessie's) and also shops and galleries and the Red Lion Inn. You may also want to visit the 12 century Abbey ruins (steep hill) which is FOC. There is parking at either end of the village.



From the hotel, take the 3rd exit at the mini-roundabout on to the A955 in the direction of the sea front then take the 2nd exit at the roundabout. Follow the A955 to the bridge over the River Leven (this is the same as the route to the Shell Garage). At the roundabout over the bridge take the 2nd exit sp Methil, Buckhaven B931. Follow this road (Wellesley) until a T-junction with the A955; Give Way and turn left.

Follow the A955 through East Wemyss, Coaltown of Wemyss into Dysart. Pass Ravenscraig Park on your left and at the next roundabout take the 1st exit sp Town Centre, Kingshorn & Burntisland (this is the A921). Drive through Kirkcaldy (left lane at Morrisons!) and continue on the A921 to Kinghorn. Follow the A921 through Kinghorn and into Burntisland. In Burntisland with the links on your left, at the roundabout take the 2nd exit and continue to follow the A921 (sp Aberdour).

Follow the A921 through Aberdour and past Dalgety Bay to Junction 1c with the M90; go straight on in the direction of the Kincardine Bridge and Rosyth (A985). Keep following the A985 past Valleyfield on the left and turn off left at the brown sp for Culross Abbey (this is on an uphill stretch of road with red lane markers). The road will bring you into Culross on Kirk St (see map above).

After Culross

If you want to visit Dunfermline, you will need to navigate your own route (you can start with the route below until you pick-up the Dunfermline signs at Blairhall). If you want to return to Leven and avoid the M90 or the A92 (which is dual carriageway) the suggested route is 36 miles.

Backtrack to the A985 but Give Way and go right then immediately left sp Shiresmill and Blairhall (B9037). Follow the B9037 past Blairhall on the right to a T-junction with the A907. Give Way and turn right sp Dunfermline, Forth Rd Br. After 1.8 miles in Comrie turn off left just past the White Gates pub sp Saline 3. In Saline at a T-junction, Give Way and turn right sp Kelty 7, B914. Follow the B914 to Kelty, crossing over the M90. Carry straight on through Kelty for Cowdenbeath. Eventually you will reach a T-junction, Give Way and turn right (this is the A909). After 1.8 miles, take the 1st exit at the roundabout onto Lochgelly Rd/B981. Follow the B981 through Lochgelly. At the mini roundabout with the Lochgelly Centre on the left, take the 2nd exit sp Glenrothes (B921).

In Cardenden at the mini roundabout take the 1st exit sp Glenrothes 6 ¼ B921. Follow the B921 through Kinglassie and then go straight on at 3 interchanges until the interchange with the A92. Take the 2nd exit onto the A92 sp Dundee, St Andrews, Glenrothes. At the next interchange, approach in the right lane and take the 3rd exit on to the A911.

Follow the A911 out of Glenrothes past the Milton of Balgonie to a roundabout with the A915, take the 3rd exit on to the A915 sp Edinburgh heading south. Cross the River Leven and railway and at the next roundabout take the 1st exit sp Methil B932. At the next roundabout, take the 1st exit sp Leven A955. This road will take you past the Shell garage on the right. At the roundabout past the garage, take the 1st exit and cross the River Leven and take the 2nd exit at the roundabout (sp Town Centre, A955), stay in the right lane approaching lights and go straight on, straight on again at the mini roundabout (Farm Foods on the left), at the next roundabout (past Kwik Fit) turn left (sp St Andrews, A955), at the next mini-roundabout, turn left, the hotel is in front of you with the carpark entrance immediately before it on the left.

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Route Maps Attached Separately