

Things to do

We've been coming to Craigendarroch for over 25 years and still find new things to do. The problem is trying to keep up-to-date and finding out about things we might never have thought of.

So, may I recommend going to see to the **VisitScotland iCentre** in The Old Royal Station in Ballater. There we found friendly helpful staff who will happily make suggestions for itineraries for a whole day out, or half a day, or just make suggestions to suit your particular interests. They can make suggestions to suit groups of varying ages, e.g. parents and children. You can check their opening times on their website - Google 'VisitScotland Ballater' to get the specific Ballater site.

We decided that **Go Ape** was probably not for us but we were very pleased to have found out about the **Peterhead Prison Museum** - an excellent trip! The Prison is much as it was when the last prisoners left; many areas are open to visit: various cells, kitchen, laundry, medical wing, exercise yards, admission centre, etc. The signage interpretation was good and even my husband liked the audio guide - normally he won't bother with those, perhaps the woman on the admission desk being in prison uniform helped to persuade him to try!

The **Aberdeen Art Gallery** is now open again after a major refurbishment. There are interesting educational areas as well as some excellent exhibitions and the permanent collection items on show. I would highly recommend The Remembrance Hall with Gordon Burnett's memorial sculpture and the video shown every half hour, which were all very moving.

It's been a while since I've included, when in Aberdeen, a visit to the **Maritime Museum** or wandered around the **Old Town** but I remember them both as enjoyable trips, to name but two other attractions.

Of course, there is a wide range of other suggestions on the **Craigendarroch.com** site, under the 'Local Information' tab, so do have a browse.

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