

Things to do:

Annan Distillery, Northfield, Annan

Traditionally run whiskey distillery in a beautifully restored building. Visit for whiskey tours and tastings or stop by for tea and delicious homemade cake at The Maltings Coffee shop.

<https://annandaledistillery.com>

Caledonia Park (formerly Gretna Gateway), Glasgow Road, Gretna

Scotland's top outlet village, you'll find a range of high-end brands and designer labels here – fashion, beauty, homeware, sport and dining - all selling products at discount prices.

<https://caledoniapark.com>

Devil's Porridge Museum, Annan Road, Eastriggs

Excellent locally-run museum commemorates the HM Factory Gretna (the largest, female-staffed munitions factory in the world during WWI).

<https://www.devilsporridge.org.uk>

Gretna Green Famous Blacksmith Shop & Museum, Gretna Green

The world-renowned home of the anvil wedding; explore the Blacksmith Shop's Museum, luxury food hall, Scottish gift shop, café, restaurant, children's play area and courtship maze.

<https://www.gretnagreen.com/>

Hoddom Castle & Coach House

Wander around the ancient parklands of this historic castle, visit the adventure playground, stop for lunch at on-site restaurant The Coach House.

Lonsdale Cinema

Cosy, retro-style cinema in Annan showing latest releases and streamed shows.

<https://lonsdalecitycinemas.co.uk/annan/now/>

Lovely walks on your doorstep:

The Solway Coast is just a ½ mile from Moorside Farm. To reach the coast, follow the track path back towards the main road, taking a left turn at the first main corner (two farm houses on the left). From there, follow the track all the way down to the coast (wellies advised!). From here you can complete a circular walk, bringing you through the village of Dornock.

Grey Mare's Tale Nature Reserve & Waterfall, Moffat

<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/places/grey-mares-tail>

St. Mary's Loch (the Border's largest loch), Selkirk

<https://visitmoffat.co.uk/things-to-see/st-marys-loch>

Talkin Tarn' Country Park (ancient woodlands, glacial tarns, nice tea room)

<https://www.carlisle.gov.uk/talkintarn/>

Powfoot Beach Walks

<https://www.thebeachguide.co.uk/south-scotland/dumfries-and-galloway/powfoot.htm>

Castle Loch Circuit, Lochmaben:

<https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/galloway/castle-loch.shtml>

Family-friendly things to do and see

Mabie Farm Park (40 minute's drive)

A great farm park set in the countryside with animal paddocks, barns and fields and plenty of farm animals to pet and feed. There's also lots of outdoor activities – slides, bouncy castle, boating pond, play park and slides and an indoor area should it happen to rain with a play barn and pet's corner.

<https://mabiefarmpark.co.uk>

Dalscone Farm Fun (25-30 minute's drive)

Another farm park that our little girls love, with both indoor areas (soft play, ride on tractors, go-carts etc) and the opportunity for plenty of outdoor fun – gaint slides, bouncy castle, sandpit, bumper boats, as well as lots of animals to pet and feed – donkeys, goats, meerkats and tortoise included!

<https://www.dalsconefarmfun.co.uk>

Walby Farm Park (25 minutes drive)

Excellent farm park and activity center with lots to do. Indoors there's a soft play area and undercover wooden castle play park with climbing walls and ropes, slides, tunnels, as well as a covered petting/feeding barn. Outdoors there's masses going on: playpark, adventure playground, animal paddocks, train, tractor and mini Land Rover rides, JCB 'Dig & Play' area and more.

<https://www.walbyfarmpark.co.uk>

Dino Park at Hetland Garden Centre (20 minutes drive)

A nice nearby garden centre with farm shop and café, soft play area and outdoor Dino Park, where little ones can dig for dinosaur bones, walk along the dino mine and spot the T-Rexs and stegosaurus lurking in the trees.

<https://www.dinopark.co.uk>

The Cocobean Chocolate Company (1 hours drive away)

A great option for little chocolate lovers! This place runs chocolate workshops and tasting for children and adults and has a really good outdoor play area with pirate ships, maze, slides and swings and an indoor soft play area.

<https://www.thecocoabeancompany.com>

Places to eat/drink

[Our Place](#), popular buzzy restaurant in Annan, 10 mins drive away, 01461 380390

[Chainmail Restaurant](#), Smiths at Gretna Green. A 2-rosette restaurant serving modern bistro food. 15 mins drive away – 01461 337007

[Graham Arms, Eastriggs](#) – Cosy atmosphere & traditional pub food. 15 mins walk or 5 mins drive – 01461 40244.

[Lounge on the Green](#), Houghton – Relaxed modern fine dining restaurant. 25 mins drive – 01228 739452 (Open Wed-Sat evenings, lunch served Fri-Sat).

[The Royal Oak](#), Scotby - Charming traditional county pub serving homecooked meals – 20 mins drive. 01228498117.