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Kenmore is a small village in Perthshire, which is a popular centre for activities on Loch Tay. This beautiful village is at the northern end of the14-mile long Loch Tay. It's great for activities on and around the Loch itself, such as sailing, canoeing, water-skiing, jet-biking, or for the more leisurely, fishing or golfing! There's a couple of local Hotels and The Courtyard restaurant, so plenty choice for eating out. And if you're looking to buy gifts or great fresh local produce, pop into The Courtyard shop. The main attraction is the Scottish Crannog Centre, one of the country's top heritage sites where you can discover what life was like over 2500 years ago! This reconstructed thatched wooden house is built on stilts over the water, with a gangway that would have been lifted up in the event of danger.
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Kenmure Castle in the 19th century
Kenmure Castle is a fortified house or castle in The Glenkens, 1 mile (1.6 km) south of the town of New Galloway in Kirkcudbrightshire, Galloway, south-west Scotland. The site was occupied from the Middle Ages, and the house incorporates part of a 17th-century castle. This was remodelled in the 19th century, but the house has been derelict since the mid-20th century. It was the seat of the Gordon family of Lochinvar, later raised to the peerage as Viscounts of Kenmore. The ruin is a scheduled monument.[1] The present castle stands on a partly natural mound, which may have been modified for defence in the early Middle Ages.[1] The Lords of Galloway, rulers of a semi-independent kingdom in south-west Scotland until the 13th century, may have had a fortress here. Kenmure has been suggested as a possible birthplace in 1249 of John Balliol, later King of Scotland, whose mother Dervorguilla was daughter of Alan, the last independent Lord of Galloway.[2] It later belonged to the Douglas and Maxwell families.[3] Kenmure Castle drawn by Francis Grose around 1790
Kenmure became a property of the Gordon family from 1297, when they arrived from Berwickshire. The Gordons also built a castle on an island in Lochinvar, some 6 miles (9.7 km) to the north.[4] James IV of Scotland came to Kenmure in March 1508 following a pilgrimage to Whithorn. The king played "tables", a form of backgammon, when he stayed and gave money to the laird's servants.[5] The early castle at Kenmure belonging to Sir John Gordon of Lochinvar, who welcomed Mary, Queen of Scots on 13 and 14 August 1563 as she travelled from Clary to St Mary's Isle.[6] Kenmure was destroyed or damaged by the opponents of Mary, Queen of Scots, who marched through the south-west in June 1568 after they defeated her supporters at the Battle of Langside.[7] While Regent Moray was at Kenmure, he met an English envoy Henry Middlemore. John Gordon of Lochinvar wrote to Mary, Queen of Scots that he would not accept Regent Moray's terms and join his side.[8] After his death an inventory was made of all the furnishings in Kenmure Castle on 3 December 1604.[9] One of the castle doorways, showing distinctive 'rope' ornamentation. Sir Robert Gordon of Lochinvar was created a baronet in 1626, and in 1633 his son Sir John Gordon was created Viscount of Kenmure by Charles I in 1633. The core of the present building is the castle which was largely erected in the 17th century, though possibly including earlier building work. The castle was laid out on the west and south sides of a courtyard, with the north and east sides formed by a high wall. The entrance gate in the north wall was flanked by towers at the two northern corners.[2] The 6th Viscount took part in the Jacobite Rising of 1715 and was subsequently beheaded and his estates forfeit. Some accounts state that his body was returned to his family at Kenmure for burial.[10] William Gordon, 6th Viscount Kenmure by Sir Godfrey Kneller, 1715
By 1790 Kenmure Castle was described as a ruin.[3] Main doorway, with heraldic panel above displaying the arms of the Gordon family. The viscounty was restored to Captain John Gordon in 1824 and who died in 1840, though it has been dormant since the death of his nephew, Adam the 8th/11th Viscount, in 1847. The castle was extensively remodelled and modernised during the 19th century, when the courtyard wall and the north-east tower were removed with the use of gunpowder.[7] The south range was rebuilt in around 1840.[1] Amongst the architects responsible for these changes were William McCandlish, in the 1840s, and Hugh Maclure in the 1860s. In 1879 the Sheffield-based architect Matthew Ellison Hadfield was employed to remodel the west range.[11] Further extensions were made in 1908 by the architect Christian Elliot.[11] In 1923, the estate was sold but the castle itself was let to and later bought by Brigadier-General Maurice Lilburn MacEwen Archived 12 September 2018 at the Wayback Machine CB, late 16th The Queen's Lancers. He was battalion commander of the Stewartry Home Guard. He died in 1943 at Kenmure Castle and is buried in Kells Churchyard. From about the late 1940s to 1957 it operated as an hotel run by Stanley Dobson, (brother of David Cowan Dobson), and his business partner Hugh Ormond Sparks. Around 1958 the building's interior fixtures and fittings were stripped out and the roof removed. The ruins were bought in 1962 by Graeme Gordon. The castle was not as commonly believed destroyed by fire. The remains of the castle were listed in 1971, and the site was scheduled in 1998.[1] The castle is said to be haunted by a headless piper, "The Headless Piper of Kenmure".[12] Kenmure Castle in the 21st century
A sundial bearing the date 1623 from Kenmure is now in Dumfries Museum.[13] George Gillespie (1613–1648) was a Scottish theologian and domestic chaplain to John Gordon 1st Viscount Kenmure.[14] Rev George Gillespie Rev Prof Samuel Rutherford (c. 1600 – 1661) Scottish Presbyterian pastor, theologian and author, attended John Gordon 1st Viscount Kenmure on his deathbed and later wrote a tract entitled "The last and heavenly Speeches and glorious Departure of John, Viscount Kenmure", printed in Edinburgh in 1649, by Evan Tyler, His Majesty's Printer. It was reprinted in 1827.[14] Rev Samuel Rutherford Robert Burns and his close friend John Syme stayed here for three days in July 1793 as guest of the then laird John Gordon (at the time de jure 10th Viscount Kenmure), 1750-1840).[15] Alexander Nasmith - Robert Burns Rev Robert Nixon (1759-1837), was a Church of England priest and artist. For the last ten years of his life he served as domestic chaplain to Viscount Kenmure at Kenmure Castle where he died on 5 Nov. 1837, aged 78. By his wife Ann Russell he was father of the Rev. Francis Russell Nixon, first Bishop of Tasmania. It was in Nixon's personage at Foots Cray in 1798 that J M W Turner painted his first painting in oils. John Ruskin (1819-1900), art critic and author, stayed with his cousin Joan Agnew and her husband the artist Arthur Severn [1] (1842-1931) at Kenmure in 1876.[16] John Ruskin 1870 Cowan Dobson ARBB, RBA (1894-1980) Scottish portrait painter is said to have rented the castle in the 1930s and 1940s to entertain and paint his fashionable portraits and paintings. Charles Tate Regan. John Murray was gamekeeper to Lord Kenmure and is remembered for having caught, in 1774 in Loch Ken below the castle, the largest pike on record, the head of which rested on his shoulder, with the tail trailing on the ground. Its weight was seventy-two pounds, and it measured about seven feet in length. The skeleton of the head was for many years preserved on display in the Billiard Room at Kenmure Castle. It was studied and measured by Charles Tate Regan, ichthyologist, of the Natural History Museum. Murray died in 1777 and is buried at Kells Churchyard; on his tombstone are carved in relief a gun, fishing-rod, dog and partridge. [2] Regan, C. Tate (Charles Tate), 1878-. The Freshwater Fishes of the British Isles. London: Methuen, 1911.[17] Charles Tate Regan ^ a b c d Historic Environment Scotland, "Kenmure Castle (SM7743)". Retrieved 25 February 2019. ^ a b "Kenmure Castle". Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland. Retrieved 17 January 2013. ^ a b Grose, Francis (1797). The antiquities of Scotland, pp. 189–190. ^ "Lochinvar Castle". RCAHMS. 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Well worth the walk if nothing else.Review of: Taymouth CastleWritten 12 September 2021This review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor LLC. Tripadvisor performs checks on reviews.ChrisInverness, UK10 contributionsAlthough this place is a bit of a thing we had great fun there playing hide and seek around the stones, also nice to read about the history of the site and the stone over the centuries. Review of: Greenland Stone CircleThis review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor LLC. Tripadvisor performs checks on reviews.johnhouston2Knarresborough, UK5,590 contributionsAn attractive church in a lovely location.First of all, and perhaps being a tad pedantic, the name of the church as shown on the heading of the TA listing is incorrect and it is Kenmore Church (not Kenmure). Having got that out of the way let me advise that this church is situated in the charming little village of Kenmore that sits on the shore at the head of Loch Tay. At the entrance to the church is a very attractive war memorial, constructed in the style of a Celtic Cross, and the cemetery is very well kept and affords lovely views of the Loch and the surrounding hills.The church itself is attractive and has a fine selection of windows, the most eye catching being the modern, clear windows.Well worth a visit.Review of: Kenmure Parish ChurchThis review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor LLC. Tripadvisor performs checks on reviews.LBelle2Glasgow, UK14 contributionsGreat 50 minute Loch Tay boat trip. Eddie and Blair were fantastic, lots of knowledge, great views, good fun! Would recommend!Review of: Loch Tay SafarisThis review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor LLC. 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We saw so many special views and were exposed to history that we would have never found on our own. The hot chocolate stop mid morning at the Bridge of Balgie was also a lovely surprise.Then there was the picnic from Paper Boat Kenmore. Alex chose a beautiful spot near the river 'off track'. It was so delicious that we booked to eat there later in the week. The experience has caused us to book another visit again next year. Thank you Alex for an amazing day. Nothing was too much trouble.Review of: E-Bike Tours ScotlandThis review is the subjective opinion of a Tripadvisor member and not of Tripadvisor LLC. Tripadvisor performs checks on reviews. On the eastern end of Loch Tay sits Kenmore, a fantastic retreat to spend a few days visiting Scotland. Home to heritage sites and plentiful water sports, there's no doubt there are many things to do in Kenmore. This cosy village in Perth and Kinross is a place of history and activity, perfect for holiday-goers looking for a destination outside the major cities of Scotland. Kenmore is bursting with flavour, from the lively outdoor activities to excellent traditional food and drink. Booking.com Things to Do in Kenmore Whether you're planning to stay in Kenmore for a day or a week, you'll find that there's always something to do in this beautiful lochsides town. We've briefly touched on the activities available at Loch Tay, like fishing and swimming, but there's much more to see around this vast body of water. A day in Kenmore could have you visiting the fascinating Scottish Crannog Centre, Glen Lyon, and The Poet's Bar, themed after a poem written by Robert Burns. But before booking a trip here, read through our guide for the top things to do in Kenmore. Greenland Stone Circle The Greenland Stone Circle is entirely complete, a fact that is quite rare to see when exploring the sights of Scotland. An unbeatable atmosphere cloaks the stone circle, immersing those who visit in the annals of history. The Greenland Stone Circle is an excellent point to stop by and see as you head to your next sightseeing location near Kenmore. Taymouth Castle If you want outdoor activity, the trail loop around the stunning Taymouth Castle is one of the best. This 18th-century castle, previously known as Balloch Castle, will drop your jaw with its picturesque architecture and design. Although the castle and course are under repair, Taymouth Castle is a grand centrepiece of a great loop walk. Loch Tay Safaris Hopping aboard the loch safari tours from Kenmore harbour is an utterly irresistible temptation. Feeling the wind in your hair as you skim across the waters of Scotland's deepest loch is a thrill that you can't get anywhere else. Highlights of the trip include the informative and personable guides, the spectacular wildlife, and delectable bites of history as you explore Loch Tay. If you're looking for something to do near Kenmore, a trip with Loch Tay Safaris is well in order! Mains of Taymouth Golf Course The Mains at Taymouth is a beautiful course that entices golfers from all over the world. With one of the finest 9-hole courses in Perth and Kinross, the Mains of Taymouth Golf Course is one attraction you can't miss. The county park and course are set at the foot of Tay Forest Park, which means you receive grand views as you tee off! No matter your handicap, a round at this excellent course will brighten your day. Drummond Hill One of the best walks from Kenmore is to the top of Drummond Hill. Drummond Hill is considered the first managed forest in Scotland, and you can thank Sir Duncan Campbell for the wide variety of oak, birch, and Scot pines within Drummond Hill. You can see a brilliant view of the north side of Kenmore, Loch Tay, and a few other nearby places from the top of Black Rock Viewpoint. See the River Tay As Loch Tay transitions to the River Tay, you can enjoy some stunning views as it curves towards Dundee. You'll likely see this attraction as you explore the area around Kenmore, but it's always a good idea to set aside an hour or two to have a picnic or go for a fishing trip if you're so inclined. Following it to the east end of Scotland, you'll find cosy villages like Perth and Aberfeldy. Visit the Red Deer Centre As part of the extremely popular Highland Safaris, you can enjoy near Kenmore, make sure to stop by this centre. This once-in-a-lifetime experience lets you get up close and personal with one of the largest mammals in Scotland. The centre is usually a part of one of the excellent Highland tours offered nearby to Kenmore, but you can check out the centre without taking a safari. Make sure to check out their website for more information. Falls of Acharn A beautiful trail walk with a view, the Falls of Acharn are a spectacular attraction and great for a morning hike! The falls themselves are fabulous and are comprised of the upper and lower falls, with plenty of curious and strange things to see along the way! Best of all are the views you get of the small village of Acharn and Loch Tay. Although the hike itself is only about two kilometres, it's best to set aside about 60 minutes at least to fully take in the breadth and width of this hiking trail. Kenmore Beach It's only natural that there'd be a stunning beach paired with this lochsides location. Any sunny days you have in Kenmore mean that you should enjoy some time at Kenmore Beach. With the dramatic backdrop of Ben Lawers, Scotland's 10th tallest mountain, Kenmore Beach is a hotspot for locals and tourists alike. It's a great place to try out the water activities like water skiing and jet biking on Loch Tay – keep your eye out for the 'Isle of Holy Women'. Kenmore Highland Games The Kenmore Highland Games are a celebration of unique Scottish traditions, and every year in July, you too can experience these Highland Games. The best part about the Kenmore Highland Games is that they are friendly games, meaning that they are open for anyone to join – feeling up to put your dance moves to the test? You'll find that the atmosphere and energy of these games are unlike anything you've experienced. Throw in some delicious brews and food, and you have an excellent attraction every single year. Fortingall Yew Tree One of the most mystical attractions you can find near the pretty village of Kenmore is the Fortingall Yew Tree, which some claim is the oldest tree in Europe! You can find the Fortingall Yew Tree in between Aberfeldy and Kenmore: it's a heritage tree of international importance and is at the geographical heart of Scotland. The tree dates back 3,000 to 9,000 years ago and used to have a nearly 10-metre circumference! Don't miss out on this ancient attraction – there's nothing else quite like it! Try a Highland Safari We've touched briefly on Highland Safaris when speaking about red deer, but if you want to see the sights in an off-road vehicle, make sure to book a tour. Offering a mixture of transport options, from hiking, driving, and driving, there's no better way to see what Scotland offers than with a Highland Safari. Local tour guides are excellent at entertaining and informative, ensuring that it's an experience to remember. Castle Menzies The towering Castle Menzies near Aberfeldy is a gorgeous attraction you can see while enjoying your time in Kenmore. You can take a castle tour at a reasonable price and discover the exhilarating historical artefacts and period-piece furniture. Discover how this 16th-century castle was built, the clan that inhabited it, and the turbulent history that took place here. Bolfracks Garden This privately-owned garden is a lush paradise just waiting to be explored. This lush and verdant garden in the Highlands is perched on the riverbanks of the River Tay and lets you enjoy some of Scotland's most beautiful landscapes. Bolfracks Garden is also quite central to many other attractions near Kenmore, making a trip here with family or friends a great way to start the day. St David's Well Near the town of Aberfeldy sits St David's Well, an ancient holy well that sits at the Rock of Weem. This religious site is easily reached by a trail hike, with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. If you're keen on some outdoor activity near Kenmore, check out the climb to St David's Well. Visit the Kenmore Hotel The Kenmore Hotel is a contender for Scotland's oldest inn, making it a great attraction to spot while exploring Kenmore. The hotel was commissioned by Sir Colin Campbell, who was known then as Laird Colin Campbell. It provides accommodation and is an excellent attraction to see while exploring Kenmore. Other Things To Do in Perthshire, Kinross & Angus Thinking Of Booking A Trip? Check Out Our Top Accommodation Options In Kenmore Every household is different, and it's difficult to find the perfect refrigerator. Knowing what features make your life easier is an important step in shopping for a new fridge. Kenmore refrigerators include features like GeniusCool, phone integration, ice makers, and water dispensers. Large families love french door refrigerators. The wide shelves and deep buckets allow for easy access to food. A great option if you cook often or are rushing out of the house. 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