



WELCOME

The Carse of Gowrie Orchard Festival is now in its fourth year and aims to celebrate and promote the wonderful historic orchards in the area.

The Carse orchards have been around for 800 years since the monasteries owned and farmed the grange lands in the 12th century.

A survey in 2007 showed that only 17 orchards remain of the original 51 known and documented.

There are some wonderful remnants of old orchards that support a rich array of plant and wildlife, giving us beautiful blossom in spring and large quantities of fruit in the autumn.

The Carse is notable for its heritage varieties of apples: Bloody Ploughman, Lass o' Gowrie, Tower of Glamis and Hoods Supreme. The Jargonelle Pear was once famous in Perth orchards and plums are very successfully grown on the Carse.

We are now budding and grafting from the few heritage trees that still exist and are setting up a Carse of Gowrie Orchard Nursery to grow our own stock.



CARSE OF GOWRIE APPLE DAY

Cairn O'Mohr Winery

Sunday 2nd October: 11am - 4pm

● Apple Identification

With renowned experts Willie Duncan and Will Stewart. Bring your apples along for them to identify – they like a challenge!

● Display of apple varieties grown locally.

● Come and help juice Carse of Gowrie apples then sample what you've made.

● Enjoy a fruit themed menu in the cafe.

● Children's art and craft activities.

● Information on Carse of Gowrie Orchards.

● Winery tours throughout the day.

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Guided Walk

Wednesday 5th October: 2pm-4pm

Join Andrew Lear – Appletreeman – at Megginch for a guided walk around one of the oldest and most extensive heritage orchards in the Carse of Gowrie.

Megginch is not normally open to the public so this is a rare chance to see the orchard in fruit and to hear about exciting plans for the future.

Booking essential: phone Andrea Partridge on 01333 320701 for bookings and directions.

Rootstock Festival

**Cairn o' Mohr Winery, by Errol
Saturday 8th October: from 11am**

Specially priced winery tour: £3 over 16s

● Rolling programme of apple pressing demonstrations, winery tours and Carse of Gowrie Cider, apple juice and wine tastings

● Café selling apple themed goodies

● Winery tours (first tour 11am, last tour 2pm)

● Live music on the deck in the afternoon

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Elcho Castle Family Fruit Day

Rhynd, by Perth

Sunday 9th October: 11am - 3pm

Adult £4, Concession £3.20, Child 5 - 15 yrs £2.40, Under 5 & HS Member Free

Beautifully situated on the banks of the Tay, Elcho Castle is a remarkably complete tower house built in 1560. The orchard contains 90 fruit trees consisting of 37 pear, plum and apple varieties.

- Explore the orchard and pick fruit for an apple pie
- Join Historic Scotland rangers for minibeast hunting adventures through the orchard, then into the castle's main hall to turn the beasties into pictures... or go straight to the castle for the art activity
- Enjoy lots of other children's activities
- Help make and taste apple juice from our own Elcho apples
- Ask the Expert - displays of Scottish varieties of fruit and help in identifying your own fruit with 'AppleTree Man', Andrew Lear
- Guided walk round the orchard at 12noon with Andrew Lear
- Find out about the Carse of Gowrie Orchard Project

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OTHER ORCHARD EVENTS

Errol Community Fruit Pressing

Saturday 24th September:

12noon - 5pm

Take your fruit to Roger and Jane Humphrey's house and try out our fantastic new press.

Meet: Viewbank, High Street, Errol

Bring lots of clean, empty plastic bottles to take your fresh fruit juice home with you.

Orchard Guided Walk

Wednesday 12th October

Join Perth and Kinross Countryside Rangers for a walk along the Tay and around the Barnhill / West Oaks Orchard.

Meet: Rodney Gardens Car Park

Booking Essential: phone 01738 475395

Information on the

Carse of Gowrie Orchards

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