

Dalgarven Mill & Glasgow Vennel

Estimated Time - Half Day

Dalgarven Mill

There's been a mill at Dalgarven since the fourteenth century. The original one was built by the monks of Kilwinning Abbey, and the present mill dates from the mid 17th century.

Dalgarven Mill was restored in the nineteenth century, and today houses a collection of rural tools, furniture, photographs and memorabilia, as well as an outstanding display of costumes dating from 1775 to the present day. It also has an excellent coffee shop famous for its home baking, and antique centre - and with its riverside setting is an ideal place to look back to the past, and to relax.

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**Open: Easter-Oct Tue-Sat 10.00-17.00, Sun 11.00-17.00
Nov-Easter Tue-Sat 10.00-16.00, Sun 11.00-17.00.
Not open on Mon.**

Glasgow Vennel and Museum, Irvine

Poet Robert Burns lived in Irvine for a while learning the flax trade. It was at a time when his poetry wasn't providing him with enough to live on, and he was having to earn a crust wherever he could.

Glasgow Vennel and Museum in Irvine is the site of the Heckling Shop where Burns learned to dress flax, and the lodgings where he stayed at the time. Both contain period furniture, and create a picture of how they would have been in Burns' time. There's also an art gallery at the Museum, which is host to touring exhibitions.

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