

# Glenesk Folk Museum

## About the Museum



The Glenesk Folk Museum is part of The Retreat Visitor Centre which can be found in one of the most beautiful Glens in the north of Angus. About 10 miles from the small village of Edzell, the Visitor Centre stands in its own grounds with children's play area and nature trail. The museum contains artefacts specific to the surrounding area. The museum contains small rooms laid out to represent parlour, kitchen, and bothy as well as a children's area containing original toys as well as replica toys and

dress which children are encouraged to play with.

## What to see

This unique and special collection tells the story of the social and domestic life of the surrounding countryside from around Victorian times. It contains items from domestic life, farming, shooting, paintings and dress.

Objects of particular interest include:

An illicit whisky still, a 'Muckle' spinning wheel, Alexander Ross' desk, a carved stone head by Adam Christie, part of a Greek Orthodox Cross found in a dyke, numerous prehistoric artefacts and excellent examples of locally made dresses and lace.



## When to Visit

The museum is open from April – weekends only 12 noon – 6pm  
Mid May daily from 12 noon – 6 pm end of October

## Address & Web details

The Retreat, by Tarfside, Glenesk DD9 7YT

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There is a small admission charge for the museum

## Every Object tells a Story



This is an example of an illicit whisky still which was found in the Craig Soales area of Glenesk by Jim Moir in 1956 on a grouse drive. He marked the spot to return and collect the find.

The peculiar location of the find and the fact that the still has three rather than four spouts indicates that it was not a legal still.

It must have been pretty rough stuff!