



ROTHES GLEN — SPEYSIDE —

Shooting Experiences

Rothes Glen is the luxury Speyside castle in the heart of the finest shooting in Scotland.



Rothes Glen's shooting history

Captain Edward Dunbar, younger son of the 6th Baronet of Northfield, was out shooting with a group of bachelor friends when news reached him that John Dunbar of Seapark had died and his daughter Phoebe had announced her hand was now finally open to suitors. Edward set off immediately to plight his troth and married her in Forres in 1848. In 1870 they purchased the Birchfield estate (renamed the Glen of Rothes), comprising just under 3,000 acres, and after a fire rebuilt the castle in 1893 with an inner courtyard replete with gunroom, game larder, kennels, walk-in cold room and woodshed.

A Scottish Sporting Estate

The Dunbar family moved out in 1921, but continued to make use of the estate for their holidays. Otherwise, Rothes Glen was largely leased out for the sporting season. A glance at the Glen of Rothes Game Book provides an impressive and revealing indication of what took place in the big house and estate during the latter years of the 19th and early years of the 20th centuries. Some of the day's bags are truly astonishing.

UK Liberal Party leader and Prime Minister H.H. Asquith took the sporting lease of Glen of Rothes at the turn of the 20th century. When installed at Rothes Glen, Asquith instructed a section of the old sand quarry be turned into a swimming pool, enabling him to take a morning dip in all weathers. This became known as Asquith's Pond and later on, during the 1920s, dummy ducks were placed in the water to encourage other ducks to flight in. From 1921 Glen of Rothes was leased out exclusively as a sporting estate until 1938.





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Shooting facilities at Rothes Glen

- Gun cabinets
- Game larder
- Kennels
- Walk-in cold room
- Gun-cleaning equipment
- Jackets, boots, hats and gloves for all guns
- Cartridges available for purchase
- Shotguns and rifles can be rented

Game shooting

We arrange game shooting ranging from 100 to 300 bird days within easy reach of Rothes Glen at some of the finest estates in the area, including Ballindalloch, Fyvie, Glenfiddich & Cabrach, Glenrinnnes, Innes, Kellas, Knockando, Logie and Tulchan. Shotguns can be hired, however you are welcome to bring your own.

The Scottish sporting calendar seasons

Grouse	12 August to 10 December
Snipe.....	12 August to 31 January
Duck, Geese, Partridge, Woodcock.....	01 September to 31 January
Pheasant	01 October to 31 January
Mixed Rough Shooting	31 October to 31 January

Stalking

Speyside is rich in woodland and open pasture, ripe for hosting a wide range of red, roe and sika deer which we can find at Ballindalloch, Glenfiddich & Cabrach, Glenrinnnes, Gordon Castle, Knockando and Tulchan. Rifles are hired as standard, however you are welcome to bring your own.

The Scottish sporting calendar seasons

Roe Buck	01 April to 20 October
Red Deer Stag & Sika Stag	01 July to 20 October
Red Deer Hind	21 October to 15 March
Roe Doe	21 October to 31 March

Clay pigeon shooting

We arrange clay pigeon shooting, archery, rifle and pistol shooting on the hills above Rothes Glen or off site at Sporting Scotland.



The Rothes Glen Macnab

The Macnab Challenge is based on the 1925 John Buchan novel 'John Macnab'. Three friends decide to issue a challenge to three Highland estates – that they will, within 48 hours, remove a salmon or stag undetected, and return them to the respective houses. The Rothes Glen Macnab challenge is to catch a trout, shoot a pheasant and stalk a stag between dawn and dusk on one day.

Costs

- Stalking and clay pigeon shooting prices are in the Additional Activities price list.
- All game shooting is priced individually.

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