



GLENDICK APPLE WEEKEND
Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th
October: 11am-4pm

A CELEBRATION OF ALL THINGS FRUIT

Bring your apples along to be identified by
renowned experts

Colourful displays of 120 varieties of Scottish
fruit—look out for local varieties

Find out about the history of orchards in the Carse

Apple-themed food tastings

Taste fruit juice straight from the press

Children's Art Competition, activities,
and 'apple gifting' tags to make

Fruit trees and fruit-themed books for sale;

Apple-themed menu in the Restaurant

Cairn o'Mhor Wine tastings

**Chef Christopher Trotter demonstrates his
favourite fruit recipes (Sunday only)**

*Sign up for a day's cider-making course:
further details: Tel. 01382 433042*

Glendoick
garden centre & restaurant



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The Variety of Life



CARSE OF GOWRIE ORCHARD FESTIVAL

**18TH - 26TH
OCTOBER 2008**





From Farming Monks to City Jam



The Carse has been well known for its apple, pear and plum orchards since the monasteries owned and farmed the grange lands in the 12th century. With the growing population of nearby Dundee in the 19th century the need for local food and cheap jam

briefly revived the dwindling orchards. But a recent survey shows that out of 51 known documented orchards, 28 no longer exist and of the remaining orchards only 9 are of any particular value.

The findings mirror the situation elsewhere in the UK—some counties have lost 95% of their orchards since the 1970s—mostly due to changes in agriculture, development pressures and benign neglect.

Yet the Carse is notable for its heritage varieties of apples: Bloody Ploughman, Lass o' Gowrie, Tower of Glamis, Hoods Supreme, etc. There are some wonderful remnants of old orchards throughout the area, rich in biodiversity and cultural history. On the south side of the Tay rare pear varieties exist—it is likely this is also the case in the Carse.

The Carse of Gowrie Historic Orchard Forum was set up early in 2008—it includes local orchard owners, the Carse of Gowrie Group, the Perth & Kinross Countryside Trust, Forestry Commission Scotland and the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.

This first Orchard Festival will show what a wonderful resource we have on our doorstep: whether it is for the beautiful blossom in early spring, the opportunity to use local fruit in cookery, wine, juices, chutneys and jams—or the chance to keep healthy by helping plant new trees or restoring the old orchards. Training courses on pruning, grafting and how to manage a young orchard have already been run—and will be repeated in the future. It is hoped a Museum Orchard and a Nursery will be set up soon and markets found for some of the produce.

CIDER MAKING COURSE

with Michael Pooley of the Shropshire Apple Trust – a choice of two one-day courses (18th or 19th October): pre-booking essential as limited places. £35 fee payable. Further details, together with booking form on www.taysidebiodiversity.co.uk.

SCHOOL ORCHARDS

During the Festival local Carse schools will be taking part in Orchard Planting Days—to learn more, contact Catherine Lloyd at the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.

ERROL FAMILY TREE PLANTING

Saturday, 25th October

Twelve fruit trees were planted along the Gas Brae earlier this year as part of the first Orchard Trail in the Carse of Gowrie. Join John Hancox of the Children's Orchard in extending the avenue of apple, pear and plum trees: no experience needed, but bring a spade if possible! Suitable for all the family—everyone welcome.

Errol Community Hall

Help make juice from fresh apples (bring your own fruit if you have it). See (and taste) historic varieties of fruit. Join in the Longest Peel Competition.

Times for both events will be in the Press and on local posters.

Volunteer Days and Practical Training Days -

your chance to help restore local orchards and learn orchard skills such as pruning and grafting. Contact the Tayside Biodiversity Partnership.



FAMILY FRUIT WEEKEND ELCHO CASTLE, RHYND, BY PERTH

**Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th
October: 11am-4pm**

**Open daily until the end of October
9.30am to 4.30pm**

**Adults: £3.20; Concessions: £2.70.
Children go free in October**

- Explore the orchard and pick a bag of fruit for an apple pie
- Saturday - Historic Scotland Ranger events for all the family, including Bug Hunts in the Orchard
- Sunday - Pick the fruit, make and taste the juice with John Hancox of the Scottish Children's Orchard
 - Take part in children's art competitions
 - Help us compile an archive of local fruit recipes

Beautifully situated on the banks of the River Tay, Elcho Castle is a remarkably complete tower house built in 1560. Its orchard contains 90 fruit trees (pear, plum and apples) of some 37 varieties. Most of the trees are ten years old, although some are much older.

Green Tourism Business Scheme Gold Award winner

