

# House of Dun for schools

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House of Dun is a Georgian House overlooking the Montrose Basin. It was designed and built by William Adam in 1730 for David Erskine, Lord Dun, a judge of the Scottish Court of Session. Superb examples of contemporary plasterwork by Joseph Enzer survive. Lady Augusta Kennedy-Erskine was the natural daughter of William IV and Mrs Jordan, and the house contains royal mementos of that period and many examples of Lady Augusta's wool-work and embroidery. Family collection of portraits, furniture and porcelain are on display. There is a miniature theatre display and video.

Courtyard buildings include a handloom weaving workshop. The walled garden to the east of the house has been largely restored to a late Victorian period and includes ranges of plants typical of the 1880s. There are woodland walks and a special steam train service runs on Sundays during the main summer season (not NTS).

## ● education programme

House of Dun and Estate is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the Environmental Studies and Expressive Arts 5-14 curriculum.

*Victorian Life in an Angus Country House* is a comprehensive programme for Primary schools consisting of:

### a site visit

- an activity-based investigation of the house and estate in Victorian times (allow 2 Hours)

### classroom resources

- 5-14 cross-curricular resource pack of original historical sources, profiles of the family and estate staff, suggestions for classroom activities
- study box of original Victorian artefacts (available for loan from Angus Council, Educational Resources Service, Bruce House, Arbroath, tel: 01241 435045)

## ● practical information

### planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- getting there: situated 6 miles from Brechin, 3 miles from Montrose on A935
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we strongly recommend teachers to make a free preparatory visit and to take advantage of the available classroom resources

### during your visit

- please note: visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- parking: available for coaches
- shop: open during the property's opening hours - please visit in small numbers to avoid overcrowding
- toilets: situated in the court yard

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## ● for more information contact

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