

**Suggestions for a great day out even if it is wet while staying at
Burnbrae Holidays.**

There are many things to see and do in the beautiful Scottish Borders on a wet day, (even more on a dry day).

Kelso has many independent shops, cafes pubs and restaurants.

Mellerstain House and gardens is just 4 miles up the road. A wonderful stately home designed by Robert Adams.

Open Fri to Mon 12-5pm. Easter until end of September. <https://www.mellerstain.com/>



Border Events Center was formerly known as Border Union Show ground. Located at Springwood Park in Kelso hosts many public events; dog show, ram sales, craft sales antiques flea market. <https://borderseventscentre.co.uk/events/>

Main Street Trading, amazing bookshop and delicious café. Local produce and in-house baking. Located on Main Street in St Boswells about 8 miles from Burnbrae Holidays. <http://www.mainstreetbooks.co.uk/>

Jim Clarke Motor Sport Museum in Dunns

An excellent museum showcasing the life and career of Jim Clarke Formula 1 world champion. Reopened July 2019 after major refurbishment.

Open March until November, not on Wednesdays.

<http://jimclarktrust.com/jim-clark-motorsport-museum/>

Born in the Borders has a café, local produce shop, brewery, gin distillery (and river-side walks, if its stopped raining), is well worth a coffee or lunch stop on the way to Hawick. <http://www.bornintheborders.com/>

For those wanting to go further afar, we recommend a trip to **Edinburgh city** center by Borders scenic railway from Tweedbank station. An hour's journey, each way through beautiful countryside. Tweedbank station has a large free car park. It is an unmanned station~ you can buy your ticket on the train from the guard.

Hawick town is a 40 minute scenic drive from Burnbrae Holidays. **Hawick** is famous for its textile industry. It is located at the junction of the River Teviot and the River Slitrig.

We recommend while in Hawick taking a **textile mill tour at Johnstons of Elgin**

Johnstons of Elgin, in Hawick is the only Scottish mill where the entire process from fibre to finished garment is completed on one site. The textile mill tours are on Mondays to Thursdays and at 10am on Fridays. Please book online or ask Yvette to do it for you.



<https://www.johnstonsofelgin.com/retail/visit-us/hawick-mill/>



Next stop could be the **Borders Distillery** where you can learn how The Borders Distillery makes its single malt whiskey and gin. A scheduled tour lasts about 40 mins (bookable online or ask Yvette to book it for you). The new distillery was commissioned in March 2018 in a landmark building near the town center of Hawick. Single Malt Scotch Whisky and Gin tours are available Mondays to Saturdays and include a tasting.

<https://www.thebordersdistillery.com/our-distillery/>

The **Borders Textile Tower House** is also in the center of Hawick and well worth a visit. The main exhibition shows an insight into the knitwear and tweed textile industry in and around Hawick. There are also interesting exhibitions of Scottish textile artists, historical and contemporary fashion and design. The Tower Mill, originally a spinning mill tower, now has a café and a traditional cinema with different screenings daily.

The **Heritage Hub** is also located in the Tower House, you can view the Scottish Borders Archives, very interesting even if genealogy, family and local history is new to you.

http://www.heartofhawick.co.uk/info/20/borders_textile_towerhouse

And if the showers have stopped why not explore **Wilton Lodge Park**, with its tree-lined and riverside walks, walled gardens, a many floral displays, statues of some of Hawick's sporting greats. There is a bandstand with events planned for 2020. **Hawick Museum**, which includes the **Scott Gallery** is also located in Walton Lodge Park.