

## Field Trip Summary

Below there are six options for our conference field trips on Day 2 (Wednesday). You will be asked to select one trip (and a second preference as a backup) when you buy your conference ticket.

### Field Trip 1: Uplands, Wildlife & SRUC Hill Research

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- **Farm Visit at [Lerrock Farm, Doune](#)** – Past Agritourism Monitor Farm. Red kite viewing area and site of beaver translocation.
- **See [Doune Castle](#)** – Outlander and Monty Python filming location
- **Lunch at [Blairdrummond Smiddy Farm Shop](#)** – Diversified rural business (own estate, safari park, forestry business, shop & café).
- **Farm Visit at SRUC [Hill & Mountain Research Centre](#)** – Upland research farm visit; environmental research, hill farming
- **Afternoon tea**, provided by [Artisan Café & Deli](#)
- 7.00pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

### Field Trip 2: Environmental Initiatives, Organics & Diversified Farming

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- **Farm Visit at [Portnellan Farm](#)** – An organic, diversified farm on the shores of Loch Lomond
- **Lunch at [The Inn at Kippen](#)** – Local village inn
- **Visit [Flanders Moss Nature Reserve](#)** – Lowland raised peat bog under restoration. Boardwalk (flat) + viewing tower.
- **Visit [Old Leckie Farm](#)** – Mixed livestock and arable farm with diversification and environmental initiatives
- **Afternoon tea at the [Smiddy Farm Shop](#)** – Diversified rural business (own estate, safari park, forestry business, shop & café).
- **See [Stirling Castle](#)**
- 7.00pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

### Field Trip 3: Arable, Vegetable Production & Regenerative Farming

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- **Farm Visit at [Balbirnie Home Farms](#)** – Arable, Regenerative Agriculture, Soils
- **Visit [Kettle Produce](#)** – Processing – Kettle Produce Factory Tour + field veg harvesting
- **Lunch at [Loch Levens Larder](#)**
- **Farm Tour and refreshments at [Rotmell Farm](#)** at Ballinluig, Pitlochry – Nuffield Scholar and Soil Farmer of the Year
- 7.30pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

#### Field Trip 4: Diversification, Tourism & Farm Food Production

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- **Farm Tour at [Craigies Farm Shop](#)** in South Queensferry
- **Visit and have lunch at [Balgove Larder](#)** for farm tour and farm shop
- **Visit [St Andrews](#)** – Home of Golf
- **Visit [Diversified Farm at Balcaskie](#)**
- 7.30pm Arrive Dynamic Earth

#### Field Trip 5: Beef, Sheep, Deer and Dairy

- 7.30am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- **Farm visit and Lunch at [SRUC Barony and Crichton Royal Farm](#)** – Dairy/ research/ education visit
- **Farm Visit at Drumcork Farm** – Livestock farm utilising tech for efficiency and autonomy
- **Farm visit and afternoon refreshments at [Clonhie Farm](#)** – Red deer, beef & sheep farm and a QMS Monitor Farm
- 7:00pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

#### Field Trip 6: Technology & Improving Livestock Business Performance

- 8.00am: Depart Dynamic Earth
- **Farm Visit at [Bielgrange Farm](#)** – 2018 AgriScot Beef Farm of the year
- **Farm Visit plus lunch at [Bowhill Farm](#)** – Precision monitoring techniques used for health & welfare monitoring, AD Plant, heat & calving detection, as well as research projects with AHDB, Sainsbury's, plus is an Agri-EPI Satellite Farm.
- **Refreshments at [Kailzie Botanic Gardens](#)** in Peebles
- **Farm Tour at [SRUC Easter Howgate](#)** – including tour of facilities and research projects at [GreenShed](#), [GreenCow](#), [GreenSheep](#)
- 7:00pm: Arrive Dynamic Earth

## GROUND RULES

1. Please ensure you wear suitable clothing on field trips – the weather in Scotland can change very quickly, even in the summer. This does not mean it will rain or be cold, but it might be – or it could be hot and sunny. You never know! Have appropriate layers with you.
2. Please wear suitable footwear that you can step into a disinfectant foot bath with and walk across potentially muddy fields.
3. If there is a disinfectant footbath, please always use it. Biosecurity is very important, especially when many people are moving between multiple farms in one day.
4. Please embark and disembark the buses promptly – our schedule for the field trips means we do not have a lot of time to spare.
5. At mealtimes, please enjoy the food and break but remember the schedule and please be ready to go on time.
6. At some of our sites, the toilet facilities will be limited. Please be patient and remember to be ready to be back on the bus in time to allow the tour to proceed on schedule.
7. During the site visits (especially to farms) please stay with your designated group. This: 1) helps keep the tour to schedule; 2) helps you hear the translation; and 3) helps keep you safe from vehicles and livestock.
8. Please do not chat whilst the translation is underway, as doing so will impact on the understanding and enjoyment of others.
9. If there is a problem on the day, each group will have a leader. Please ask them to assist you.
10. Whilst there will be several food breaks during the day, these will be long days. Please feel free to bring snacks and drinks with you, and ensure you leave the buses tidy afterwards by taking your rubbish with you.