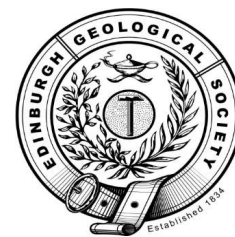


Edinburgh Geological Society – Excursions 2026



Excursion title:	James Hutton 300: Landscape, Rocks and Time Exhibition and Gunsgreen House
Date & start time:	Saturday, 13 th June 2026 Coach departs Waterloo Place 09:00 Excursion starts at Paxton House 10:30
Finish time:	16:00
Leader(s), organisation:	Alison Tymon

Excursion summary:	<p>James Hutton was an early thinker in understanding the link between geology and agriculture. This unique excursion visits the James Hutton exhibition at the Hayloft Gallery, Paxton House with an afternoon building stones tour of Gunsgreen House Eyemouth.</p> <p>The James Hutton exhibition at Paxton House includes examples of rocks and images from Hutton's most famous sites, as well as information about his travels, the development of his thinking about time and geological processes, as well as his agricultural improvements while he farmed in east Berwickshire. Shop, facilities and grounds can be visited. No tours around the house that day but walks down to the River Tweed would be pleasant. Bring picnic lunch, although the small Stables café provides lunches, cakes and drinks. After lunch the trip heads to Gunsgreen House, Eyemouth to discuss the interesting building stones of Adam-designed Gunsgreen House, built 1752-1753.</p> <p>Price £7.50 per person for exhibition and room hire.</p>
Meeting point:	<p>Morning Hayloft Gallery, Paxton House NT 932 520. What3Words: soils.report.heartache</p> <p>Afternoon Gunsgreen House, Eyemouth. NT 947 643. What3Words: nudge.submerged.maximum</p>
Transport details:	Coach from Edinburgh or drive (please tick coach option, if required, when booking)
Extra pick-up points for coach:	MILTON ROAD (please inform excursion secretary if pick up required.)
Outline of the excursion route:	<p>Morning visit to the James Hutton exhibition at the Hayloft Gallery, Paxton House NT 932 520. The exhibition include examples of rocks and images from Hutton's most famous sites, as well as information about his travels, the development of his thinking about time and geological processes, as well as his agricultural improvements while he farmed in east Berwickshire. Shop, facilities and grounds can be visited. No tours around the house that day, but walks down to River Tweed would be pleasant. Bring picnic lunch, although the small Stables café provides lunches, cakes and drinks.</p> <p>Afternoon visit to Gunsgreen House, Eyemouth. NT 947 643. The building stones of Adam-designed Gunsgreen House, built 1752-1753. A short walk to the cliffs for a close look at local Silurian greywackes, weather and time permitting.</p>
Terrain, walking distance, height gain:	Gentle walk along river. Please wear comfortable walking shoes, terrain should fairly flat.

Excursion Grade	A - Easy field trips participants should be used to walking 1 mile (1.6 km), on good coastal paths and beaches of sand and pebbles. Note these grades are not an extensive list of difficulty so please read the full excursion form or inform the excursion secretary if you have any questions or concerns.
Additional Hazards not included in the <i>EGS Excursion Handbook</i>:	none
Control measures required to mitigate against any Hazards referred to above:	none
Hard hats or Hi-viz clothing needed?	no
May dogs be brought on the excursion?	no
Toilet information:	Public toilets available at Paxton House and Gunsgreen House.
Geological map sheet:	n/a
References:	n/a

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Excursion grade key

A grade field trips participants should be able to walk 1 mile (1.6 km), on good coastal paths and beaches of sand and pebbles.

B grade field trips all participants should have good balance and be fit enough to walk up to 3 miles (4.8 km), sometimes on uneven ground (such as rocky shores).

C grade field trips all participants should have very good balance & be fit enough to walk up to 4 miles (6.5 km), sometimes on more uneven ground than for B grade (such as rocky shores with small boulders), on steeper slopes, & for light scrambles.