## New visitors pass provides free access to many Borders attractions



Jack Macvie (age 3) and Clara Wilson (age 4) both from Stow launching the Beyond Edinburgh pass at historic Abbotsford House

Locals and visitors to the capital this summer can now take advantage of a new pass which offers free access to a number of nearby attractions.

With the 'Beyond Edinburgh' pass you can visit Rosslyn Chapel, Butterfly and Insect World and the National Mining Museum Scotland in Midlothian plus Abbotsford House, Trimontium Roman Museum and Hop-on-Hop-off Bus Tour in the Scottish Borders.

A number of local offers and savings for restaurants and retailers across the regions are also included in the pass, along with discounted entry to Arniston House in Midlothian and Dryburgh and Melrose Abbey in the Scottish Borders.



The pass costs from £24 per adult and £10 per child, and can be used until 31 October 2018. A number of accommodation partners are available on the Beyond Edinburgh website for those purchasing a two day pass and who intend to stay overnight.

It can be purchased <u>online here</u> and at VisitScotland iCentres at Edinburgh Waverley, Jedburgh and Peebles.

Commenting on the launch, MBTAG project manager Jemma Reid said: "We hope that this new pass will encourage visitors and locals alike to make the most of the easy opportunity to travel from the city to experience picture postcard backdrops, fascinating history and the unique attractions of Midlothian and the Scottish Borders."

VisitScotland regional leadership director Paula Ward said: "It is fantastic to see so many businesses working together and showing a real commitment to further enhancing the tourism offering along the railway corridor. The Beyond Edinburgh pass will encourage visitors to Edinburgh and locals alike to take the opportunity to visit many of the unique sites and visitor attractions in the Scottish Borders and Midlothian. From the home of Sir Walter Scott to the home of butterflies and reptiles, there really is something for everyone to enjoy."

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