

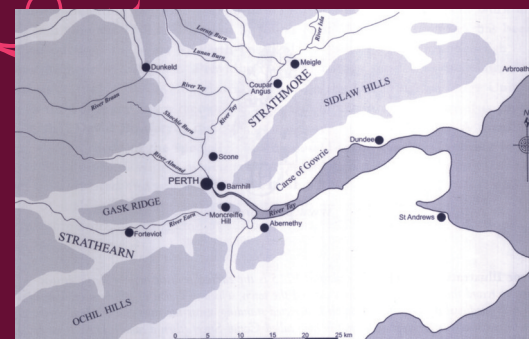
THE PERFECT LOCATION

Perth on 11th May 1559. The painting shows the plundering of the monasteries after John Knox's sermon in St John's Kirk.



Perth was a good place to live in medieval times. Its location at an important cross roads for Scottish trade made it rich and influential. The River Tay here is tidal and deep enough to allow small ships to moor. It is also the lowest safe crossing point. By road or river, Perth was easy to reach from all parts of Scotland.

- Perth was one of Scotland's wealthiest royal burghs from the 12th century onwards.
- During the 15th century, the Scottish Parliament met 14 times in Perth.
- It was well-connected with both Highlands and Lowlands and known for its high-quality salmon, leather gloves and other local products.
- It was an important market for imported goods from England, Scandinavia, the Baltic States, the Low Countries and France.
- Perth was often flooded. When old buildings were demolished, new ones were erected on top. Over time, this raised the ground to a safer level for people and houses.



Perth and surrounding area.



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