

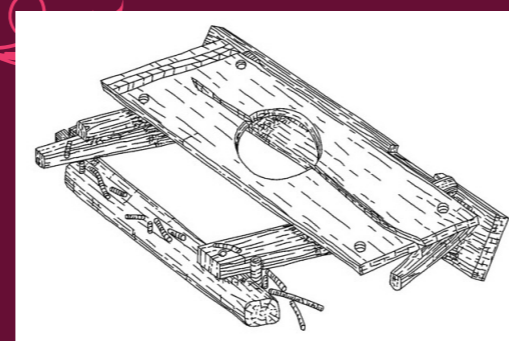
SOGGY FEET

Artist's impression of the Tay waterfront in the year 1440.



If you were standing here in medieval times, you'd probably have soggy feet. That's because you would be on the shoreline in someone's back yard. If you were really unlucky, there would be flooding, as has happened so often in Perth. Beneath Perth's buildings and streets, water-logged soils have, remarkably, preserved many things that have been buried.

- Because of the risk of flooding, new houses were built on top of old ones. Eventually, this raised the ground level by up to two metres.
- Water-logged soils contain no oxygen and so they preserve organic materials, like leather and wood, that otherwise wouldn't survive.
- Many well-preserved medieval objects have been discovered in recent centuries; they tell us a great deal about everyday life.



Medieval oven, tank and toilet seat from excavations undertaken in Perth city centre.



MEDIEVAL TRAIL PERTH

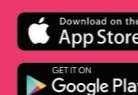
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