

A WEEK OF TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Weekly traditional music sessions:

You can find traditional music sessions somewhere nearby just about nearly every night of the week, so it's the perfect way to relax after a day's exploring. You probably know what a session is, but just in case you don't – it's when a group of musicians meet up informally to play some tunes for fun. It's usually in a bar, they're pretty welcoming and visiting musicians are welcome to join in. You don't know who'll be there, what instruments or what they'll play but it's usually good fun. Here's a selection of what you'll find in our area:



Sundays –

2nd Sunday of the month – afternoon trad session at the Taybank Inn with Pete Clark 3-6pm.

Last Sunday of each month, 3-6pm – a real mix of instruments with all kinds of tunes including Scottish, Irish and anything else that they can think of. Royal Dunkeld Hotel in Dunkeld. 10 mins walk.

McKays bar/restaurant, Pitlochry, 12 miles away – every Sunday 8pm.

Wednesdays

Bankfoot Inn, Bankfoot – 6 miles away

8.30-11pm – lots of singing. Can range from 6 to 20 people singing, playing guitars, fiddles, mandolins but they take it in turns to go round the group to ensure that everybody can have a turn. Good fun and very welcoming.

Thursdays

Taybank Inn, Dunkeld – 10 mins walk

This is the main traditional music session in the area so people come to play and to listen from other towns too, but most of the musicians come from Pete Clark's fiddle class which meets upstairs beforehand. Other musicians are welcome to join in. This can be quite a large and noisy session and if you're lucky there might be a clarseach (harp), double bass and piano. The session leader is Pete Clark who specialises in the music of Niel Gow, a local fiddler and composer from the late 1800's, so this session has lots of local tunes. 8.30-11pm.

Birks Cinema, Aberfeldy – 17 miles away

Celtic Acoustic Music Sessions at The Birks Cinema, lead by Doug & Hilary Law - Every Thursday night from 7.00pm to 10.30pm Come along to our Celtic Acoustic Music Sessions

on a Thursday evening to play or listen with like minded people sharing a variety of music. From folk to blues, bluegrass to instrumental. Enjoy a relaxed drink and an evening of free music in the comfort of our mezzanine bar.

Fridays

Atholl Arms Hotel, Dunkeld – 10 mins walk

A medium sized session that often has lots of singing. Good mix of instruments and they take turns at leading songs or tunes to make sure that everybody gets a go. Very welcoming.

ANNUAL Traditional Music Events



Perthshire Amber - November

Four day programme of concerts, sessions, workshops and day trips exploring the music of Perthshire and of local musician Dougie MacLean.

Niel Gow Fiddle Festival - March

A weekend long fiddle festival celebrating the music of famous local fiddler and composer, Niel Gow. Concerts, workshops and sessions.

Pete Clark's week long fiddle schools – May & September

Daily tuition in fiddle combined with musical tours, meeting local fiddle society, maybe a trip to the Indian restaurant and the odd pub session. People of all ages travel from all over the world to take part. This gives us some great sessions at Jessie Mac's.