

NEW BEGINNINGS

Information for families
moving to Edinburgh



Welcome

This leaflet is designed to give you an introduction to your new local area, including what's nearby and the essentials to help you get started. We also hope it offers useful information to help you explore Edinburgh and discover everything the city has to offer.

“If you’ve found this it means I wish you luck as I moved here and didn’t know anyone or if I would fit in. But when you get used to it, you start to feel like you belong” **Kenny, 10**

“We moved to benefit the whole family even though it meant I would have to work away but the stability was worth it and everything you need is in the city” **Alex, veteran**

ON THE DOORSTEP...

- School/nursery
- GP/dentist
- Post Office
- Park
- Supermarket
- Hairdresser

- 1 Colinton Primary School and Nursery
[Visit website](#)

2 St Mark's Primary School and Nursery
[Visit website](#)

3 Pentland Primary School
[Visit website](#)

4 Colinton Private Nursery
[Visit website](#)
(3 months - 5 years)

5 Cranley Private Nursery
[Visit website](#)
(6 months - 5 years)

6 Colinton Library - Bookbug
[Visit website](#)
(0 - 4 years)

7 Dreghorn preschool & creche
[Visit website](#)

8 Firrhill Medical Centre
[Visit website](#)

9 Allermuir Health Centre
[Visit website](#)

10 Colinton Medical Practice
[Visit website](#)

11 Seven Hills Dental Practice
[Visit website](#)

12 Post Office
[Visit website](#)

13 Tesco
[Visit website](#)
(Includes Costa and petrol station)

14 Aldi
[Visit website](#)

15 Morrisons
[Visit website](#)

16 Bank of Scotland
[Visit website](#)
(nearest branch)

17 Spylaw Park

18 Dreghorn Woods

19 Bonaly Country Park

20 Campbell Park

21 Colinton Dell

22 LS Hair
0131 445 2389

23 Peaches Beauty Salon
[Visit website](#)
- Baby and toddler classes in EH13:
www.happity.co.uk

Childminders in the area

• childcare.co.uk (use your postcode to find local childminder)

• Edinburgh Council:
www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare/find-childminder

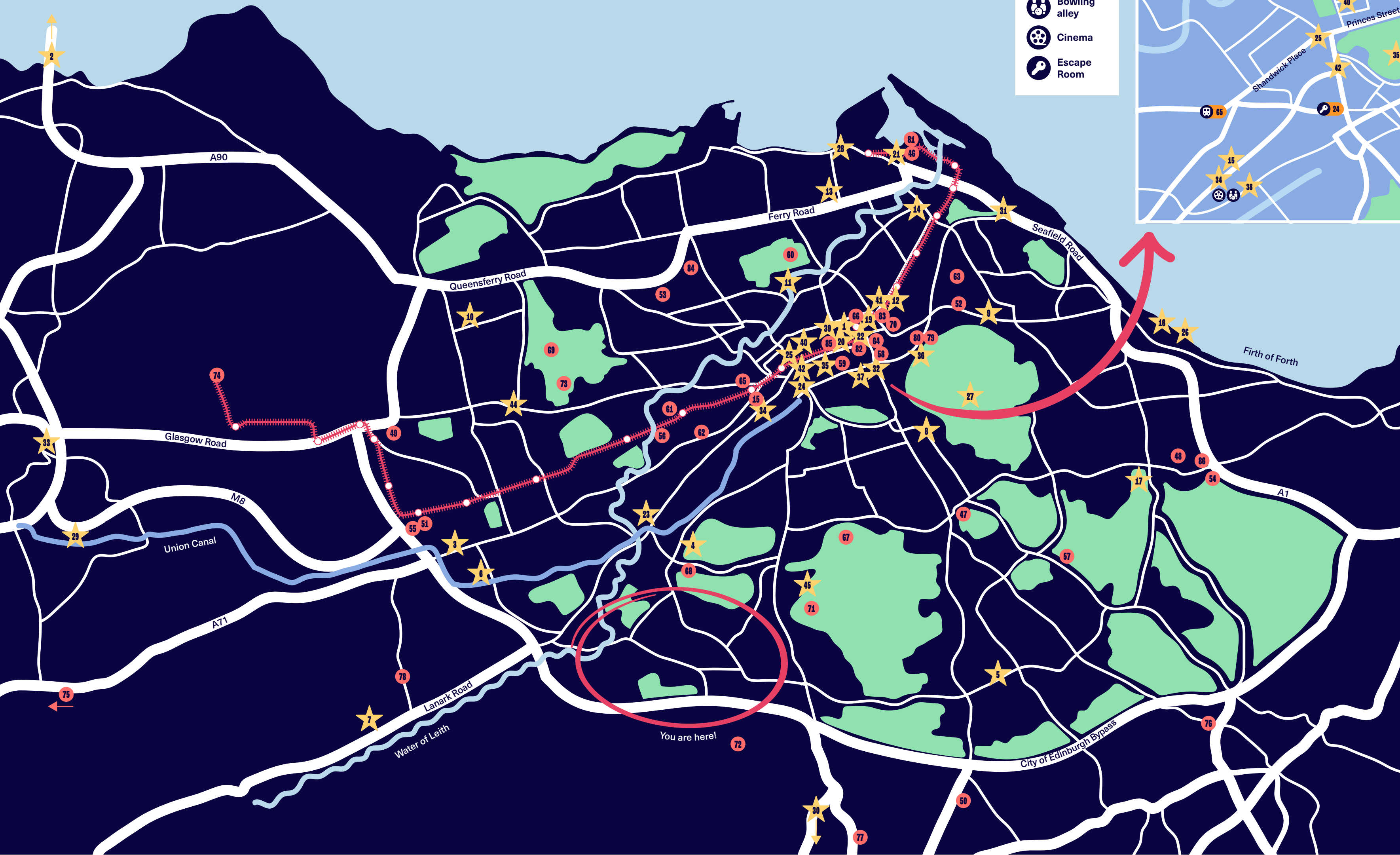
• Scottish Childminding Association:
www.childminding.org/find-a-childminder

GPs and dentists

• General medical services in Lothian:
www.nhsllothian.scot

• Emergency dentist Ring NHS 24 on 111, or ring Chalmers Dental Centre 0131 536 4800
- ### FURTHER NOTES
- #### Schools and nurseries
- Please look at Edinburgh council website for catchment information:
www.edinburgh.gov.uk
- ## Dreghorn area, Edinburgh
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- All information correct as of July 2026.

Your guide to Edinburgh



Map key

Train station

Bus station

Bowling alley

Cinema

Escape Room



- 37 National Museum of Scotland

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Free entry
- 38 Gravity Trampoline Park

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- 39 The Standing Order (JD Wetherspoon)

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We recommend Wetherspoons for cheaper food!
- 40 The Alexander Graham Bell (JD Wetherspoon)

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- 41 The Playfair (JD Wetherspoon)

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- 42 The Caley Picture House (JD Wetherspoon)

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- 43 The Booking Office (JD Wetherspoon)

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- 44 The White Lady (JD Wetherspoon)

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- 45 Braid Hills Golf Course (Edinburgh Leisure)

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One of multiple golf courses around the city run by Edinburgh Leisure.
- 58 Museum of Childhood

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- 59 Camera Obscura

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- 60 Royal Botanic Gardens

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- 61 BT Murrayfield Stadium

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- 62 Tynecastle Stadium

[Visit website](#)

Heart of Midlothian FC
- 63 Easter Road Stadium

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Hibernian FC
- 64 Waverley Station

[Visit website](#)
- 65 Haymarket Station

[Visit website](#)
- 66 St Andrews Square Bus Station

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- 67 Blackford Hill
- 68 Craiglockhart Hill
- 69 Corstorphine Hill
- 70 Calton Hill
- 71 Braids Hill
- 72 Pentland Hills
- 73 Edinburgh Zoo

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OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

- 46 Ocean Terminal Shopping Centre

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- 47 Cameron Toll Shopping Centre

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- 48 Fort Kinnaird Retail Park

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- 49 Gyle Shopping Centre

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- 50 Straiton Retail Park
- 51 Hermiston Gait Retail Park
- 52 Meadowbank Retail Park

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- 53 Craigleith Retail Park

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- 54 B&Q Newcraighall

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- 55 B&Q Hermiston Gait

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- 56 Wickes

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- 57 Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh

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Also the location of the Sick Kids Hospital
- 74 Edinburgh Airport

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- 75 Klondyke Garden Centre

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- 76 Dobbies Garden Centre

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- 77 Damhead Garden Centre

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- 78 Riccarton Garden Centre

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- 79 Holyrood Palace

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- 80 Scottish Parliament

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- 81 Royal Yacht Britannia

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- 82 Edinburgh Dungeon

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- 83 Escape Hunt Edinburgh

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- 84 Western General Hospital

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- 85 Primark Princes Street

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- 86 Primark Fort Kinnaird

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TOP RECOMMENDATIONS FROM ARMED FORCES FAMILIES

- 1 MINISO

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- 2 Deep Sea World

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- 3 Time Twisters

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- 4 Craiglockhart Leisure and Tennis Centre (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 5 Gracemount Leisure Centre (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 6 Wester Hailes High School leisure facilities (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 7 Currie Community High School leisure facilities (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 8 Royal Commonwealth Pool (Edinburgh Leisure)

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Also features Aquadash
- 9 Meadowbank Sport Centre (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 10 Drumbrae Leisure Centre (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 11 Glenogle Swim Centre (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 12 Edinburgh Playhouse

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Theatre
- 13 Trinity Academy Sports Campus (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 14 Leith Victoria Swim Centre (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 15 Dalry Swim Centre (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 16 Portobello Swim Centre (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 17 Jack Kane Sports Centre (Edinburgh Leisure)

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- 18 SoftCore Cookies

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White chocolate Twix is great!
- 19 St James Quarter

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Lane 7 Bowling, shops, food outlets, cinema and good place to hang out.
- 20 HMV (Princes Street)

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- 21 HMV (Ocean Terminal)

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- 22 Waverley Market

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Greggs, Churros, Chopstix,
- 23 World of Bowling

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- 24 Escape Edinburgh

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- 25 Lothian Buses travel hub

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- 26 Portobello Beach
- 27 Arthur's Seat

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A 251 metre high peak of an extinct 350 million year old volcano located in Holyrood Park.
- 28 Alien Rock

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- 29 Ratho Edinburgh International Climbing Arena (EICA)

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- 30 Ryze Trampoline Park

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- 31 FunParx Edinburgh

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Ninja warrior zones, arcades, inflatable zone.
- 32 Forbidden Planet

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Pop culture shop, pop genres, comic, science fiction & fantasy.
- 33 Xtreme Karting

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Indoor Karting, Escape Rooms and Laser.
- 34 Fountain Park

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Cinema, restaurants, soft play, arcade, bowling and Volcano Falls crazy golf complex.
- 35 Edinburgh Castle

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Book in advance!
- 36 Dynamic Earth

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Science Museum

HANDY HINTS AND TOP TIPS FROM ARMED FORCES FAMILIES

Lothian Buses services 16 and N16 run from Redford Road into Edinburgh city centre. Services 4 and 27 are also available nearby on Oxfords Road. Children aged 5-22 are entitled to free bus travel with a Young Persons' National Entitlement Card (NEC). Applications can be made via www.mygov.scot with parents or carers applying on behalf of under 16s.

The following activities are accessible to families (if the partner has the appropriate family ID card):

Gym on camp at Dreghorn – as per advertisements through the gym.

Swimming pool on camp at Dreghorn – at the allocated family times as per advertising from the swimming pool.

Groups on offer include:

Tiny Terrors - Monday morning 10am- 12pm at Sharpe's Retreat Community Centre.

Book Club - every second Thursday of the month at Sharpe's Retreat Community Centre (or online) they also have a Facebook group.

Youth Clubs every week.

Wednesday evening 5pm – 7pm for S1 and above.

Friday afternoons 1pm – 4pm for P4 to P7.

Access to Sharpe's Retreat Community Centre is daily and the **3 Rifles Unit Welfare Office (UWO)** run Coffee and Waffles on Monday and Thursday mornings 10am – 12pm. During the Coffee and Waffles family members can obtain a Family ID card from the UWO.

Forces Wives Challenge are a network that support military and veterans' wives and can help with socialising and building community.

For serving female soldiers of any age **Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association (SSAFA) safe to serve** offer support with bullying, harassment and inappropriate behaviours.

Defence Medical Welfare Service (DMWS) offer a completing chain of command free counselling service: dmws.org.uk/seen-and-heard