The Carnelley Chemistry Laboratory was the first building to be designed and built for the University of Dundee. Opened in 1950, the building is now the home of the School of the Life Sciences. It also houses the Centre for Molecular Cell and Developmental Biology, one of the University’s renowned research centres.

The McManus: Dundee’s Art Gallery & Museum

The McManus was founded in 1887 by the McManus family, who wanted to provide a free cultural gallery in Dundee. The museum opened in 1892 and was named after the McManus brothers, who were local prominent Dundee businessmen.

The building originally housed the College of Art and later became a museum. It is now home to the Dundee Art Gallery and Museum collection, which includes a range of historical and contemporary art.

Dundee Science Centre

Dundee Science Centre is an interactive science museum that is located at the University of Dundee. It opened in 1992 and is one of the top science centres in the UK.

The centre features a wide range of exhibits and interactive displays that allow visitors to explore the wonders of science and technology. Visitors can learn about topics such as astronomy, physics, engineering, and biology.

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Hiking Guide to Dundee

Dundee is a city with many parks and green spaces, making it an ideal destination for hiking and walking. This guide provides information on some of the best hiking trails in Dundee, including the Dundee Discovery Walk and the Dundee City Centre Trail. It includes details on the locations, distances, and difficulty levels of each trail.

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Dundee is now celebrated internationally for its pioneering work in medical sciences, in particular the University of Dundee’s landmark groundbreaking research into cancer, diabetes, drug development and surgical techniques. But the city has many more amazing stories of innovation and discovery in medicine and biology, past and present, and the three walking tours presented here will introduce you to some of the most extraordinary.

Basic information about each topic is presented on this map, but you will find more in-depth information, images and videos on the accompanying website at uod.ac.uk/DundeeDiscoveriesMap

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Start at Mariner Drive car park

1 W L & G Associates

Gore is a US-based company. Their famous Gore-Tex fabric is used extensively across the medical industry, and is featured in the Centre for Medical Education, which has played a pivotal role in training the next generation of doctors. The Gore-Tex fabric is made from silicone-coated Teflon, a material that is resistant to water and air.

2 Ninewells Community Garden

This volunteer-run community garden was set up to support wellbeing, therapeutic and community health. Eight of its plots are used to plant a public garden, featuring plants traditionally used in medicine. The surrounding woodland area is a popular spot for walking and natural history enthusiasts.

3 Ninewells Library, School of Medicine

The University of Dundee has developed significantly since its first beginnings in 1961 and was recently named Medical School of the UK in the Complete University Guide 2023. Today, the laboratory of Colin Henderson and Roland Wolf studies how metabolism and cancer therapy and how it is delivered to patients.

4 Clinical Research Centre

Open in 2007, the Clinical Research Centre is a hub for clinical trial activity. Surrounded by key research areas such as cancer and cardiovascular disease, the centre has also become renowned internationally for its work in diabetes research, conducting large-scale population studies and using this data to deliver better health outcomes.

5 Jacqui Wood Cancer Centre

Jacqui Wood was Chair of the Ninewells Cancer Campaign from its foundation in 1991 until her own death from the disease in 2013. She worked tirelessly to raise awareness and develop research into the treatment of people with type 2 diabetes.

6 Pharmacists Special Service

This new facility manufactures medicines when local licensed manufacturers don’t meet the specific needs of patients. This includes medicines that have difficulty in storage or packaging, for particular ingredients, and special preparation and routes for administration.

7 University of Dundee Museum Services & Life Sciences

Created by the University of Dundee Museum Services and School of Life Sciences with support from the School of Medicine, the University of Dundee Museum Services & Life Sciences is dedicated to promoting the understanding of biology, past and present. The museum houses a vast collection of biological specimens, including examples of plants and animals from around the world, as well as objects representing the history of medicine and science.

8 Jackson Row Community Garden

This volunteer-run community garden was set up to support wellbeing, therapeutic and community health. Eight of its plots are used to plant a public garden, featuring plants traditionally used in medicine. The surrounding woodland area is a popular spot for walking and natural history enthusiasts.

9 Main Entrance, Ninewells Hospital

Ninewells was the first new teaching hospital to be built in Britain since the 1950s, and many of its design principles were revolutionary. When it opened in 1974 it attracted attention from all over the world, and is hailed by the International Hospital Federation as the “Jewel in the Scottish Hospital Crown.” In 1974 it attracted attention from all over the world, and was hailed by the International Hospital Federation as the “Jewel in the Scottish Hospital Crown.”

10 Tört Centre

Tört stands for Torsell Orthopaedic, Rehabilitation Technology and entrepreneurial activities in health care. It is the first centre in the UK to provide an integrated rehabilitation programme for patients. The centre has since expanded to encompass the latest technologies and new forms of medical education.

11 Thomas MacLagan Wing

Thomas MacLagan was Medical Superintendent at Dundee Royal Infirmary in the 1960s, when he pioneered the clinical use of antibiotics. His most important work, however, came in the development of the new infirmary building which opened in 1963 on the site of the City Centre hospital.

12 MacKinnon Building

This building is home to the Centre for Medical Education, which has played a pioneering role in developing medical teaching around the world. One of its key features is the University of Dundee’s Medical School, which is based on a modular system of education and training.

13 Radiation Therapy

The Radiotherapy department opened at Ninewells in 1974, building on the earlier work of clinicians who had previously researched and developed the technology. The department has since become renowned for its work in the treatment of cancer.

14 Carseview Centre

Mental health treatment began in Dundee in 1805 when an asylum opened as part of the Lunatic Asylum Act. In 1968, the first unit for the treatment of mental illness opened in Dundee, and the Carseview Centre was established in 1974 as a centre for the treatment of mental illness.

15 Carvone Centre

Medical Education and Research have played a pivotal role at the University of Dundee, helping to shape the psychiatrists and mental health nurses of the future by providing shadowing opportunities and placements in a variety of mental health care settings.

16 Wilson House

The building at the end of Woodburn Lane is home to the Institute for Medical Science & Technology, which brings together experts in biomedical and engineering sciences with the goal of developing new technologies and treatments for a range of medical conditions.

17 Mackinnon Building

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18 Safety notice

Please follow current Scottish Government COVID-19 guidance while undertaking the activity.