Online Mapping: Find My Nearest User Guide

Argyll and Bute Council's Find My Nearest is an online map based service that can provide information on a wide range of Community and Leisure services.



The Find My Nearest application can be accessed on the home page of the Council's website as below:



Getting Started



When you open **Find My Nearest** you will see the screen below, if you have enabled tracking of your location then it should be centred on your current location. Additionally, any Community or Leisure facilities found within 20 miles (as the crow flies) will be listed beneath.



Find a Location



To find a location on the map use the Search box. Ideally enter a postcode e.g. PA31 8JL and press enter. This will zoom to the centre of that postcode although this may, in rural areas, be some distance from your chosen location. If entering a road name or place name please be aware that this will be searching a worldwide database. See the following pages for search tips on searching for towns, villages or streets.



Find a Location – Place Name Search Tips 1



As the search uses an online worldwide database, and only ten suggestions are returned, there are some tips which may assist you to find your required location. In general if the ten returned suggestions don't contain the location you are looking for trying adding "Argyll" to the search. For example searching for "Tarbert" as below does bring up Tarbert, Scotland as the first suggestion but it is not clear that this either of the two Tarbert's in Argyll – Loch Fyne or Jura.

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Find a Location – Place Name Search Tips 2



Adding "Argyll" to the search will only bring up local suggestions, in most cases, and will list some road number and road name locations as well. Selecting any of these will locate Tarbert, Loch Fyne in this case. For Tarbert, Isle of Jura adding "Jura" will return one result as per the bottom of the page below. For the Helensburgh and Lomond area "Dunbartonshire" should be added in place of "Argyll" and for Bute, "Isle of Bute" should be used.

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Find a Location – Street Name Search Tips 1



Street names will be repeated across the world even more than place names so may require more refining to find the street you require. It has been noted, however, that many streets in the USA, Canada, Australia etc use abbreviations – e.g. Rd for Road, Dr for Drive – so typing a street name in full will restrict the number of results. The example below using "Argyll Rd" shows mostly USA and other non-UK results.



Find a Location – Street Name Search Tips 2



Changing the search to "Argyll Road" shows results in Great Britain only but there are many Argyll Road's so none in Argyll are displayed. Searching for "Argyll Road, Argyll" will display results mostly in Argyll and Bute but adding the town is recommended – e.g. Argyll Road, Dunoon – as this will locate most streets in Argyll and Bute. Less common street names, e.g. Crochan Road in the list below, should be found without the need for a town name.



Moving around the map



Once an address or postcode is selected the map will re-centre at this location. The map can be zoomed, panned etc as usual using the mouse wheel or the tools in the top left corner, alternatively it is possible to zoom in by holding down the Shift key and dragging a box using the mouse.



Selecting the Search Results



The Search Results below can be expanded. Select a category and all items found will be listed below. The map will redraw, to show both your selected location and the items listed in the search.

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The number in each category indicates how many features are found within a 20 mile radius (NB this is as the crow flies, which can produce unexpected results in Argyll and Bute!)

Each item can be selected to provide further information, (including weblinks where available) and the straight-line distance from your chosen location is listed.

Show on Map will highlight that particular feature on the map. Our 'Find my nearest' mapping system lets you find council offices, swimming pools and libraries near you. To get started, simply type your postcode or address into the search box below:







For any further assistance or if you have any questions please contact Argyll & Bute's GIS team: gis@argyll-bute.gov.uk

