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# Say aye to Black Isle

**North of Inverness, where the Firth of Moray meets the sea, lays Black Isle Brewery. Scotland's first and only organic brewers, they distil sustainability into every bottle of their craft beers and lagers.**

Where once there was a cattle shed, David Gladwin has spent the last 19 years building his vision of what responsible, organic brewing should be. The early popularity of their expertly crafted beers meant he was soon able to buy the farm on which the now bustling little brewery was built. After years of shouting about the virtues of organics, they could finally put their money where their mouth was (David's words, not ours) and convert the surrounding 130 acres of Scottish countryside. They even introduced their own flock of black sheep to the land.

"Sure, it's less productive, but it's much more diverse. Where we lose in tonnes per acre, we gain beautiful wildlife. The whole ecology of the place has improved."

What it means is that they're able to grow the majority of their organic barley right on

the Black Isle, combining it with fresh water from their own borehole. This reduces their carbon footprint and adds a local character to each of their bottled beers, as well as providing the sheep with a kind of warm, malty porridge once it's been through the mash tun.

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If you're lucky enough to visit this particularly bonny part of the world, Black Isle offer free tours of the place the boozy magic happens, and you can enjoy their hospitality (as well as their beer by the barrelful) in their 27 tap 'bar and rooms' in Inverness. Even better; should you find yourself north of the border in September you can indulge in a spot of organic camping at their two night music and

beer festival extravaganza, Jocktoberfest.

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## Always Organic

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You'll find a cellar-ful of Black Isle's unbeatable brews on our website (there's even a gluten free option so no one need miss out). If you're not sure where to start, we've got six of their best beers in one box. Black Isle Brewery Taster Case, (6 bottles), £12.49

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**A sheep walks into a baaaaah...**  
...ewe know the rest.

