



Highland Archaeology Festival 2023 Events and Special Exhibitions

Below is the programme of events and special exhibitions offered by organisations, museums and individuals during the festival 23rd September to 13th October. Further details and events submitted after print deadline can be found on the HAF website www.highlandarchaeologyfestival.org.

After each event title, there is a code for the region in square brackets: ON = Online Event, AR = Argyll, BS = Badenoch & Strathspey, CA = Caithness, IN = Inverness & area, LO = Lochaber, MO = Moray, NA = Nairn, RC = Ross & Cromarty, SL = Skye & Lochalsh, SU = Sutherland.

For walks, organisers have rated them:

Level 1: a simple walk, appropriate for all reasonably mobile people

Level 2: a longer or more rigorous walk appropriate for those used to walking in the outdoors

Level 3: a long or strenuous walk demanding a moderate degree of fitness and health.

For all outdoor walks ensure you have suitable footwear for rough walking (preferably boots) and bring waterproofs and warm clothing.

Events

Saturday 23rd September

Hilton of Cadboll Excavation [RC]

23rd September 2023, 9:00-16:00

Historic Hilton Trust, Historic Environment Scotland and AOC Archaeology

Join the Historic Hilton Trust, Historic Environment Scotland and AOC Archaeology for excavations at Hilton of Cadboll, where a fine Pictish cross-slab stood for 800 years. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for one day, several days or the whole thing from 12th to 25th September (except for Monday 18th September which will be a day off). If you're able to sign up for several consecutive days, you'll get the chance to experience different elements of the dig.

There will be a range of different activities available for volunteers depending on the day (e.g., finds cleaning, recording). No previous experience is required. Volunteers will be guided and trained by the archaeologists on site. Site hours will be around 9:00am to 4:00pm with morning break and lunch break. Please bring your own pack lunch, water bottle and waterproofs. Sturdy boots such as walking boots or walking wellies are recommended. If you have garden gloves and kneeling mats, these can be brought along, but all digging equipment is provided.

To sign up, contact Hugh Skinner (hughmskinner@gmail.com) from the Historic Hilton Trust.

Hilton of Cadboll Excavation Open Day [RC]

23rd September 2023, 9:00-16:00

Historic Hilton Trust, Historic Environment Scotland and AOC Archaeology

Join the Historic Hilton Trust, Historic Environment Scotland and AOC Archaeology for an Open Day of the excavations at Hilton of Cadboll, where a fine Pictish cross-slab stood for 800 years.

For more information please contact hughmskinner@gmail.com from the Historic Hilton Trust.

Discover Grantown [BS]

23rd September 2023 10:00-12:30

Strathspey Tours

Guided walk around this historic Georgian town founded in 1765. From the square through the beautiful pine forest to the river Spey and return to the Highland Street.

Meet at the War Memorial, the Square, Grantown-on-Spey

Children welcome if with adult.. Dogs welcome if on lead. Level 1 walk. Cost: £10

Bookings (preferably by email) to:

Strathspey Tours

Tel: 07876235408

Email: info@strathspeytours.com

www.strathspeytours.com

Facebook: www.strathspeytours.com

Castle Roy Open Day [BS]

23rd September 2023 10:00-15:00

Castle Roy Trust

Open day at the Castle Roy. Trustees on hand to talk to visitors and a morning and afternoon talk by the eminent historian Simon Forder on both days.

Free - Donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Dogs welcome if on lead. Suitable for wheelchair access

Castle Roy Trust

Tel: 07764 944 742

www.castleroy.org.uk

Highland Family Heritage Day [RC]

23rd September 2023 10:00-16:00

Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

Launching HAF this year, with a family day full of activities for all ages

Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH) is proud to host the Highland Family Heritage Day which will take place at Dingwall Academy and Library in Dingwall. This will be a family friendly event showcasing local heritage organisations and the heritage of the Highlands, activities for all ages, a programme of talks, craft stalls, guided walks and re-enactors.

A free fun filled day out for the whole family!

Venue: Dingwall Community Library, Academy, Dingwall, IV15 9LT

Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

Tel: 07788 835466

Email: info@archhighland.org.uk

www.archhighland.org.uk

Carnassie Rock Art Excavation Open Day [AR]

23rd September 2023 10:00-16:00

Kilmartin Museum / Archaeology Scotland

Kilmartin Museum is joining forces with Archaeology Scotland to undertake archaeological excavations at three prehistoric rock art sites in Kilmartin Glen. The Kilmartin area has long been

recognised as an internationally significant focus for enigmatic carvings dated to the Neolithic and Bronze Age. Join us for an Open Day of the excavations so you can find out how we are getting on and what we have found.

Places are limited, so please email us at adopt@archaeologyscotland.org.uk to find out more and book your place.

WW2 focused tour of the Inverness RADAR filter bunker [IN]

23rd September 2023 10:00-12:30

Behind the Radar

2-3 hour tour of the 2 level 1940s underground RDF/RADAR filter bunker. Focus will be on the WW2 aspects of the historic use of the building. Attendees can try their hands at operating a simulation of 1940s RDF/RADAR equipment.

The building is listed and – being underground – cannot be modified for non-ambulant use. Guide dogs are welcome. Stairs (with handrail) for access to each level.

Meet at Radar Bunker Inverness, IV2 3TX (NH 6825 4559)

Children welcome if with adult. Donations welcome

To book: visit https://www.supersaas.co.uk/schedule/login/bunkertour/doors_open
create an account, book a slot

Pictish Stencil Art [RC]

23rd September 2023 10:00-11:00

Tarbat Discovery Centre

Making artwork using an alphabet from Tarbat and Pictish animal stencils.

Free workshop funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Venue: Tarbat Discovery Centre

Special event for children aged 7-11 years old. Suitable for wheelchair access

Free tickets for this workshop must be booked in advance and are available at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/tarbatdiscoverycentre/984515>

For more information please contact:

Tarbat Discovery Centre

Tel: 01862 871351

Email: admin@tarbat-discovery.co.uk

www.tarbat-discovery.co.uk

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/tarbatdiscoverycentre/>

St Ninian's 30-year Journey among the Picts of Scotland [SU]

23rd September 2023 11:00-13:00

Timespan Museum

Talk by Audrey Munro, based on research by 20th century biographer, Rev. Dr. Archibald Scott (Helmsdale's minister for over 50 years). This is part 2 of two walks on the topic of St Ninian (the first is on 16th Sept, 11-1 at Timespan and focusses on his early life).

Venue: Timespan Museum, Helmsdale

This talk follows Ninian's journey from Galloway to Shetland, focusing on Navidale and the Saint's other northern foundations at Wick, and on Orkney and Shetland. The talk will also cover Pictish sculptured stones connecting Ninian and Dr. Scott, and the national commemorations in 1932 marking the 1500th anniversary of the Saint's death. There are also plans to visit Ninian's site at Navidale by minibus in the afternoon.

Bookings to:

Timespan Museum

Tel 01431 821327
Email enquiries@timespan.org.uk
www.timespan.org.uk

Learn Insular Calligraphy and Make a Quill Pen (RC)

23rd September 2023 11:30-12:30
Tarat Discovery Centre

Learn how to cut a reed quill pen, use oak bark ink and write insular calligraphy on parchment. Free workshop funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, as part of the Stories on Skins project. Special event for children aged over 12. Suitable for wheelchair access
Venue: Tarat Discovery Centre

Free tickets for this workshop must be booked in advance and are available at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/taratdiscoverycentre/984534>

Tarat Discovery Centre

Tel: 01862 871351

Email: admin@tarat-discovery.co.uk

www.tarat-discovery.co.uk

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/taratdiscoverycentre/>

Tour of Kinloss Abbey and the usually locked Abbot's House (MO)

23rd September 2023 13:00-16:00
Kinloss Abbey Trust

A free tour of Kinloss Abbey and it's usually locked Abbot's House will take place from 2-3pm with 2 Kinloss Abbey Trust's Trustees. Other Trustees will be available from 1pm - 4pm to allow access to the Abbot's House. Venue: Kinloss Abbey, Kinloss, Forres IV36 3TL
Free event. donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult/ Suitable for wheelchair access (Abbey only). Dogs welcome if on lead. Level 1 walk

For more information please contact:

Kinloss Abbey Trust

Tel: 07403 844344

Email: timothyfinnegan@hotmail.com

Website: <https://kinlossabbey.org>

Dig, Carve & Paint at Glencoe Museum [LO]

23rd September 2023 13:00-15:00
Glencoe Folk Museum

Kids can get their hands dirty and be crafty over the weekend at Glencoe Folk Museum
Special Event for children. Suitable for wheelchair access. Dogs Welcome if on Lead
£3 entry into the museum for adults but kids and locals go free. If kids are participating then it's £2 per craft. No booking needed

Glencoe Folk Museum

Email: learning@glencoemuseum.com

www.glencoemuseum.com/

Facebook: @GlencoeFolkMuseum

Sunday 24th September

Hilton of Cadboll Excavation

24th September 2023 9:00-16:00

See entry for 23rd September

Guided walk around the cleared townships of Urachoile and Dalvair, Strath Brora [SU]

24th September 2023 10:00-16:30

Clyne Heritage Society

The townships of Urachoile and Dalvair, on the S side of the River Brora, were cleared during the latter stages of the notorious Sutherland Clearances in the early nineteenth century. However, a much earlier landscape of Bronze/Iron Age hut circles and clearance cairns exists here too. We will examine all of the archaeological remains in the area, spanning c4,000 years. And the scenery in Strath Brora is stunning too!

In the event of bad weather, the walk will take place the following Sunday. Please phone if in doubt. Meeting place: Brora Heritage Centre. Suitable for children if accompanied by an adult. Bring a packed lunch. Level 2 walk - c4.5km (3 miles) walk is over rough ground, but is suitable for all ages if you have a good level of fitness. There are no great hills to be tackled, but the walk has a few undulations - but it is not a race and we can take our time. Good boots a necessity. Dogs welcome on a lead – but beware there can be adders around.

To book please contact:

Clyne Heritage Society (Nick Lindsay)

Tel: 01408 621338 (home)/01408 622024 (heritage centre)

Email: nicklindsay@btinternet.com

www.clyneheritage.com

Castle Roy Open Day [BS]

24th September 2023 10:00-15:00

Castle Roy Trust

See entry for 23rd September

Glenbeg - Grantown's Hidden Gem [BS]

24th September 2023 10:00-13:00

Strathspey Tours

Guided walk in a loop around Glenbeg near Grantown-on-Spey on a minor road and farm tracks following the Glenbeg Burn with numerous archaeological sites, tales of Clan Grant plus local myths and legends. A landscape full of history, people and place.

Meet at Glenbeg Road (NJ 023 263)

Level 1 walk. A ford over a burn is crossed on stepping stones. May get wet feet depending on the height of the water level. Dogs if on lead Cost: £10

Bookings (preferably by email) to:

Strathspey Tours

Tel: 07876235408

Email: info@strathspeytours.com

www.strathspeytours.com

Facebook: www.strathspeytours.com

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See entry for 23rd September

An Engineered Landscape: A country retreat of the Victorian engineer Sir John Fowler [RC]

25th September 2023 13:30-14:30

National Trust for Scotland

Join a member of the National Trust for Scotland's Ranger team for a guided walk around Corrieshalloch Gorge National Nature Reserve, which was once part of the Highland estate of the Victorian engineer Sir John Fowler, chief engineer of the Forth Bridge and Metropolitan Railway. Exploring along Lady Fowler's Fern Walk, we will look at how the Fowler family transformed the landscape, using engineering techniques to create a haven for sport and pleasure. The route is on a gravel surface, which is rough in places, and includes steps and stone cross drains that need to be stepped over with care. Suitable footwear and outdoor clothing are required, along with midge repellent/headnets depending on the weather. We will meet at the overflow car park and the walk will finish by the suspension bridge, so that you are then free to explore the Reserve further in your own time.

Meeting place: Overflow car park, Corrieshalloch Gorge (OS Grid Ref:NH 20210 77986) -Parking is free for NTS members, or £5 for non-members

Free - Donations welcome -Recommended donation of £5, paid through Eventbrite page (see link below). Dogs welcome if on lead. Level 2 walk. Bookings: please book through Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/corrieshalloch-gorge-national-nature-reserve-33776585551>

For more information please contact:

National Trust for Scotland

Tel:01854 333333

Email:corrieshalloch@nts.org.uk

Facebook:<https://www.facebook.com/CorrieshallochGorge>

Monday 26th September

Creative mapping and Book-Binding Workshop (IN)

26th September 2023

HES

Create your own maps, sketchbooks, notebooks, and zines inspired by the rich history and archaeology of Glenurquhart and Loch Ness.

Venue: Urquhart Castle. Suitable for wheelchair access. Bring a packed lunch. Cost: £20 per ticket - places must be booked in advance

To book please visit:

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/visit-a-place/whats-on/event/?eventId=aa1e31e2-f63d-4114-8852-b068009ca7a0>

For more information please contact:

HES

Email: learning@hes.scot

Tel: 0131 668 8961

Chambered Cairns of the Black Isle: The Temple, near Tore [RC]

26th September 2023 11:30-13:00

Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

A visit to one of the Neolithic chambered cairns on the Black Isle Learn about chambered cairns in

the Highlands as we explore this much-disturbed large cairn

Free: donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Level 1 walk.
Meeting place: small carpark near at junction A832 and road to Mains of Tore (OS Grid Ref NH 6171 5293). The car park is small so car share if possible. No booking necessary.

For more information please contact:
Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)
Tel: 07788 835466
Email: archhighland@googlemail.com
www.archhighland.org.uk

Chambered Cairns of the Black Isle: Mulchaidh, near Alcaig [RC]

26th September 2023 14:00-15:30
Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

A visit to one of the Neolithic chambered cairns on the Black Isle, though the jury is out whether this is indeed a Neolithic cairn! We'll explore the cairn, cup-marked stone, and the nearby pre-improved settlement which may be the remains of an early distillery.

Meeting place: Ferintosh Free Church Car Park (OS Grid Ref: NH 5743 5687)
Free - donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Level 1 walk. No booking necessary.

For more information please contact:
Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)
Tel: 07788 835466
Email: archhighland@googlemail.com
www.archhighland.org.uk

Tuesday 27th September

Chambered Cairns of the Black Isle: Auchterflow (and the Folds of Auchterflow)

27th September 2023 10:30-12:30
Black Isle Tourism / ARCH

A leisurely walk of two hours along the main forest road of the Millbuie and then taking in the Folds of Auchterflow (Grid reference NH 6502 5782; MHG54007) and (until this year) a previously unreported Chambered Cairn (Grid Reference NH 6541 5767; MHG62780). The footpaths are excellent and give a good feel for the Millbuie. The guide is no expert and will welcome those who know far more about chambered cairns than he does. He does know the footpaths!

Meet at parking area south of the Mount Eagle mast, Culbokie to Munloch Road (NH 6391 5788)
Children welcome if with adults. Dogs welcome if on lead. Level 1 walk. Free/donations. No booking needed

Julian Paren - Black Isle Tourism / ARCH
Tel: 01463 811486 after 23 September
Email: julian.paren@gmail.com but unavailable until after 23 September

Chambered Cairns of the Black Isle: Kilcoy [RC]

27th September 2023 14:00-16:00
Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

Three chambered cairns and several probable Bronze Age cairns in one visit! We'll explore the fairly well-preserved cairns, including Carn Glas which has been "adopted" by the organising groups, ARCH, North Kessock & District Local History Society and NoSAS. Uneven ground in

rough growth, so you may want to bring walking sticks. No booking necessary.
Free: donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Level 2 walk.
Meeting place: Field off Wellhouse/Drynie Park Road (OS Grid ref: NH 5768 5251)

For more information please contact:
Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)
Tel: 07511 609952
Email: archhighland@googlemail.com
www.archhighland.org.uk

Their Finest Hour - Bring along your wartimes stories! [LO]

27th September 2023 11:00-15:00
Lochaber Archive Centre and West Highland Museum

Lochaber Archive Centre and West Highland Museum are joining forces to deliver "Their Finest Hour", a University of Oxford funded event which collects and archives wartime stories from members of the public. If you, a family member, or friend, have any wartime memories or objects that you would like to share come along. Tea and cake will be provided
Venue: Duncansburgh Church Hall, The Parade, Fort William PH33 6BA

Prehistoric Monument Walk in Kilmartin Glen [AR]

27th September 2023 12:20-16:00
Kilmartin Museum

Meeting place: Kilmartin Museum. Free - donations welcome. Children welcome if aged 10 or over and accompanied by an adult. No dogs allowed unless guide dogs. Level 2 walk

To secure a place on the walk, places must be pre-booked
Please book via our website www.kilmartin.org
Once you are booked onto the walk, you will receive further information about the walk.

Kilmartin Museum
Tel: 01546 510278
Email: education@kilmartin.org
www.kilmartin.org Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KilmartinMuseum/>

Bryan Longmore Memorial Lecture: Alexander Ross: The Making of Inverness. Exploring The Townscape of Inverness and its significance to the City today [IN]

27th September 2023 19:00-21:00
Inverness City Heritage Trust

Bryan Longmore was a Trustee and active supporter of The Inverness City Heritage Trust and its projects. At this Memorial Lecture Calum Maclean will discuss the 19th century Inverness Architect Alexander Ross and his contribution to the townscape of Inverness. Teas and Coffees will be available before the lecture. Free - Donations welcome. Suitable for wheelchair access
Venue: Wasps Creative Academy, Midmills Buildings, Stephen's Street, Inverness, IV2 3JP

To book please contact:
Inverness City Heritage Trust
Tel: 07496 835168
Email: invernesscht@gmail.com
www.invernesscityheritagetrust.org

Thursday 28th September

Backies Broch Guided Walk [SU]

28th September 2023 10:00-12:30

Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

Join ARCH's Development Office, Tessa Till on a guided walk of the Backies Broch, a slightly overlooked Iron Age treasure of the local area. The site was excavated in the early 20th century and all the finds can be found in the Dunrobin Castle Museum. Participants on the walk can get into the castle to view the finds (and the rest of the castle) in the afternoon at a reduced rate. When booking, let Tessa know you are interested in this option.

Free event - donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Dogs welcome if kept on lead. Level 2 walk

Meeting place: To be given out on booking

For more information please contact:

Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

Email: info@archhighland.org.uk

www.archhighland.org.uk

Dingwall Heritage Trail Walk [RC]

28th September 2023 14:00-15:00

Dingwall Museum

A gentle walk around the core of Dingwall following the Heritage Trail of panels showing some of the history of the town. Meeting place: "Welcome" sign at Youth Highland ("Old Post Office" to some). Free - donations welcome. No booking necessary.

Dingwall Museum

Tel: 01349 865366

Email: enquiries@dingwallmuseum.co.uk

www.dingwallmuseum.info

Friday 29th September

Picts in Dingwall Museum [RC]

29th September 2023 11:00-14:00

Dingwall Museum

Discussions with all age levels about the Pictish evidence in Dingwall: tell stories, make art, discuss and discover history (where we can!). Special event for children accompanied by adults. Stories and Pictish colouring. Free - Donations welcome. Suitable for wheelchair access
Venue: Dingwall Museum, High Street, Dingwall

For more information please contact:

Dingwall Museum

Tel: 01349 865366

Email: enquiries@dingwallmuseum.co.uk

WW2 focused tour of the Inverness RADAR filter bunker [IN]

29th September 2023 16:00-18:30

Behind the Radar

See entry for 23rd September

10,000 Years around Loch Spynie: people in a changing coastal environment [MO]

29th September 2023 19:00-20:30

Elgin Museum

Illustrated lecture based on original research in the area of Loch Spynie, north Moray.

Speaker: Dr Michael Stratigos, Interdisciplinary Fellow, Geosciences and Archaeology, University

of Aberdeen. Cost: Adults £4, Students £2, Moray Society Members Free
Suitable for wheelchair access. Assistance dogs only
To book a place please visit: <https://elginmuseum.org.uk/events-calendar/>

Elgin Museum
Tel: 01343 543675
Email: curator@elginmuseum.org.uk
www.elginmuseum.org.uk
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ElginMuseumMoray/>

Saturday 30th September

The Picts! Online Young Archaeologists' Club Workshop [ON]

30th September 2023 10:00-11:00
Archaeology Scotland

Who were the Picts? How can we uncover their stories? Join us as we look for archaeological evidence of the Picts in the Highlands. This Online Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC) interactive workshop for children and young people is packed with archaeology activities, quizzes and a virtual site visit.

Scotland Online YAC is free to join, all you have to do is complete the online sign-up form [here](#).
Venue: Online via Zoom. Special event for children - The Young Archaeologists Club is aimed at children and young people aged 8-16 years. Free - donations welcome. Donations can be made on Archaeology Scotland's website: [Donate | Archaeology Scotland](#)

To book, sign up to become a member of the Scotland Online Young Archaeologists' Club. This can be done via the MemberMojo page: [Scotland Online YAC \(membermojo.co.uk\)](https://membermojo.co.uk)
Archaeology Scotland
Email: yacscotland@gmail.com
[Young Archaeologists' Club | Archaeology Scotland](#)

A Walk in the Pass/t Errogie to Inverfarigaig [IN]

30th September 2023 10:00-13:00
South Loch Ness Heritage Group

A guided walk looking at the geology, history, archaeology/past industry, mythology and general anecdotes about the area beside the pass from Errogie to Inverfarigaig and Loch Ness.
Meeting place: Errogie Corner (OS Grid Ref: NH 5568 2232 (Beside B862))
Free - Donation welcome. Children welcome if with adult. Dogs welcome if on lead. Level 2 walk. The walk is about 4.5km but is on a quiet public road except for possible minor deviations to view features. It is all downhill. Transport will be arranged to return participants to the starting point.

To book please contact Bob Main on r.main@btinternet.com or 01456 486317

South Loch Ness Heritage Group
www.southlochnessheritage.co.uk

Picts, Distillery and Standing Stones [BS]

30th September 2023 10:00-14:00
Strathspey Tours

Guided walk exploring Inverallan cemetery with its Pictish stone along the river Spey, past the New Cairn Distillery to the standing stones at Ballintomb, the ancient gathering point for Clan Grant. Meet at Inverallan Cemetery Car Park (NJ 027 260). Level 2 walk. Bring a packed lunch. Cost: £10

Bookings (preferably by email) to:

Strathspey Tours
Tel: 07876235408
Email: info@strathspeytours.com
www.strathspeytours.com

Boath: 2 Settlements with Corn-drying Kilns [RC]

30th September 2023 10:30-13:00

Evanton Oral History Project & Alness Community Association

A walk to 2 ruinous post medieval settlements in Boath, both with good examples of corn-drying kilns. 1) Boath Farmstead - Centred NH 5570 7510 (100m by 100m). 2) Boath Farmstead (by Glaick) – access via Boathvic track, gate and across field
Meeting place: Public carpark by Ballavoulen at end of Boath road (before the gate) (OS Grid Ref: NH573 742).

Free - donations welcome to Evanton Oral History Project. Level 2 walk - moderate walk along estate roads and tracks; the settlements with corn kilns are short walk from the tracks.

1. 1.1 miles (2.2 return)
2. 0.7 mile (1.4 return)

To book please contact:
Adrian Clark, Evanton Oral History Project
Tel: 07927 049930
Email: adrian.clark444@btinternet.com
www.evantonhistory.com

Digging up the Past at Strathnaver Museum [SU]

30th September 2023 11:00-16:00

Strathnaver Museum

Digging up the Past at Strathnaver Museum

Family fun day exploring what the archaeology, discovered on the site of our new annex building, tells us about the past. Join us and explore what life was like for the people who lived here between 600 to almost 3,000 years ago! Drop in event with fun interactive family friendly activities using objects in our collection as inspiration. What will you find in our archaeological dig? Can you piece together our fragments of pottery? Help us search for treasure and much more.

Special event for Children. No booking needed. Donations welcome: all funds raised on the day will pay for conservation and analysis of the archaeology found on site in 2021

Strathnaver Museum

Tel: 01641 521418
Email: info@strathnavermuseum.org.uk
info@strathnavermuseum.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/strathnavermuseum

Open Day/"Hector" emigration at Clachan Church [RC]

30th September 2023 11:00-16:00

Clachan Lochbroom Heritage Trust

Open day with display/conversation about the 1773 "Hector" emigration

Venue: Clachan old church. Free - Donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Suitable for wheelchair access

Clachan Lochbroom Heritage Trust
Email: clachanheritagetrust@gmail.com
www.clht.org.uk

Walking Brora's Jurassic Coast: rocks and fossils, salt making and coastal erosion [SU]

30th September 2023 14:00-16:00

Brora Salt Pans Research Group / John o'Groats Trail

Walking Brora's Jurassic Coast: rocks and fossils, salt making and coastal erosion

Join Jacquie and Penny for a leisurely walk along this geologically unique section of the John o' Groats Trail, with rocks dating back to the Middle and Late Jurassic Periods. Learn how coal was used to make salt from seawater and how Brora's 400-year historic salt-making industry was revived in 2021.

Meet at Back Shore car Park, Brora (NC 90975 03579)

Children welcome if with adult. Free / donations. Level 2 walk

Booking please to:

Brora Salt Pans Research Group

Tel: 07530 826 5358

Email: jacquieaitken@btinternet.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BroraSaltPans/>

"What Bones Can Tell Us: Human Osteo-Archaeology and Forensics" [IN]

30th September 2023 14:00-15:30

Inverness Museum & Art Gallery

After nearly forty years in the NHS (as a General Practitioner and an Emergency Medicine Consultant), NOSAS member Andrew Newton now specialises in bringing the history of medicine to life. Using examples of Rosemarkie Man and others, this session includes a talk and workshop on skeletal interpretation from an archaeological perspective.

Venue: Inverness Museum & Art Gallery. Suitable for wheelchair access

Free- Donations welcome. Suitable for age 14 plus, this session will include photos of human remains and skeletons and the presence of human skeletal elements.

Booking is required. Contact: inverness.museum@highlifehighland.com

For more information please contact:

Inverness Museum & Art Gallery

Tel: 01349 781730

Email: inverness.museum@highlifehighland.com

Sunday 1st October

A Sunday Stroll on a Sutherland Shore [SU]

1st October 2023 10:00-11:30

UHI Centre for History / John o'Groats Trail

In this 90-minute walk, talk and conversation, UHI historian and keen stroller of sandy shores, Professor David Worthington, will try to convince you that the coast and the beach is vital to understanding Dornoch and that wider 'herring bone' pattern of peninsulas and saltwater north and north-east of Inverness that some scholars refer to collectively as the 'firthlands'. When viewed from the firthside, and when combined with a stroll along this beautiful section of the John O'Groats Trail, the local history of Dornoch can take on a new perspective. Expect to hear contentious claims about how beaches have histories, and how the past and present can take on a rather different, wonderful or troubling appearance when viewed from the coast.

Meet at Dornoch Beach car park

Children welcome if with adult. Free/donations welcome. Level 2 walk

Bookings please by email to David.Worthington@uhi.ac.uk

UHI Centre for History Tel: 01847 889624

Email: david.worthington@uhi.ac.uk

www.uhi.ac.uk/history

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/UHIHistory>

Explore the Dava Moor [BS]

1st October 2023 10:00-14:00

Strathspey Tours

A guided walk over the Dava Moor near Grantown. Discover the people and the place: who they were, their way of life and the place names in the landscape. We'll visit many of the abandoned crofts scattered over the moor.

Meet at Jesus Saves Stone Layby on the A939 (NJ 010 350). Level 2 walk. Bring a packed lunch.

Cost: £10

Bookings (preferably by email) to:

Strathspey Tours

Tel: 07876235408

Email: info@strathspeytours.com

www.strathspeytours.com

Facebook: www.strathspeytours.com

Military Road Walk at Invermoriston [IN]

1st October 2023 10:00-16:00

NoSAS

A guided walk along a few miles of the Fort Augustus – Bernera 18th Century Military Road, discussing the history and archaeology along the way. It will cover a distance of 12 km/7.5 miles across remote countryside on good paths. Note, the walk requires the crossing of a river (usually small, and crossable without fording). Bring lunch, and wear appropriate hillwalking gear.

Meet at Invermoriston Car Park (NH 42059 16747). Free/donations welcome

Bookings essential to:

NoSAS (Duncan Kennedy)

Tel: 07795 068904

Email: duncan.w.kennedy@gmail.com

www.nosas.co.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/northarchaeo>

WW2 focused tour of the Inverness RADAR filter bunker [IN]

1st October 2023 12:00-14:30

Behind the Radar

See entry for 23rd September

Secrets of the Forest: recently discovered post-mediaeval sites at Lower Guisachan [IN]

1st October 2023 13:30-16:30

Strathglass Heritage Association

Guided walk to sites in Lower Guisachan forest: still, lime kiln, pre-Clearance houses (drive from Cannich village). Meeting place: Marydale Church, Cannich (OS Grid Ref: NH 3412 3173 (Marydale Church)). We will then drive to Lower Guisachan, walk to sites guided by archaeologist and historian. Tea, coffee available in Marydale Church hall after the walk.

Free - Donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied with an adult. Dogs welcome if on lead, but not allowed in Marydale. Level 2 walk

To book please email info@strathglass-heritage.co.uk or phone 01456 415366 or 01456 415457.

Strathglass Heritage Association

Email: info@strathglass-heritage.co.uk

Website: www.strathglass-heritage.co.uk

Dingwall Heritage Trail Walk [RC]

1st October 2023 14:00-15:00

Dingwall Museum

See entry for 28th September

Tuesday 3rd October

Creative mapping and Book-Binding Workshop [IN]

3rd October 2023 10:00-15:00

HES

See entry for 26th September

Wednesday 4th October

The Ballachulish Goddess: 10 Minute talk at Glencoe Folk Museum [LO]

4th October 2023 11:00-15:00

Glencoe Folk Museum

Visit Glencoe Folk Museum and hear more about “the Ballachulish Goddess” in a 10 minute talk by our Learning and Engagement Officer

Children Welcome if with Adults. Suitable for wheelchair access. Dogs Welcome if on Lead. £3 entry into the museum for adults but kids and locals go free.

No booking needed

Glencoe Folk Museum

Email: learning@glencoemuseum.com

www.glencoemuseum.com/

Facebook: @GlencoeFolkMuseum

Prehistoric Monument Walk in Kilmartin Glen [AR]

4th October 2023 13:20-16:00

Kilmartin Museum

See entry for 27th September

The Campaign for Women's Suffrage in the Highlands [RC]

4th October 2023 19:00-20:00

Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

Susan Kruse will provide a talk on the latest research on the campaign for Women’s Suffrage in the Highlands, the subject of a forthcoming book she is working on. Men and women in the Highlands were involved for decades campaigning for the vote, but without militancy. These were suffragists, not suffragettes. Come find out more about this interesting part of Highland history.

Free: donations requested to cover room hire. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult

Venue: Dingwall Community Centre, Tulloch Street, Dingwall

For more information please contact:

Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

Tel: 07788 835466

Email: archhighland@googlemail.com

www.archhighland.org.uk

Thursday 5th October

The Ballachulish Goddess: 10 Minute talk at Glencoe Folk Museum [LO]

5th October 2023 11:00-15:00

Glencoe Folk Museum

See entry for 4th October

Tour of part of the WW2 defences of Bonar Bridge [SU]

5th October 2023 13:30-16:00

HES

Bonar Bridge was a key defence position designed to block an axis advance north or south. The walk will look at some of the surviving pillboxes and roadblocks built to defend the south side of the bridge. Focusing on the sites by Invercharron, the walk will show how the defences were arranged and the position of these pillboxes were located to maximise the defence of the area.

Meet at Drovers Square in Ardgay at 1.30pm (NGR NH 59955 90458)

Level 2 walk - stout footwear and waterproofs needed. Free/donations welcome

Bookings to:

HES (Allan Kilpatrick)

Tel: 07746973812

Email: allan.kilpatrick@hes.scot

“Spare a thought for the exciseman: looking at the social world of whisky smuggling” [ON]

5th October 2023 17:30-18:30

UHI Centre for History

Online public lecture by Dr Darroch Bratt organised by History Talks Live, UNI Centre for History.

Details on how to join from [UHI History Talks Live website](https://www.uhi.ac.uk/en/research-enterprise/cultural/centre-for-history/history-talks-live/spare-a-thought-for-the-exciseman-looking-at-the-social-world-of-whisky-smuggling.html).

For more information please contact:

UHI Centre for History

Email: historyevents@uhi.ac.uk

www.uhi.ac.uk/en/research-enterprise/cultural/centre-for-history/history-talks-live/spare-a-thought-for-the-exciseman-looking-at-the-social-world-of-whisky-smuggling.html

Illustrated talk - "Are we nearly there yet? The story of Scottish milestones" [SU]

5th October 2023 19:00-20:00

Clyne Heritage Society

An illustrated talk by Bruce Keith, retired surveyor and environmentalist, on a journey through Scotland celebrating our milestone heritage.

Venue: Brora Community Centre (at the rear of Brora Primary School in Johnstone Place)

Free - Raffle (donations welcome) and refreshments.. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Suitable for wheelchair access

Clyne Heritage Society

Tel: 01408 621338

Email: nicklindsay@btinternet.com

Website: www.clyneheritage.com

Contin's Hidden History: recent geophysical survey at Contin Parish Church (RC)

5th October 2023 19:30-21:00

Contin Community Council

A public talk summarising the findings of the recent geophysical survey in the fields around Contin Church, and help plan for future archaeological activities. Contin Church was founded in the 7th/8th century by the Applecross Saint Maelrubhe. Preliminary above-ground surveys have

suggested buildings and possibly a settlement were present. This talk will show what was found during the site's first ever geophysical survey, and what the next steps will be. Event organised by Contin Community Council with UHI Archaeology Institute (ORCA).

Venue: Contin Community Hall (OS Grid Ref NH 456562)

Free: donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Wheelchair accessible

For more information please contact:

Contin Community Council

Tel: 07483 251514

Email: philbaarda@hotmail.com

www.continvillage.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/contincc/

Friday 6th October

Flint Knapping Workshop [AR]

6th October 2023 10:00-14:30

Kilmartin Museum

Flint knapping workshop with John Lord, in the grounds of Kilmartin Museum

There are 3 workshop sessions with timed slots at: 10am to 11am / 11.30am to 12.30pm / 1.30pm to 2.30pm, with 6 places available on each workshop. The cost per person is £15 per workshop

John Lord has 50 years' experience as a flint knapper and was awarded the BEM for services to the profession in 2017. In a one-hour workshop, participants will learn how to make flakes or blades that can then be worked into projectile points or knives. At the end of the workshop, participants should have produced a point that can be compared to genuine artefacts from the past as ancient standards were variable.

Minimum age for participants is 16 years.

Book your slot on the Kilmartin website

Kilmartin Museum

Tel: 01546 510278

Email: education@kilmartin.org

www.kilmartin.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/KilmartinMuseum/

The Ballachulish Goddess: 10 Minute talk at Glencoe Folk Museum [LO]

6th October 2023 11:00-15:00

Glencoe Folk Museum

See entry for 4th October

Dingwall Museum - Explore the Collection with a Guide [RC]

6th October 2023 12:00-16:00

Dingwall Museum

Come to Dingwall Museum and receive a guided tour of the collection that shows off the people of Dingwall – there may be some surprises!

Free - donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult

To book please contact:

Dingwall Museum

Tel: 07919 311584

Email: enquiries@dingwallmuseum.co.uk

Visit to Kinlochleven WW1 PoW camp [LO]

6th October 2023 12:00-16:00

HES

Now a remote location 2.5km (1.5 miles) from the nearest road, in a deep Highland Glen, this was once home to 1150 men. The camp was built to accommodate men to construct the expansion of the Blackwater reservoir Hydro-scheme for Kinlochleven Aluminium smelter. A massive camp was constructed to hold 1000 German and Austrian PoWs and up to 150 British guards. This tour will look at everything that survives from the narrow gauge railway, buildings, toilets, barracks and middens, as well as discuss the smelter and the other PoW and conscientious objector camp and their lasting impact on the area.

Meet outside the Ice Factory at Kinlochleven at 12pm (NGR NN 18806 61940)
Level 2 Walk about 6km of moderate walking requiring good footwear, and waterproofs. Bring packed lunch

Bookings to:
HES (Allan Kilpatrick)
Tel: 07746973812
Email: allan.kilpatrick@hes.scot

Gonzo Archaeology: the search for a creative archaeological narrative [IN]

6th October 2023 19:00-21:00

Highland Council Historic Environment Team

The Highland Archaeology Festival Conference - Plenary Session will this year be delivered Matt Ritchie, Forestry and Land Scotland. In this talk, Forestry and Land Scotland's archaeologist Matt Ritchie will describe his work towards developing a creative archaeological narrative style. Join him as he imagines Mesolithic map makers, Neolithic tomb keepers and rock artists and Iron Age broch builders. Expect amazing drone photography, beautiful archaeological portraits and superb artwork!

Venue: Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness (entrance at the glass doors). Collect a parking permit just inside the glass doors. Suggested donation £5. Wheelchair accessible. No booking needed.

Highland Council Historic Environment Team
Email: highlandarchaeologyfestival@gmail.com
Tel: 077888 35466

Saturday 7th October

Highland Archaeology Festival Conference [IN]

7th October 2023 9:00-17:00

Highland Council Historic Environment Team

The annual Recent Archaeological Discoveries and Research conference will take place at Council Headquarters Glenurquhart Road, Inverness (entrance at the glass doors). Collect a parking permit just inside the glass doors. Further information on the talks is on the [HAF website](#). Bookings via [Eventbrite](#). Cost: £30 for 2 days, £20 for 1 day. If you cannot book via Eventbrite or view the programme online, please contact Tessa Till at 077888 35466.

Highland Council Historic Environment Team
Email: highlandarchaeologyfestival@gmail.com
Tel: 077888 35466

Get in Touch with History at the North Coast Visitor Centre, Thurso [CA]

7th October 2023 10:00-17:00

North Coast Visitor Centre

Museum visitors will have access to a table with archaeological handling objects. A staff member will be at the table to tell them about the objects and archaeology in general, as well as the Picts and local history. Free event: donations welcome.

Venue: Stones Room, North Coast Visitor Centre, High St, Thurso KW14 8AJ. Suitable for wheelchair access

For more information please contact:

North Coast Visitor Centre

Tel: 01847 805020

Email: robert.kill@highlifehighland.com

www.highlifehighland.com/north-coast-visitor-centre/

Errogie Kirk - Creative Church Project [IN]

7th October 2023 10:00-14:00

Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

We will be opening the Church for visitors to see the development since our Wind and Watertight phase 1. You can take a look at all our plans to repurpose this Free Church into a creative hub for Heritage, Biodiversity, music and crafts. Plus we will have a Heritage display, details of the travelling pulpit, plans for our community App and a pop up art exhibition. We will also be showcasing a young person activity to design a stain glass window project with inspiration from the church.

Venue: Errogie Church. Free - donations welcome. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult

To book please contact:

Sarah Byrne, Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust

Email: sarah@sfctrust.org.uk

stratherrickcommunity.org.uk/

Treasure Trove Finds Day [IN]

7th October 2023 10:00-16:00

Treasure Trove Unit

Finds day hosted by the Treasure Trove Unit for members of the public to hand in finds found by chance or through hobbies such as metal detecting. Venue: Highland Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Rd, Inverness IV3 5PB (inside the glass doors entrance). Free event

Please book a 15 minute finds appointment by clicking on the link below and choosing the HAF 2023 Finds Day: <https://treasuretrovescotland.co.uk/information/events/>

For more information please contact:

Treasure Trove Unit

Email: treasuretrove@nms.ac.uk

Website: <https://treasuretrovescotland.co.uk/>

Explore Dulnain Bridge [BS]

7th October 2023 10:00-14:00

Strathspey Tours

Guided walk to the top of Laggan Hill with great views over Strathspey to the Cairngorms. It will be a gradual ascent of Laggan Hill by road to the TV transmitter. Descend viewing Bronze Age burial cairns, cup marked stones, a Pictish stone, limestone workings and limekiln. A diverse range of archaeology in the landscape.

Meet at Dulnain Bridge Church Hall car park. Bring a packed lunch. Level 2 walk. Cost: £10

Bookings (preferably by email) to:

Strathspey Tours
Tel: 07876235408
Email: info@strathspeytours.com
www.strathspeytours.com

Dingwall Heritage Trail Walk [RC]

7th October 2023 10:30-11:30
Dingwall Museum

See entry for 28th September

Storytelling: Pine Soot or Dubh a' Ghiuthais [RC]

7th October 2023 10:30-11:30
Tartar Discovery Centre

A traditional folktale through the medium of English – hear our Seanachaidh transport you back to the legend of Dubh a' Ghiuthais/Pine Soot, a formidable Viking Princess, the Gaels and their fight to save the great forests of Scotland.

Free storytelling session for children and their families, funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, as part of the Stories on Skins project.

Venue: Tain Library, Stafford St, Tain IV19 1AZ. Suitable for wheelchair access

Free tickets for this workshop must be booked in advance and are available at:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/tartatdiscoverycentre/984550>

For more information please contact:

Tartar Discovery Centre

Tel: 01862 871351

Email: admin@tartar-discovery.co.uk

www.tartar-discovery.co.uk

Facebook: <https://facebook.com/tartatdiscoverycentre/>

Ancient Technology at Kilmartin Museum (AR)

7th October 2023 11:00-16:00
Kilmartin Museum

John Lord with 50 years' experience as a flintknapper and awarded the BEM for services to the profession in 2017 will be making a welcome return to Kilmartin museum having demonstrated previously at the Museum many times over the years, and we are so excited that he has returned for the festival. Through demonstrations, John will enthral visitors with the magical transformation of core flint into a flint tool of beauty, it is pure enjoyment to watch!

Venue: Kilmartin Museum. No need to book

Cost: Adult £7, Child £2.50, Concession £6.50, Family ticket available

Children welcome if with adult. Suitable for wheelchair access. Dogs welcome if on lead.

Kilmartin Museum

Email: education@kilmartin.org

Tel: 01546 510278

Facebook: www.facebook.com/KilmartinMuseum/

Website: www.kilmartin.org

Sunday 8th October

Highland Archaeology Festival Conference [IN]

8 October 2023 9:00-17:00

See entry for 7th October

Expore the Dava Way [BS]

8th October 2023 10:00-14:00

Strathspey Tours

A guided walk from the former Dava railway station along the Dava Way to Grantown. Numbers limited to 8 who will be transported from Grantown to the start. Walk from the Dava Moor past Huntly's Cave and Castle Grant, Old Grantown and into the current Georgian planned town of 1765. Meet at Burnfield Avenue Car Park, Grantown.

Level 2 walk. Dogs if on lead. Bring a packed lunch. Cost: £10

Bookings (preferably by email) to:

Strathspey Tours

Tel: 07876235408

Email: info@strathspeytours.com

www.strathspeytours.com

Ancient Technology at Kilmartin Museum [AR]

8th October 2023 11:00-16:00

Kilmartin Museum

See entry for 7th October

Monday 9th October**Kid's Quiz at West Highland Museum [LO]**

9th October 2023 10:00-16:00

West Highland Museum

A self-guided quiz for the wee ones around West Highland Museum for the duration of the October school holidays. 9th October – 20th October, 10am – 4pm. Special event for children
Free thanks to funding from National Lottery Community Fund. Donations welcome

West Highland Museum

Tel: 01397 702169

Email: info@westhighlandmuseum.org.uk

www.westhighlandmuseum.org.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WestHighlandMuseum>

Picts in the House [RC]

9th October 2023 13:00-16:00

Groam House Museum

Bring the family to Groam House Museum in Rosemarkie to see what life was like for a Pict. We'll have artefacts for handling, games to play, stone carvings to inspire, and we'll learn about clothing, culture and war!

Venue: Groam House Museum. No need to book. Special event for children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Free - donations welcome

Groam House Museum

Tel: 07752 207014

Email: cindy.campbell@groamhouse.org

Website: www.groamhouse.org.uk

WW2 focused tour of the Inverness RADAR filter bunker - Children's Event [IN]

9th October 2023 13:00-14:30

Behind the Radar

Tour of the 2 level 1940s underground RDF/RADAR filter bunker. Focus will be on the WW2 aspects of the historic use of the building. Attendees can try their hands at operating a simulation of 1940s RDF/RADAR equipment.

NOTE: This is a special event for children. Other longer tours for adults are available - check the HAF calendar.

The building is listed and – being underground – cannot be modified for non-ambulant use. Guide dogs are welcome. Stairs (with handrail) for access to each level.

Meet at Radar Bunker Inverness, IV2 3TX (NH 6825 4559)

Donations welcome

To book: visit https://www.supersaas.co.uk/schedule/login/bunkertour/doors_open create an account, book a slot

Behind the Radar

Tel: 0845 463 4633

Email: haf@behind-the-radar.co.uk

Website www.behind-the-radar.co.uk

Rebuilding Brora's Salt Making Heritage [ON]

9th October 2023 19:30-20:30

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Local History Group

Online talk by Jacquie Aitken, Brora Salt Pans Research Group and Timespan Museum. She will provide an overview of the archaeology, history, and rebuilding of a salt pan. Brora was one of the nation's leading and most northern salt producers produced using coal mined from a small pocket of Jurassic rock. The Brora Salt Pans project built a replica 18th-century salt pan on the grounds of Brora Heritage Centre and trained volunteers to revive Brora's lost salt-making heritage and again produce Brora Sea Salt.

The talk is organised by Fortrose and Rosemarkie Local History Society. Talks are open to members, with membership costing £5/year. To apply for membership send your name (as it will appear in Zoom gallery) and your email address to fortroserosemarkiehistory@gmail.com.

Fortrose and Rosemarkie Local History Group

Email: fortroserosemarkiehistory@gmail.com

<http://www.spanglefish.com/fortroseandrosemarkiehistorygroup/>

Telford's Work on Skye [SL]

9th October 2023 19:30-20:30

Portree Local History Society

Thomas Telford's impact on the Highlands was huge. In the early 19th century he was responsible on Skye for roads, bridges, harbours, churches and even a planned town. This talk by Susan Kruse, retired Learning and Engagement Officer for ARCH, will provide an overview of his work on Skye, with special focus on results from an ARCH community project in Sleat.

Organised by Portree Local History Society.

Venue: Portree Community Centre. £5 collected at door, or annual membership of £15

Tuesday 10th October

Kid's Quiz at West Highland Museum [LO]

10th October 2023 10:00-16:00

West Highland Museum

See entry for 9th October

Carn Glas Essich Chambered Cairn [IN]

10th October 2023 11:00-12:30

NoSAS

A visit to this composite group of three conjoined cairns at Essich 3 miles outside Inverness which together form the largest Neolithic chambered cairn in the Highlands. This site has recently been cleared of gorse obscuring the site by members of NOSAS so that its plan can be more clearly seen. The visit will also look at a group of roundhouses and other later features in this landscape.

Meet at layby on the Bunachton Road from Essich, and above the electricity substation (NH 6507 3882). Parking is restricted so please car share if possible. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. No dogs and may involve walking through wet grass but generally on level ground. Free/donations.

Bookings, preferably by email to:

NoSAS (Jonathan Wordsworth)

Tel: 07583048571

Email: jwordy@gmail.com

www.nosas.co.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/northarchaeo>

Children's Activities at Dunrobin Castle [SU]

10th October 2023 11:00-12:30

Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

Join ARCH's Development Officer for an exciting Heritage Treasure Hunt around the grounds of Dunrobin Castle and the Dunrobin Castle Museum. Be a Heritage Detective and search for the past! This event is for children aged 7 and over who must be accompanied by an adult. 10 places are available to book. Free / donations (thanks to Dunrobin Castle for allowing entry).

Bookings essential to:

Archaeology for Communities in the Highlands (ARCH)

Tel: 077888 35466

Email: archhighland@googlemail.com

www.archhighland.org.uk

Tales of the '45: A Jacobite Walk around Inverness (IN)

10th October 2023 12:00-13:00

Inverness City Heritage Trust

A short walk around the centre of Inverness visiting the locations associated with the Jacobite occupation of the City in the run up to the Battle of Culloden on 16th April 1746.

Meeting Place: Abertarff House, 71 Church Street, Inverness, IV1 1ES

Free donations welcome. Children welcome if with adult. Dogs welcome if on lead. Level 1 walk

Bookings (email preferred) to:

Inverness City Heritage Trust

Tel: 07789 990638

Email: invernesscht@gmail.com

Website: invernesscityheritagetrust.org Facebook: www.facebook.com/100091369474598/

Wednesday 11th October

Kid's Quiz at West Highland Museum [LO]

11th October 2023 10:00-16:00

West Highland Museum

See entry for 9th October

Kid's Mini-Dig at West Highland Museum [LO]

11th October 2023 10:30-11:30

West Highland Museum

Mini archaeological dig for the wee ones. Have fun digging up objects in our fund sandpit dig site. Suitable for 4 – 8 year olds. Suitable for wheelchair access. Free/donations welcome

Bookings to:

West Highland Museum

Tel: 01397 702169

Email: info@westhighlandmuseum.org.uk

www.westhighlandmuseum.org.uk

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WestHighlandMuseum>

Marcus the Medicus: Roman Battlefield Medicine [IN]

11th October 2023 11:00-16:00

Inverness Museum & Art Gallery

Andrew Newton joins us for the day as Marcus the Medicus, with a display of replica Roman medical tools and the opportunity to chat about Roman medicine and lifestyle. After nearly forty years in the NHS (as a General Practitioner and an Emergency Medicine Consultant) NOSAS member Andrew now specialises in bringing the history of medicine to life through re-enactment and has featured in Meet the Ancestors, Diseases & Dynasties and on the Discovery Channel. Free - donations welcome. Suitable for all ages. Suitable for wheelchair access

For more information please contact:

Inverness Museum & Art Gallery

Tel: 01349 781730

Email: inverness.museum@highlifehighland.com

www.highlifehighland.com/inverness-museum-and-art-gallery

Prehistoric Monument Walk in Kilmartin Glen [AR]

11th October 2023 13:20-16:00

Kilmartin Museum

See entry for 27th September

Thursday 12th October**Kid's Quiz at West Highland Museum [LO]**

12th October 2023 10:00-16:00

West Highland Museum

See entry for 9th October

Metal Detecting and Historic Battlefields [IN]

12th October 2023 15:00-16:30

Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre

Join us at Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre for a joint hybrid event hosted at both ends of the Atlantic, learning how metal detecting can both hurt and help protect historic places. Hear from archaeologists from Fort Ticonderoga (NY, USA) and from The National Trust for Scotland. After the discussion, get premier access to the finds from Culloden Battlefield excavations. Cost: £5 - all proceeds to go to the Culloden Fighting Fund for continued conservation of the battlefield

To book please use the Eventbrite link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/metal-detecting-and-historic-battlefields-workshop-and-discussion-tickets-668634021357?aff=oddtcreator>

For more information please contact:

Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre

Tel: 01463 796090

Email: culloden@nts.org.uk

Friday 13th October

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13th October 2023 10:00-16:00

West Highland Museum

See entry for 9th October

WW2 focused tour of the Inverness RADAR filter bunker - Children's Event [IN]

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Behind the Radar

See entry for 9th October

Special Museum Exhibitions During HAF

Landseer's Legacy [BS]

Until 30th Sept, Mon - Fri 10am-5pm, Sat, Sun 11am-3pm

Grantown Museum

Special exhibition bringing together rarely seen works by Sir Edwin Landseer, exploring how the Highlands have been shaped by his enduring imagery.

Adults £5, under 16s free. Wheelchair access

Grantown Museum

Phone 01479 872478

Email info@grantownmuseum.co.uk

www.grantownmuseum.co.uk

Adventures in Costume [BS]

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri 10am-5pm; Sat, Sun 11am-3pm

Grantown Museum

Experience life in the past - grown up dressing up! Grantown Museum presents costumes from its unique dressing up experience. On display will be over 20 exquisite, handmade replica costumes in sumptuous fabrics. If you would like to try on any of the costumes, book an hour in the museum with our expert dresser who will take you on an adventure through time. Take home a video and souvenir photographs and feel what it was like to be dressed in the finery of the day.

Museum entrance: Adults £5, under 16s free. Wheelchair access

Grantown Museum

Phone 01479 872478

Email info@grantownmuseum.co.uk

www.grantownmuseum.co.uk

Pictish Stones at North Coast Visitor Centre [CA]

Tues-Sat 10am-5pm

North Coast Visitor Centre

A collection of carved stones dating back as far as the 6th century offers insights into the mysterious culture of the Picts.

Free / donations welcome. Wheelchair access. Cafe

North Coast Visitor Centre, Thurso

Phone 01847 805020

Email ncvc@highlifehighland.com

www.higlifehighland.com/north-coast-visitor-centre/

The Christopher J. Uncles Collection [IN]

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 10am-4:30pm

Highland Archive Centre

Highland Archives was recently gifted 13,000 postcards and photos collected by Christopher Uncles over 50 years, and published in a number of books. Staff at the Archives have selected some favourites for this display which is located in the Archive search room in Inverness. Free to visit when the Archives are open. Wheelchair access.

Highland Archive Centre

Tel: 01349 7881130

Email: archives@highlifehighland.com

www.higlifehighland.com/highland-archive-centre/

Ornament: A Selection from the Stores [IN]

Tues-Sat 10am-5pm

Inverness Museum and Art Gallery

Ornaments are familiar objects that play a fundamental role in personal expression and communication, connecting us to our ancestors and showing us how they adorned themselves. We have curated a selection of objects from the stores for this special display for the Highland Archaeology Festival.

Free / donations. Suitable for wheelchairs. We have a café, with highchairs and baby-changing available. There is no parking at the site, but there is a dedicated blue badge space.

Inverness Museum & Art Gallery

Tel: 01349 781731

Email: inverness.museum@highlifehighland.com

www.higlifehighland.com/inverness-museum-and-art-gallery/

Strathglass Clearances Exhibition [IN]

13th-15th October, 11am-4pm

Strathglass Heritage Association

Another chance to see this comprehensive exhibition created by Strathglass Heritage Association. It will be Beaulie Bowling Club for three days only.

Strathglass Heritage Association

Email info@strathglass-heritage.co.uk

www.strathglass-heritage.co.uk/

Trove of Treasure Trove [MO]

Wed-Sun, 1- 4pm

Elgin Museum

Display of some of our latest allocations of Treasure Trove in addition to our permanent archaeology displays and celebrating 180 years of Elgin Museum.

Free / donations welcome. Partially suitable for wheelchairs (ground floor only). Cooper Park parking free after 1pm; Sats £1 in Moray Council car park opposite. Sundays - free parking. Disabled parking behind the museum.

Elgin Museum
Phone 01343 543675
Email curator@elginmuseum.org.uk
www.elginmuseum.org.uk

Capturing the Castle: Stories and Legends from the Great Houses of Nairnshire [NA]

To 1st October: 10am-5:00pm
Nairn Museum

Read about fascinating histories and stories from a dozen castles of Nairnshire, with images, paintings, artefacts and drone footage. Artefacts include a large 15th century jug found by archaeological divers at Lochindorb castle.

Nairn Museum
Tel: 01667 456791
Email: manager@nairnmuseum.co.uk
www.nairnmuseum.co.uk

Archaeology Exhibition at Cromarty Courthouse Museum [RC]

23rd September to 1st October 12-4pm
Cromarty Courthouse Museum

Cromarty Courthouse Museum has a display of archaeological items. This includes a range of medieval items that were retrieved by metal detectorists from the ancient fair site, some of the pottery from the Medieval Cromarty Archaeological Investigation from 2013-2016, as well as two Roman coins that have recently been allocated from Treasure Trove.

Free / donations welcome. Not suitable for wheelchair access. Public parking nearby. Accessible via public transport.

Cromarty Courthouse Museum
Tel: 01381 600418
Email: courthousecromarty@gmail.com
www.cromarty-courthouse.org.uk

Dingwall Station [RC]

Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-6pm; Tue, Thu 9am-8pm; Sat 10am-5pm
ARCH / Dingwall Library

An exhibition about Dingwall railway station, researched and produced by an ARCH community project in 2012 on its 150th anniversary. Venue: Dingwall Community Library.

Free/donations welcome. Wheelchair access.

ARCH / Dingwall Library
Phone 01349 869869 (Library); 077888 35466 (ARCH)
Email dingwall.library@highlifehighland.com ; archhighland@googlemail.com
www.highlifehighland.com/libraries/dingwall-community-library/ www.archhighland.org.uk

Old Photos from Easter Ross [RC]

Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-6pm; Tue, Thu 9am-8pm; Sat 10am-5pm
Dingwall Museum / Dingwall Library

An exhibition of old photos from Easter Ross, part of the collection of Dingwall Museum. The pictures are on continuous loop in Dingwall Library, able to be seen whenever the library is open.

Free / donations welcome. Wheelchair Access.

Dingwall Museum / Dingwall Library
Phone 01349 869869 (Library); 01349 865366 (Dingwall Museum)
Email dingwall.library@highlifehighland.com ; enquiries@dingwallmuseum.co.uk
www.highlifehighland.com/libraries/dingwall-community-library/ www.dingwallmuseum.info

Tracing the Celtic Knot [RC]

Mon-Tues 1-4pm; Wed-Sun 10:30am-4pm
Groam House Museum

A journey through Celtic art from the Rosemarkie Pictish stones to the work of Celtic artists and craftspeople today. Join us to explore the creativity of Celtic art and its role in Scottish identity through artefacts from our Nationally Significant George Bain Collection and interactive activities.

Free / donations welcome.

Groam House Museum
Tel: 01381 620961
Email: curator@groamhouse.org.uk
groamhouse.org.uk

Archaeological Finds from Across Skye [SL]

Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: 10am-1pm, 2-5pm
Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre

Exhibition highlighting archaeological finds from across Skye. Free / donations welcome. Suitable for wheelchairs. Car parking and toilets available at Portree Community Library (we are all part of the Portree High School campus)

Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre, Portree
Phone 01478 614078
Email Skyeandlochalsh.archives@highlifehighland.com
www.highlifehighland.com/skye-and-lochalsh-archive-centre/

The Pictish Story: uncovering the story beneath our feet [SU]

Mon-Sat 10am-5pm
Strathnaver Museum

In January 2021 AOC Archaeology undertook an archaeological survey of the land on which Strathnaver Museum's annex now stands. Over the course of that summer, they discovered evidence of past occupation on the site from the late Iron Age (2,800 years ago) to the Early Historic (600 years ago) period.

A fascinating array of objects were discovered from worked bone, bronze and iron working, midden material, and a beautifully preserved pin. A special exhibition in our upper gallery will display images of some of the objects found, consider what they may be able to tell us about those who came before us, and share the next steps in our quest to discover what may be a site that has significant potential to enhance our understanding of the Pictish world.

Adults £5, under 18s free. Suitable for wheelchairs (ground floor only). Disabled parking to rear. Cafe situated immediately to the south.

Strathnaver Museum
 Tel: 01641 521 418
 Email: info@strathnavermuseum.org.uk
www.strathnavermuseum.org.uk

Museums and Archives open during HAF:

(£ = entry charge; F/D = Free or donations)

Note: This list is only museums and archives which have confirmed details or have posted details on their websites. Others may be open as well. Some places have last entry times: contact them for details.

Area	Name	Hours during HAF	Contact	Entry
AR	Kilmartin Museum	Contact museum for times	01546 510278	£
BS	Grantown Museum	Mon - Fri 10am-5pm, Sat, Sun 11am-3pm	01479 872478	£
BS	Highland Folk Museum	10:30am-4pm	01349 781650	D
CA	Castlehill Heritage Centre	Sat, Sun, Wed 2-4pm	01847 821120	F/D
CA	Dunbeath Heritage Museum	Mon-Fri 10am-4pm	01593 731233	£
CA	North Coast Visitor Centre	Tue-Sat 10am-5pm	01847 805020	F/D
CA	Nucleus: the Caithness and Nuclear Archives	Mon-Fri 10am-4pm	01955 602444	F/D
CA	Wick Museum	Mon-Sat 10am-5pm (last entry 3:45)	01955 605205	£
IN	Abertarff House, Inverness	Mon-Fri 10am-4pm	01463 796090	F/D
IN	Culloden Battlefield Visitor Centre	until 1 Oct 9am-6pm; from 2 Oct: 9am-5pm	01463 796090	£
IN	Fort George	Sept: 9:30am-5:30pm; Oct onwards: 10am-4pm	01667 460232	£
IN	Highlanders Museum	Until 30 th September 9:30am-5:30pm; after 1 st Oct: 10am-4pm	0131 310 8701	£ (to Fort George)
IN	Highland Archive Centre, Inverness	Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri 10am-4:30pm	01349 781130	F/D

IN	Inverness Emergency Bunker	contact to book a tour	0845 463 4633	£
IN	Inverness Museum & Art Gallery	Tue-Sat 10am-5pm	01349 781730	F/D
IN	Urquhart Castle	Sept: 9:30am-6pm; Oct: 9:30am-5pm	01456 450551	£
IN	Wardlaw Mausoleum	phone to arrange a visit	01463 831742	Suggested donation £3
LO	Arisaig Land, Sea & Islands Centre	Mon-Sat 10am-4pm; Sun 1-4pm	01687 450771	F/D
LO	Glencoe Folk Museum	Wed-Sun 11am-3pm	01855 811664	£
LO	Clan Cameron Museum	Until 15 October 11am-3pm	07900 217975	£
LO	Glenfinnan Station Museum	Contact for opening hourse	01397 722295	£
LO	Lochaber Archive Centre	Tue, Thu, Fri 10am-1pm, 2-5pm	01397 701942	F/D
LO	Mallaig Heritage Centre	Sept: 11am-5pm, Oct: 11am-4pm	01687 462085	£
LO	West Highland Museum	Sept: Mon-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10:30am-1:30pm; Oct: Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10:30am - 1:30pm	01397 702169	F/D
MO	Burghead Visitor Centre	Until end of Sept 12pm - 4pm	01343 835518	F/D
MO	Brodie Castle	Wed-Sun 11am-3pm	01309 641371	£
MO	Elgin Museum	Wed-Sun 1-4pm	01343 543675	F/D
MO	Findhorn Heritage Centre and Icehouse	Sept 2-5pm	01309 691823	F/D
NA	Cawdor Castle	To 1 st Oct: 10am-5:00pm	01667 404401	£
NA	Nairn Museum	Mon-Fri 10am-4:00pm; Sat 10am-1pm	01667 456791	£
RC	Alness Heritage Centre	Contact for opening hours	01349	F/D

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RC	Applecross Heritage Centre	Usually 12-4pm. Contact for details	01520 744478	
RC	Cromarty Courthouse Museum	12-4pm.	01381 600418	F/D
RC	Dingwall Museum	Wed-Sat 10am-4pm	01349 865366	F/D
RC	Gairloch Museum	Mon-Sat 10am-5pm	01445 712287	£
RC	Groam House Museum	Mon-Tues 1-4pm; Wed-Sun 10:30am-4pm	01381 620961	F/D
RC	Highland Museum of Childhood	Wed 11am-3pm; Thurs-Saturday 11am-4pm	01997 421031	£
RC	Hugh Miller's Museum	Wed-Sun 11am-4pm	01381 600245	£
RC	Invergordon Museum	Contact museum invergordonmuseum@gmail.com		F/D
RC	Russian Arctic Convoy Exhibition Centre	Mon-Sat 10am-4pm	01445 731137	£
RC	Tain & District Museum	Tue-Fri 10am-4pm	01862 894089	£
RC	Tarbat Discovery Centre	Mon-Sat 10am-4pm; Sun 12-4pm	01862 871351	£
RC	Ullapool Museum	Mon-Sat 11am-4pm, Sun 12-4pm	01854 612987	£
SL	Eilean Donan Castle	Sept 9:30am-6pm, Oct 10am-6pm	01599 555202	£
SL	Museum of the Isles, Armadale, Skye	Wed-Sun 9:30am-5pm	01471 844305	£
SL	Skye & Lochalsh Archive Centre	Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri: 10am-1pm, 2-5pm	01478 614078	F/D
SU	Brora Heritage Centre	10:30am-4:30pm	01408 622024	F/D
SU	Dunrobin Castle	Sept: 10am-5pm; Oct: 10:30am-4:30pm. Museum 11am-4pm	01408 633177	£

SU	HistoryLinks Museum	10:30am-4pm	01862 811275	£
SU	Timespan, Helmsdale	10am-5pm	01431 821327	£
SU	Ferrycroft Visitor Centre	Mon, Thur-Sun 10am-4pm	01549 402160	F/D
SU	Strathnaver Museum	Mon-Sat 10am-5pm	01641 521418	£