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### **Uncover the secrets of Glencoe this weekend**

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The National Trust for Scotland is inviting history and archaeology enthusiasts to take part in an exciting dig exposing a site from the Glencoe Massacre of 1682, along with archaeologists and Thistle Camp volunteers in Glencoe this Saturday (Saturday 11 May 2019).

The charity's archaeologists and volunteers have been undertaking the archaeological excavation at Achtriachtan, uncovering a turf and stone-built house that dates back to the time of the Glencoe Massacre.

Visitors will have the opportunity to open a large trench and record any findings and artefacts that emerge during the dig.

The information gathered will help the Trust develop plans to construct a replica turfhouse at the National Trust for Scotland's revamped Glencoe Visitor Centre.

Derek Alexander, Head of Archaeology at the National Trust for Scotland said: "Glencoe is brimming with history and this is a great chance for enthusiasts to help archaeologists reveal more about the people who once lived in the heart of the Glen.

"We've already had great feedback on our new and improved visitor centre. The replica turfhouse will only add to the visitor experience, giving our guests a real insight into what life was like here.

"It's another example of how we are weaving the stories of Glencoe throughout the visitor centre. These great new facilities make it even easier for the Trust to share our love of Scotland and help people experience and value this beautiful place. It's a job we're proud to do."

The event starts from the Glencoe Visitor Centre and costs just £30 per adult and £15 for under 18s to take part in a choice of three two-hour slots: 10.00-12.00, 13.00-15.00, 15.00-17.00.

Derek Alexander will be returning to Glencoe Visitor Centre the following weekend (Saturday 18 May 2019) to discuss the findings and share the National Trust for Scotland's plans for the exciting recreation of the site. Tickets cost just £5 per person.

To take part or find our more, please visit:

<https://www.nts.org.uk/visit/events/archaeology-taster-dig-at-glenceo>.

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