

What's on for schools





Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre

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Introduction

Let your class walk in the footsteps of the Jacobites by booking a school visit to Culloden Battlefield and Visitor Centre.

On 16 April 1746, the final Jacobite Rising came to a brutal end following a harrowing battle. Jacobite supporters wanted to restore the Stuart monarchy to the British thrones, and so they gathered to fight the Duke of Cumberland's government troops. It was the last pitched battle on British mainland soil and, in less than an hour, around 1,600 men were slain – 1,500 of them Jacobites.

Our schools programme features stories and objects associated with both sides of the battle, making Culloden a fantastic place for your class to explore the impact of the Jacobite Risings and civil war.



Planning your visit

Learning at Culloden is about discovering the story of the Jacobites through skills-based, hands-on activities. We have a range of sessions you can book for your class.

These are designed to help pupils explore some of the wider issues around conflict and blend outdoor learning with classroombased work.

Alongside the Jacobites, we also offer creative and engaging programming exploring the natural environment. This is predominantly delivered through outdoor learning.

Our sessions are not just for schools. We welcome people of all ages and backgrounds including military groups, universities and special interest groups.

The sessions outlined in this brochure can be tailored to suit the needs of your class. Please get in touch with us if you'd like to discuss this further. When booking, we'll ask you to outline on our form any additional support your class will require.



Culloden is located just 5 miles east of Inverness, off the A9/B9006.

Address: Culloden Battlefield, Culloden Moor, Inverness IV2 5EU.



Charges

Full-day visit | 10am-2pm | £6 per pupil

A full day visit includes two class sessions, admission to the visitor centre and a battlefield tour

Half-day visit | 60-120 mins | £4 per pupil

A half-day visit includes a class session, admission to the visitor centre and a battlefield tour

Self-led visit | 120 mins | £4 per pupil

A self-led visit includes admission to the visitor centre

Please contact us for charges for our online sessions.

Accompanying adults are free of charge in the following ratios:

1 adult:5 pupils for Primary 1-2

1 adult:8 pupils for Primary 3-7

1 adult:10 pupils for Secondary Schools

Any carers/support workers visit free of charge.

Additional adults will be charged at the standard rate of admission: £9.50 per person.

These rates apply to schools and home education groups based in the UK. Please contact us for charges for overseas schools.



Practicalities

Booking

All visits must be booked in advance, including self-led visits to the site. We strongly advise booking more than one month in advance as availability can vary. Once you have booked, you will be sent a confirmation email with further pre-visit information. Please ensure you have read this before your visit.

How to book

Complete our booking form and return it to us at Culloden@nts.org.uk

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss anything further before booking, please get in touch:

Phone: 01463 796090

Email: Culloden@nts.org.uk

Travel subsidy

Thanks to generous support from the Scottish Government, we're able to offer a transport subsidy to Scottish schools wishing to visit Culloden.

The subsidy covers 75% of transport costs, up to a maximum of £300. Scotland's special schools and units can apply for 100% of transport costs, up to a maximum of £300. Funding is limited and priority will be given to schools in areas with high indicators of multiple deprivation.

We will provide more information, including an application form, once you book.

Cancellations and amendments

Please let us know as far in advance as possible if there are significant changes to your anticipated pupil numbers or arrival time.

For any cancellations we will require at least seven days' notice to provide you with a full refund. If cancelled with less than seven days' notice, we will be unable to provide a refund for your visit.

Parking

If you're arriving by coach, follow the signs to the car park situated beside the visitor centre. Coaches should park in the designated coach bays. Parking for schools is free of charge. The coach driver receives free entry to the exhibition. Please be aware that during busy periods parking is limited.

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Inclement weather

Your session will take place indoors in our learning suite and outdoors on the battlefield. During periods of inclement weather, the battlefield trails can become muddy. As Culloden Moor is an exposed landscape, the weather may also change very quickly. Please dress appropriately for your visit.

Toilets

There are toilets (including an accessible toilet) inside the visitor centre.

Where you can eat

The learning suite is available for the eating of packed lunches when you pre-book a session. Groups planning to use the café must pre-book, confirm their numbers and give notification of any dietary requirements.

Visiting the shop

Pupils are welcome to visit our shop. We ask that they visit in small groups (maximum 10 pupils per group) and are supervised.

Accessibility

At Culloden, we aim to be accessible for all. The site includes the following features:



Dedicated accessible parking bays are available at the nearest parking point to the visitor centre.



Wheelchairs can be pre-booked and borrowed from the centre for use inside the building and on the battlefield.





The exhibition uses a range of audio and visual materials to convey the story of the Battle of Culloden. Please contact us for more information.





The battlefield paths and roof walkway are wheelchair accessible and suitable for mobility vehicles, prams and buggies. Please be aware that the roof walkway is accessed via a ramp.

An accessible toilet is available inside the visitor centre.

Find out more in our accessibility guide, which includes images and more detailed information, at nts.org.uk/accessibility

Sessions can be adapted to meet the needs of your group. Please contact us to see how we can best meet your needs.

We welcome Special Schools and ASN units and are developing new resources to support your visit. Contact us for further information.

Resources

We can provide a range of pre- and post-visit resources to support your learning in class. We will share these with you once you book a visit.

Sustainability

Our sessions are designed to avoid waste and reuse materials. We provide recycling facilities for you to use during your visit.





Primary school sessions

Property-based sessions

A Soldier's Life

Discover what life was like for a Jacobite or Government soldier. Through this interactive storytelling session, pupils will explore the battlefield, the history of the site and what life was like in the army.

Suitable for P3-P4

120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence: SOC 2-02a | SOC 2-06a | LIT 2-07a



People of the Battle

This session explores life in 18th-century Britain, and the difficult decisions that people were faced with. Pupils will think critically about the Jacobite Risings and the impact they had on the people involved.



120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence: SOC 2-03a | LIT 2-02a

> "Very impressed with the delivery, involvement throughout the story was spot on" -**Primary teacher**



Pupils will discover how we can use objects to understand life in the 18th century as well as find out more about the Jacobite Risings through hands-on activities and teamwork.

Suitable for P5-P7

120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence:

SOC 2-03a | LIT 2-02a | LIT 2-06a





Museum Curators



Online

Join us in an interactive online session to hear Jacobite stories associated with some of the objects in our collection. Pupils will think critically about the objects, discover who might have used them and learn how they are cared for.

Suitable for P5-P7

40 mins

Curriculum for Excellence:

SOC 2-03a | LIT 2-02a | LIT 2-06a

Teacher-led Visit

Your class can enjoy a visit to Culloden led by you. We'll provide resources beforehand to help you prepare for the day. Explore the visitor centre and 360-degree battle immersion theatre, before viewing our roof garden and walking along the lines of the battle. This is a cross-curricular learning experience you can adapt to suit your own class.

Suitable for P4-P7

120 mins





Outdoor learning

Meet the Creatures of Culloden

Discover the wide range of creatures who call Culloden Moor their home, from our conservation grazing herd of cows to our resident moles. Learn about habitats, food chains, camouflage and so much more!

Suitable for P4-P7

120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence: SCN 1-02a | SCN 2-02a | LIT 2-02a | LIT 2-07a



Wicked Woodland Walk

Embark on a 'foraging and finding' expedition to investigate the different types of trees that grow in our woodland. Discover more about how important trees and woodlands are to our lives.

Suitable for P4-P7

120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence: SCN 2-01a | LIT 2-02a | LIT 2-07a

Bugs, Wings & Beasts with Stings

Investigate why bugs are so important and what they do for our planet, then go on a 'bug hunt' to discover what types of bugs live at Culloden. Build a bug hotel to take back to class.

Suitable for P4-P7

120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence: SCN 2-01a | LIT 2-02a | LIT 2-07a



Secondary school sessions

Property-based sessions

Interpreting Culloden

Pupils will discover how we use objects to reconstruct the events of the Battle of Culloden. This session encourages pupil to approach source material critically and offers tips on refining and presenting their ideas.

Suitable for S1-S2

120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence: SOC 3-01a | LIT 3-02a | LIT 3-09a





Shadow of the Prince

Learn about the consequences of conflict for individuals living in 18th-century Britain. Pupils will explore, compare and contextualise life at the time of the battle using real stories and primary sources.

Suitable for S1-S2

120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence: SOC 3-01a | SOC3-02a | LIT 3-02a

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Suitable for S1-S2

40 mins

Curriculum for Excellence: LIT 3-02a | SOC 3-06a | SOC 3-07a





Culloden in your Classroom



Join us on a virtual tour of Culloden Battlefield. Discover more about what really happened at this place and have a closer look at some of the objects involved in the conflict.

Suitable for S1-S6

40 mins

Curriculum for Excellence: LIT 3-02a | SOC 3-06a | SOC 3-07a

Senior Curriculum:

National Qualification | Higher/Advanced **Higher History**



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Suitable for S1-S6

120 mins

Senior Curriculum:

National Qualification | Higher/Advanced Higher History

Curriculum for Excellence: LIT 3-02a | SOC 3-06a | SOC 3-07a



"Fantastic interactive learning experience and a great rapport with the students" -**Secondary teacher**

Outdoor learning

Understanding Conservation Grazing

Discover more about Culloden Battlefield's conservation grazing animals. Meet them in their home, learn their characteristics and behaviours, and find out how they are working to help manage the landscape and ensure its conservation. Then go on a battlefield expedition to identify how archaeology helps us to better understand the Culloden story.

Suitable for S1-S6

120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence:

SCN 3-01a | SCN 4-01a | SOC 4-10a

Senior Curriculum:

National Qualifications | Higher/Advanced Higher Biology | Environmental Science



Beautiful Biodiversity

Explore Culloden's landscape: its moorland, grassland and woodland. Consider how the process of ecological succession changes landscapes, and how conservation is working to combat its negative effects.

Suitable for S1-S6

120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence:

SCN 3-01a | SCN 4-01a | SOC 3-08a | SOC 4-08a

Senior Curriculum:

National Qualifications | Higher/Advanced Higher Biology | Environmental Science

Woodland Wandering & Weaving

Investigate the diversity of tree, plant, animal and birdlife within the confines of our small woodland. Learn the art of making a wild loom, then wild weave a unique piece of wall art to take back to school.

Suitable for S1-S6

120 mins

Curriculum for Excellence:

EXA 3-02a | EXA 4-02a | SCN 3-01a | SCN 4-01a



National Qualifications | Higher/Advanced Higher Art and Design | Creative Arts



Evaluation

We'd love you to share your experience of visiting with your class. Please complete our online survey after your visit.

Visiting other Trust places

You can also visit other Trust places using the Scottish Government Travel Subsidy. Both places below have engaging, interactive sessions you can book for your class:



Robert Burn's Birthplace Museum Murdoch's Lone Alloway, Ayr

Phone: **01292 443700**

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The Battle of Bannockburn

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From historic castles to natural landscapes, our places offer exciting opportunities to enhance learning and inspire exploration. In our ten-year strategy to deliver nature, beauty and heritage for everyone, we are committed to being a leading provider of inspiring heritage visitor experiences in Scotland.



We provide a variety of learning activities at National Trust for Scotland places.

To find out more visit <a href="https://network.networ











