

Bannockburn for schools

Bannockburn was the site of probably the greatest battle which ever took place on Scottish soil. Here King Robert the Bruce routed the larger forces of King Edward II to win freedom for the Scots from English domination. Bruce pitted his 6,000 foot and horsemen against Edward's 10,000 soldiers and 4,000 cavalry. Bruce had made skilful use of the natural defences provided by the terrain, preventing Edward from employing the normally devastating heavy cavalry charge.

● education programme

Bannockburn is an important primary resource that offers cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

a site visit offers

- a tour of the property to explore the battlefield
- an exhibition and audio-visual display on the battle
- an historical display
- costumed interactive theatre for schools are held throughout the year. Children have the opportunity to re-enact scenes from the period, bringing the costume and weaponry of Bruce's army alive

classroom resources

- illustrated guidebook (available on request)
- *Teachers Pack* (available on request)
- *Young Person's Guide to Bannockburn* (available on request)

● practical information

planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- maximum class size: 30 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- access: unlimited access for wheelchair users
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge (adults exceeding the ratio of 1 to 10 children are charged)
- cost for Living History: members £1 and non-member £2
- Educational Membership of the National Trust for Scotland allows free entry to all NTS properties
- preparation: we welcome a free preparatory visit by the teacher

during your visit

- please note: visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: please report to the reception desk at the allocated time
- picnic facilities: lunches may be eaten in the picnic area outside
- shop: open all day - please visit in small numbers to avoid overcrowding
- toilets: available at the property/accessible for wheelchair users

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