

# Hugh Miller's Cottage and Miller House for schools

Hugh Miller was one of the most famous men in early Victorian Scotland & one who has inspired succeeding generations by his remarkable achievements. Starting work as a humble stonemason, he became a largely self-taught scientist of international renown, a major collector of folklore and a crusading national newspaper editor. He was at the centre of the fierce religious controversies that led to the Disruption and setting up of the Free Church of Scotland in 1843. He was also the man who made geology a subject of popular interest.

Hugh Miller's Cottage in Cromarty was built in 1698 with crow-stepped gables and tiny windows & is where Hugh Miller was born in 1802. It is now presented as the simple home of generations of seafarers. The cottage garden contains native Scottish plants.

Next door, Miller House, built by Hugh's father in 1797, houses an exciting new exhibition which was opened in April 2004. It contains interpretation detailing the themes of Miller's life, two interactive consoles allowing access to Miller related websites, Miller information and with a children's interactive game, and also an interactive fossil & geological exhibition.

## ● education programme

Hugh Miller's Cottage & Miller House are important primary resources that offer cross-curricular learning opportunities for key areas of the 5-14 Curriculum

### a site visit offers

- a tour of the property and garden

### classroom resources

- web access and information

## ● practical information

### planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential
- maximum class size: 30 with a ratio of 1 teacher/adult to 10 children
- cost for school parties: children £1 - accompanying adults admitted free of charge  
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
- limited space requires larger groups to be divided up.

### during your visit

- please note: visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: please report to the reception desk in the entrance hall of Miller House to book in with property staff
- picnic facilities: available in the small Cottage courtyard and garden
- toilets: a toilet is available for groups officially visiting the Property

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## ● for more information contact

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