

# Leith Hall for schools

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Leith Hall (near Kennethmont in Aberdeenshire) is at the centre of a 286-acre estate which was the home of the head of the Leith family from 1650. The house contains personal possessions of successive lairds most of whom followed a tradition of military service. There is an exhibition *For Crown and Country: The Military Lairds of Leith Hall*.

The six-acre garden features extensive herbaceous borders and a fine collection of alpines and primulas in the rock garden. The estate includes two ponds, a bird observation hide and three waymarked trails. Unique 18th-century stables and icehouse.

## ● education programme

Leith Hall 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 house (allow 1 hour)
- tours can be specially tailored to suit school requirements
- Laird to Orra Loon event celebrate the wonderful rich culture and properties of North East Scotland and explore the very different lifestyles to be found on a country estate in rural Aberdeenshire through 300 years through a series of workshops (May)
- quiz and activity sheets
- Ranger Service (tel: 01330 844651)

### classroom resources

- illustrated guidebook (available on request)
- *Classroom Guide to Leith Hall* (available on request)

## ● practical information

### planning your visit

- pre-booking is essential - the Ranger Service must be pre-booked
- 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

### during your visit

- visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: please report to the Property Manager
- picnic facilities: picnic area available near the car park
- shop: items suitable for children are available for purchase
- toilets: situated in the courtyard

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## ● for more information contact

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