

# Moirlanich Longhouse for schools

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Moirlanich Longhouse is a rare and outstanding survival of the Scottish longhouse, the Central Highland variant in particular, a type of building in which a family and their livestock lived under one roof. This longhouse, with many original features intact, dates from at least the mid-19th century and was built from locally available materials - timber, stone, clay, sand, turf and bracken. The stone-built longhouses of the 19th century echoed the structure of turf-walled houses of an earlier date where the timber frame or cruck had to support the roof. The cruck often remained the laird's property while the tenant maintained the walls.

The building has been little altered and retains many of its original features, such as the 'hingin' lum' and box beds. Moirlanich was home to at least three generations of the Robertson family: the last member left in 1968. The cottage is furnished according to archaeological evidence.

## ● education programme

Moirlanich Longhouse 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
- displays of artefacts including a rare collection of working clothes
- an exhibition interpreting the history and restoration of the building

### classroom resources

- study box containing 5-14 topic linked resources including: archive photographs; oral history; background information; archive newspapers and a scale model of the Longhouse, which allows construction techniques to be studied

## ● 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

### during your visit

- visiting teachers are responsible for discipline
- on arrival: please report to the reception building
- the limited space in the Longhouse requires large groups to be divided up and staggered between the Longhouse itself and the reception building which holds a collection of artefacts
- picnic facilities: not available at the property but can be found elsewhere in Killin village
- toilet: situated in the reception building.

### access to property

- wheelchair access available for the display hut but not the Moirlanich Longhouse due to the uneven floor.

### complementary visits

*non-NTS properties*

Killin's Folklore Centre

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