

Strathnaver Trail

To visitors, Strathnaver can seem wild, empty and remote. Yet this appearance is deceptive: hidden in its landscape are features from all periods of history. The Strathnaver Trail explores some of them.

The landscape of Strathnaver has evolved under human influence for at least 6,000 years and together these structures create a powerful picture of life throughout several millennia.

Why not pick up a trail map and guide from the Strathnaver Museum and explore for yourself.



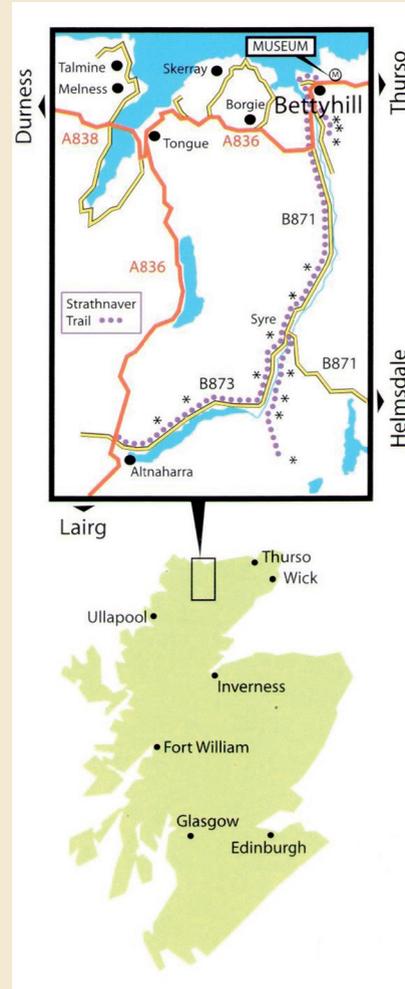
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We are delighted to be able to offer you a special Friends members scheme with great benefits. Including free admission, members only newsletter and special Friend of the Strathnaver Museum badge as well as knowing you will be helping to sustain the long-term future of our special museum.

For more details please ask a member of staff or visit our website:
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How to find us:



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Opening Times:
1 April to 31 October
10am to 5pm
Closed Sundays



Journey from Strathnaver's mystical past, through the emergence of the Clan Mackay to the tragedy of the Highland Clearances...

Located in the former parish church of St Columba our building has had a prominent position in our community for thousands of years. In the graveyard you will find the Farr Stone dated from about 850AD which bears a striking Pictish design.

Dominating our main room is the pulpit from which Rev David Mackenzie was obliged to read out eviction notices to his congregation at the height of the Strathnaver Clearances.

The building's association with the Highland Clearances did not end in 1819, as within its walls the Napier Commission heard evidence from the people of north Sutherland in 1883. The Napier Commission resulted in significant improvements to the lives of crofters and other small tenants.



Museum highlights

The Strathnaver Museum is located in the heart of Mackay Country where people have lived for over 8,000 years! Our collection contains a range of items from pre-history to life in the 19th and early 20th Century.

- Domestic life revealed in our croft house
- Discover the Bronze Age Chealamay Beaker
- Uncover the Clan in our Mackay Room
- Unearth the agricultural history
- Encounter the fishing heritage (and one of our most intriguing exhibits the dogskin buoy!)
- Well preserved 17th century Tacksmen's gravestones



Special exhibitions and events

We regularly stage special events and display temporary exhibitions exploring life in Mackay Country. For our upcoming events and exhibitions please visit our website.

Archive and Library

We hold a range of documents, books and images within our expanding archive and library and welcome visits by appointment.

- Dr Ian Grimble Library
- Reay papers
- Family history records
- Local history resources
- Mackay Country Archive
- Oral histories
- Historic image collection



Family history research service

We can also undertake research enquiries on your behalf via post and email. Why not take advantage of the local knowledge of our team. Please contact us at genealogy@strathnavermuseum.org.uk for more information.