

The Atholl Highlanders Parade & Gathering



Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th May 2026



Upgrade your ticket to visit Blair Castle

Adults: £10
Senior: £7.50
Child: £5.00

Upgrade at the Entrance Hall.
Valid on Saturday 23rd and
Sunday 24th May 2026.

Gardens and Grounds included with your ticket

Your ticket includes access to our walled garden and grounds. With an adventure playground for the kids, plus a restaurant and gift shop, there is plenty to discover during your visit.

Tasty bites at Blair Castle & Gardens

Experience our special edition fast-food menu, featuring a unique Blair Castle blend of Glen Lyon coffee and Stewart Towers ice cream. Indoor and outdoor seating available.

The Atholl Highlanders Parade

Saturday 23rd May 2026

Programme of events:

- 11.00 am** Atholl Highlanders talk, Castle Ballroom. With Keren Guthrie, Archivist, and CSM Garry Brailsford, Atholl Highlanders (*£5 per person, tickets available on the door*).
- 1.15 pm** Blair Castle closes for the day.
- 2.30 pm** The Atholl Highlanders Parade, Blair Castle forecourt:
March On under command of RSM Graham Jack.
Major Aubyn Stewart-Wilson, Parade Commander takes over command from RSM. Officers fall in.
- 3.00 pm** The Inspecting Officer, General Sir Patrick Sanders KCB CBE DSO, Chief of General Staff (British Army), Major the Marquis of Tullibardine and Lt Col. The Earl of Kinnoull, Commanding Officer of the Atholl Highlanders arrive on Parade.
General salute field gun fires.
Parade Commander orders the Colours to be marched on.
Inspection of the Pipes and Drums and the Highlanders.
Music from the Pipe Band.
March past and salute to the inspecting officer.
Presentation of Juniper, Awards and Trophies by The Marquis of Tullibardine.
March Off.
- 3.45 pm** Parade ends.

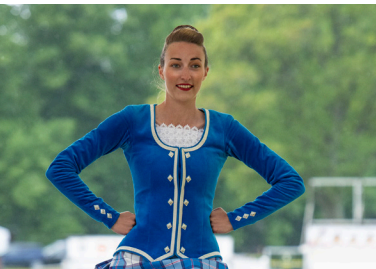
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Sunday 24th May 2026

Programme of events:

- 9.30 am** Gates open.
- 10.00 am** Local Heavyweights competitions begin.
- 10.30 am** Piping and Highland Dancing competitions begin.
- 12.00 pm onwards** Open Heavyweights competition.
Scottish Heavyweight Events:
Light hammer
28lb weight for distance
Shot putt
Caber
Farmer's walk
56lb weight over the bar
Wrestling
- 1.15 pm** Atholl Highlanders march into the Arena.
- 1.30 pm** Formal opening of the Games by Michael Murray, Marquis of Tullibardine.
Gun Fires.
The Highlanders' Dash.
- 2.15 pm onwards** Family races.
Atholl Highlanders' races, dancing and Tug o' War.
Atholl Highlander annual trophy presentation.
- 3.00 pm** Open Tug o' War competition.
- 4.15 pm onwards** Awards Ceremony.

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The Atholl Gathering Site Map



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| Toilets | First Aid |
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| Water Point | Piping Huts |
| Information & Gift Shop | Dancing Tent |

Parking:
The car park is open from 9:30am.
If the main car park is full you will be directed to one of our overflow car parks.

Recycling and water bottle refilling:
Recycling and general waste bins are available throughout the site. There will be a water point behind the bar for refilling water bottles.

Toilets:
Unisex and disabled toilets.

Re-entry:
Please show your original ticket when re-entering the site.