

# Atholl Estates Blair Castle



## Activities on Atholl Estates

Get out and explore 145,000 acres of glorious Highland Perthshire scenery...

### Tractor Tours

Explore the grounds of Blair Castle and the surrounding landscape on a 90 minute vintage tractor and trailer ride.

Every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday 27 June to 16 August and 22 to 28 August

Adults: £5, Children (under 16) £3, Under 1s free

Book in advance either online at [www.atholl-estates.co.uk](http://www.atholl-estates.co.uk) or by telephone on 01796 481355, 01796 481263 or 01796 481207. Tickets can be purchased on the day if seats remain.

### Land Rover Safaris

Enjoy a breath-taking 2½ hour safari through some of the most remote, dramatic and tranquil areas on Atholl Estates. Our drivers live and work on the estate and will share their knowledge of the natural area which is rich in wildlife including red squirrels, birds of prey, deer and mountain hares.

Numbers are limited to 6 people per safari and advance booking is essential.

Regular tours on weekdays and weekends until Sunday 23 October.

Adults £32, Children (3 -17) £20

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### Pony Trekking

Explore Atholl Estates the traditional way on the back of a Highland pony. Blair Castle Trekking Centre runs regular one and two hour treks for all riding abilities.

1 hour trek £27, 2 hour trek £40

Advanced booking is essential on 01796 481568, 01796 481263 or 01796 481207  
For further information please visit [www.blaircastletrekking.co.uk](http://www.blaircastletrekking.co.uk)



**Atholl Gathering Weekend at Blair Castle**  
Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 May 2011

## Atholl Highlanders' Parade at Blair Castle

Saturday 28 May

- 11am Atholl Highlanders Talk, Castle Ballroom.  
With Jane Anderson, Conservation Manager and Archivist.
- 1.15pm Blair Castle closes for the duration of the parade.
- 2.40pm **The Atholl Highlanders Parade, Blair Castle forecourt:**  
  
March On under command of the RSM, Len Brailsford  
  
Parade Commander ( Major David Drummond Moray )  
takes over command from RSM. Officers fall in. Colours  
are marched on.
- 3pm The Inspecting Officer, Brigadier Melville Jameson CBE,  
Lord-Lieutenant of Perth and Kinross, arrives on parade,  
accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Blair Stewart-  
Wilson KCVO, Commanding Officer.  
  
Cannon fires.  
  
The Inspection of the Pipers and Drummers and the  
Highlanders.  
  
Music from the Pipe Band.  
  
March past and salute to the inspecting officer.  
  
Presentation of long-service medals, trophies and awards.  
  
The Lord-Lieutenant will address the parade.  
  
Command of the Atholl Highlanders will then be handed  
over to Lieutenant Colonel James Murray.  
  
March Off.
- 3.45pm Parade finishes, Blair Castle reopens.

## Atholl Gathering, Blair Castle Grounds

Sunday 29 May

- 10am Gates open.
- 11am Local Heavies competition.
- 11.30am onwards Piping and Highland Dancing competitions.
- 12.30pm Open Hammer competition
- 1.15pm Atholl Highlanders march into the Arena.
- 1.30pm Formal opening of the Games by Lieutenant Colonel  
Sir Blair Stewart-Wilson, Chieftain for 2011, who  
fires the cannon.  
  
The Highlander's Dash.
- 1.45pm to 4.15pm **Scottish Heavy Events**  
Shot putt.  
Wrestling.  
Weight for distance.  
Caber.  
Weight over the bar.  
Atholl Highlanders gun pull.
- 2.15pm Family races.  
Atholl Highlanders races, dancing and tug o' war.
- 3pm Open Tug o' War competition.
- 4.30pm Awards Ceremony.
- The Atholl Gathering and Highland Games gratefully acknowledge the  
support of:  
William Grant & Sons  
David Leggat MBE, commentator

Come back in August for our second major event, **Blair Castle International Horse Trials and Country Fair**. This year featuring the FEI European Young Rider Eventing Championships, 18-21 August. [www.blairhorsetrials.co.uk](http://www.blairhorsetrials.co.uk).