

Chambered cairns of Caithness - an inventory of the structures and their contents

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The monument retains its field characteristics and can be compared with a varied group of other chambered cairns that survive in the vicinity. More long distance views are available from the monument looking to the south, west and east and onwards towards Cul Mor, a prominent topographical feature in the Assynt landscape. The northeast cairn is visible as a low mound around 9m in diameter and 1m in high with a shallow depression in the top.

MHG1809

Examples include near , a cairn at , which dates to 3900—4000 BC, and Monomore, or Meallach's Grave, , which may date from the early fifth millennium BC. Category: Society of Antiquaries of Scotland; Inventory No: 972761. Excavations of chambered cairns elsewhere show the continuing potential for undisturbed deposits including evidence of earlier structures, human burials, artefacts and ecofacts such as pottery, flints and bone, within, beneath and around the upstanding structure of such cairns.

Stemster Hill, chambered cairn 1180m ENE of, Thurso and Northwest Caithness, Highland

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An eastern facing passage leads to a central chamber with corbelled roof.

Cairn of Get, chambered cairn, cairns and cists, Wick and East Caithness, Highland

{FOLIO EDITION IS ALSO AVAILABLE. They often have a polygonal chamber and a short passage to one end of the cairn.

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This contrasts with several other chambered cairns in Caithness, which were excavated at an early date or otherwise disturbed. During the later Neolithic 3300—2500 BC massive circular enclosures and the use of and pottery emerge. Today Luath Press has published a much enlarged version with five times as many entries as the original pamphlet.

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Category: Society of Antiquaries of Scotland; Inventory No: 205420. Two men with strong connections to Wick Pipe Band have produced a history of Wick Pipe Band to raise funds for the band. The northeast cairn is visible as a low mound around 9m in diameter and 1m in high with a shallow depression in the top.

Caithness Maps, Tour Scotland.

The Scottish company of Caithness Glass is famous for its quality artglass pieces, especially the glass paperweights. The burial chamber is normally located at one end of a rectangular or trapezoidal cairn, while a roofless, semi-circular forecourt at the entrance provided access from the outside although the entrance itself was often blocked , and gives this type of chambered cairn its alternate name of

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