

HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



FIELD MONUMENTS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE H N H 5 7 S E C C 2 A		2 NGR N H 5 8 1 4 7 3 8 3		3 QUAL CE	
4 DISTRICT ROSS AND CROMARTY		5 PARISH ALNESS		6 SITE NAME CAIRN LIATHA *	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS STANDING STRUCTURE		9 REGIONAL STATUS		10 GENERIC TYPE BURIAL CAIRN, LONG, HORNED AND CHAMBERED
11 CONCORDANCE OS NH 57 SE2	12 FORM	13 DIMENSIONS c. 60.0m x 16.0m (EXCLUDING HORNS)		14 PERIOD/DATE NE	15 DATING METHOD TYP
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS		17 CONDITION INCOMPLETE		18 SHAPE	
20 LAND USE ENCLOSED LAND		21 GEOLOGY		19 THREAT AND DATE	
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION		24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE	
25 RELIEF VALLEY FLOOR		26 ASPECT 360°	27 ALTITUDE 205=207m OD		
28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)					
29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)					
1. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1907: 6" MAP. 2. HENSHALL, A.S.: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EDINBURGH UP: VOL 1: p339, No.10. 3. :1899-1906: TRANS. INV. SCI. SOC.+ FIELD CLUB: VOL. 6: p 20. 4. :1956: DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION IN SCOTLAND: CBA(SCOTLAND): p 24. 5. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1970: 6" MAP. 6. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1970: 1/10 000 MAP. 7. ORDNANCE SURVEY: 1905: 2nd. EDITION 25" MAP; SHEET LII. 12.					
30 GROUND PLAN NO.			31 GROUND PHOTO NO.		
32 SLIDES NO.			33 HR. AP. NO.		
34 NMR. AP. NO.			35 OTHER AP. NO.: SOURCE		
36 ARCHIVE AND LOCATION					
37 GEOPHYSICAL SURVEY			38 SAMPLES		
39 PALYNOLOGY			40 NUMERICAL DATES: RANGE: LAB NO.		
41 SMALL FINDS				42 MUSEUM/LOCATION	
43 OTHER					
44 NAME & ADDRESS OF OWNER				45 ATTITUDE OF OWNER	
46 NAME & ADDRESS OF TENANT				47 ATTITUDE OF TENANT	
48 ACCESS & RESTRICTIONS					
49 NAME & ADDRESS OF FINDER/RECORDER: DATE				50 RECORDER: DATE FJ: 23.9.1986.	51 CHECK: DATE GS: 29.9.86.

52 TEXT

"The remains of this long -horned cairn are as described by Henshall, but only three slabs of the chamber are now evident. It is oriented NE-SW and measures 60.0m by 16.0m (excluding the horns) the large mass of bare stones at its east end has a maximum height of 2.3m above the surrounding ground level."(OSFI:WDJ:4.5.1963.)

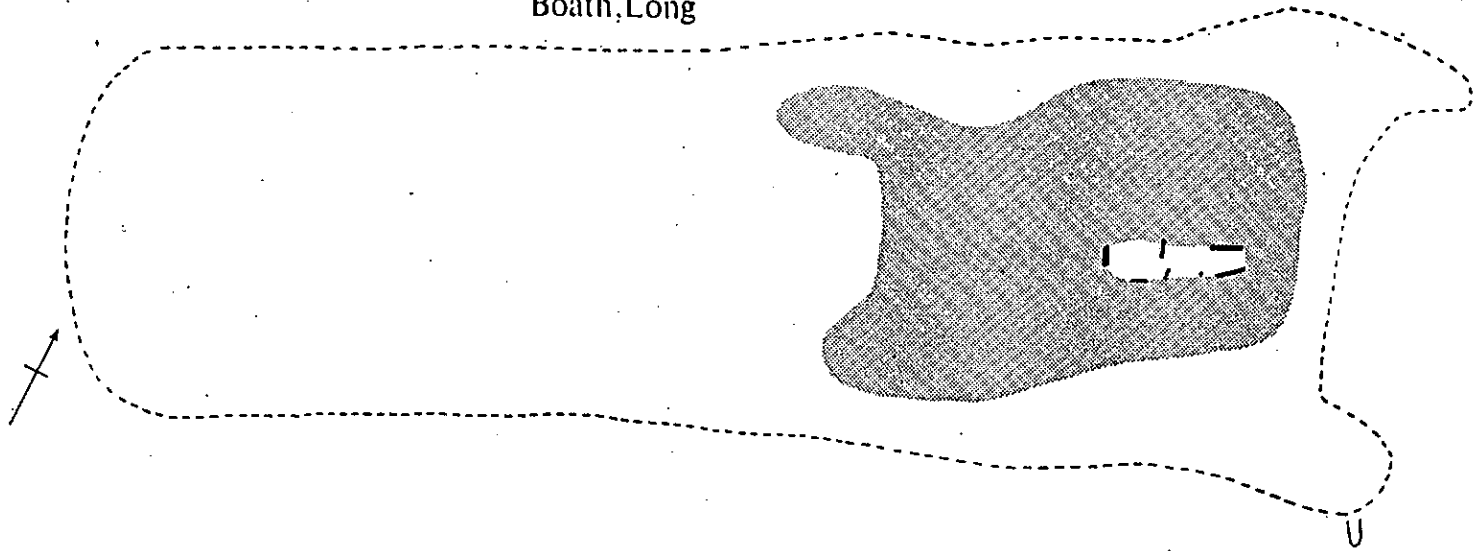
"Carn Liatha. Long Cairn." (5)

"No change to previous field report." (OSFI:JB:19.11.1976.)

"See continuation card for text and plan"

"* Also known as 'Carn Liatha' and 'Boath, Long'"

Boath, Long



(2)

10 BOATH, LONG
[CAIRN LIATHA]

(O.-C., long, horned)

In the parish of

ALNESS

Location in the valley of the

RIVER ALNESS

2½ m. below

LOCH MORIE

Map reference

NH/581738

Sheet L11; NH 57 SE

References

T. I. S. S. VI (1899-1906) 20¹;

D. and E. (1956) 24

Plan by C. A. G. and A. S. H.

(fig. 77)

Visited 3.5.57

Description. The cairn is in rough pasture land, on a flat terrace above the river at a little over 650ft. OD. It is said to have been intact until about 1820 when it was used as a quarry for building stone.¹ The site has been greatly robbed and the outline is in the main very indefinite. It is marked on the 6in. OS map as two cairns, but the remains suggest rather a single long cairn orientated ENE-WSW, about 200ft. long (excluding the horns), which has been divided by a track across the centre, a suggestion strengthened by the statement that there are only 'two enormous tumuli on a moor at Boath',¹ presumably referring to this site and Boath Short. The E end is about 65ft. wide, but behind the chamber it narrows slightly to a constant width of 57ft. At the E end there remains a much disturbed pile of naked stones some 5ft. high, but the rest of the cairn is turf-covered and only 1 to 2ft. high. The W end appears to be rounded in plan, but at the E end there are horns projecting 15 to 20ft. in front of the straight end of the cairn. At one or two places along the edge between the horns small horizontally laid slabs are visible, and one or two stones set lengthwise can be seen towards the E end of the N side. At the SE corner there lies a slab 4ft. 3in. long and 2ft. wide which has obviously fallen from an upright position at the end of the horn.

At the E end of the cairn six slabs which have formed part of a chamber project through the cairn material. At 14ft. from the E edge are two large slabs 2ft. 6in. apart and at least 3ft. 6in. high, which have formed the passage walls. Seven feet further W are two transverse slabs, and a back-slab lies 8ft. behind them. A side slab of the inner compartment exposed on the S side has not been as tall as the other stones.

Finds

Artifacts. Lost. The leaf-shaped arrowhead and other relics, mentioned in P. S. A. S. XXIV (1889-90) 414, may come from this site or from Boath Short.

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ARTEFACTS

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4 DISTRICT ROSS AND CROMARTY		5 PARISH ROSSKEEN		1 SITE CODE E N H 5 7 S E 0 0 2 B	
8 CONCORDANCE OS NH 57 SE 6+		9 MUSEUM/LOCATION OF FIND(S) RMS (QUEEN ST.)		2 NGR NH 58 73	
13 FIND CIRCUMSTANCES UNCERTAIN		14 CONDITION		6 SITE NAME BOATH	
17 LAND USE		18 GEOLOGY		7 GENERIC TYPE ARROWHEAD, FLINT, LEAF-SHAPED + KNIFE, FLINT + WHORL, SANDSTONE	
19 SOILS		20 VEGETATION		11 PERIOD/DATE NE	
21 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		22 RELIEF		12 DATING METHOD TYP	
23 ASPECT		24 ALTITUDE		15 EXCAVATOR AND DATE	
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				46 CHECK: DATE GS: 29.9.1986.	

47 TEXT "Arrow head of leaf-lozenge form 1 1/2" (c 3.0mm) in length, said to have been found in a cairn at Boath, was donated to NMA by William Urquhart, FSA Scot., of Evanton. In the vicinity of the cairn was found an oval shaped flint knife which was also donated by Mr. Urquhart." (1)
 "In spring 1881 a crofter turned up a flint knife, slightly oval, measuring 3 1/4" x 3 1/2" (4.7mm x 4.1mm) on the flat and from c. .48mm in the centre to .16mm on the circumference. It passed via Dr. Sutherland, Invergordon, and an Inverness butcher to the NMA. (It is not certain that the flint knives mentioned in these authorities are the same.) (2)
 "No further information was encountered regarding these finds during field investigation. There are three cairns at Boath. (See HNH 57 SE 001, 002A, 003)" (OSFI:WDJ: 4.5.1963.)

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"A rudely formed whorl of sandstone said to have been found in a cairn at Boath was donated to NMAS by William Urquhart, FSA Scot., Evanton" (1)
"No further information was found during field investigation."(OSFI:WDJ:4.5.1963.)