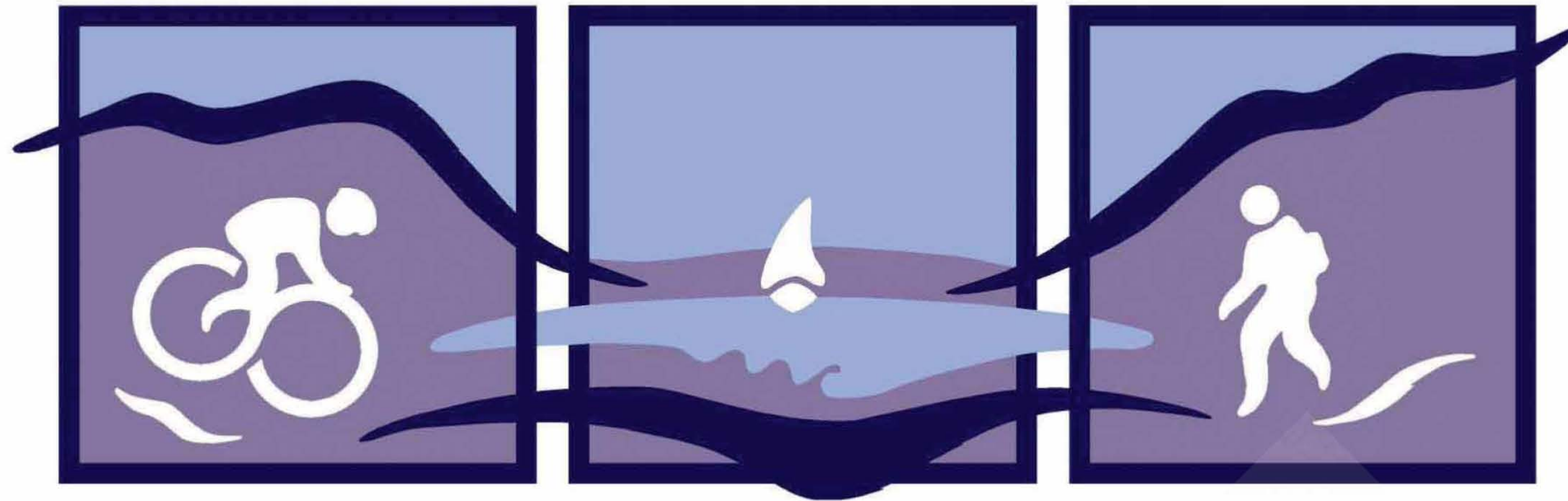


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New castle - long, stormy history

Caisteal ùr - eachdraidh fhada, ghuineach

Pronounced: Cashteeal oor - eeachdree ada, ghoonyach

The castle **caisteal** you can see here is fairly new. It was built in the 1830s and 1840s as a courthouse and jail and is still used as court-rooms today.

This hill has had a castle on it since the 12th Century. Or, to be more precise, a series of different castles, each replacing a previous structure destroyed as a result of battle **blàr** or siege **seist**.

Why attack Inverness Castle?

Carson a thugadh ionnsaigh air Caisteal Inbhir Nis?

Any army which held Inverness controlled important routes to the north, south, east and west. Over the years, English **Sasannaich** and Scottish **Albannach** kings, Highland **A' Ghàidhealtachd** lords, clan chiefs and Jacobites have all fought to capture it.

As you enjoy the views, imagine the scenes this tranquil spot has witnessed - army attacks, gunpowder exploding, collapsing walls... and the ordinary people of Inverness wondering whose flag would fly from the battlements next.

Did you know...?

Some of the most famous attackers of Inverness Castle include:

Edward I of England and Robert the Bruce
(*Scottish Wars of Independence, late 13th and early 14th Centuries*)

Donald, Lord of the Isles (1411)

Mary, Queen of Scots (1562)

Charles Edward Stuart, "Bonnie Prince Charlie" (1746).

