WELCOME TO THE BEITHIR'S LAIR PLAY PARK

ST. FILLANS

'We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.'
George Bernard Shaw

Our Play Park is for **all** ages.

Sneak a keek behind this noticeboard for loads of quirky challenges.

If there are too many to do in one day, that's great news. Visit us again!

The Beithir (Crocodile) Stone

Our Park is named after a serpent-like beastie from ancient Scottish folklore called the Beithir (pronounced, ***'Bay –ir'*** to rhyme with ***'Lair'***).

The 'Crocodile Stone' just to the east of St. Fillans is believed to be a Beithir turned to stone by a witch's curse.



BEITHIR'S LAIR
This is where the terrifying Beithir lives. By all means, play in the tunnels but make sure that you aren't there when it comes home!

WITCH'S FLYING CORACLE
Fly your coracle (small, round boat) like a modern witch. Traditional witches still use uncomfortable flying brooms and are always bad tempered as a result.

DUNDURN HILL FORT
As a Pict in your hill fort, you can stand guard and keep a watchful eye on the Scots of Loch Earn. They may attack at any moment!

ST FILLANS PEBBLE PATCH
A 'Pebble Patch' is a Moortie notice board to show travelling Moorties what is important locally. St. Fillans villagers of all ages made this one to show you what is of interest here.

URISK BOWER and the WHISPERING STONE
Urisks live in bowers made from trees and plants. The 'Whispering Stone' lies within if you need to share a secret but can't tell another human!

MACSPORRAN CABER BRIDGE
Rope and bits of caber make for a wobbly bridge which is brilliant fun for a MacSporran...obviously!

PENSIVE GROUSE
This is a statue of a deep-thinking bird. You won't see many grouse in this pose because few ponder Life's more unusual dilemmas like this one.

BAMPOT LUNARTICK OBSERVATORY
Bampots are obsessed with things growing fuller so they watch the Moon 'break' and 'repair' every month. When feeding, Ticks get much bigger too, so Bampots study both in LunarTick Observatories.

MAIN NOTICE BOARD
Find out lots of different ways that you can play in this park.

PAWS PAUSE
Relax a while in Nature... and enjoy talking to each other.

MACSPORRAN STILT STEPS
MacSporrans love lurching over old cabers rammed into the ground. Do you?

WEE BUT and BENS
The Wee (cone-shaped beasties) live in their little woodland homes here.

SCOTS' BUG QUIZ
Do you know the Scots' names for everyday creepy crawlies?

MACSPORRAN TEETER TOTTER
Great cabers grow on difficult-to-reach tree branches so MacSporrans need superb balance to reach them. How sure-footed are you?

BUG HOTEL
Sneek a peek at who is living in St. Fillans' smallest hotel but please, **DO NOT DISTURB** the residents. If you do, they'll leave us and not come back.



BAMPOT SPINNING LID
As a rite of passage, young Bampots win their metal lids if they repair the Moon to fullness. Go fast enough on this spinning 'lid' and you'll feel as dizzy as a Bampot trying to think.

MACSPORRAN 'HOP'
Are you as nimble as a MacSporran hopping over boulders?

MACSPORRAN ZIG ZAG ZIP
To escape hunters, MacSporrans practise their jinky running style through here. You can, too.

HUGMAHUSH
Step lightly on these ancient beasties or they might be gone the next time you visit.

EAGLE'S EYRIE
Sit quietly in an Eagle's nest, spot wildlife ...and then charge onto the Rammy Run!

OGHAM SUNDIAL
Who needs a watch or phone to tell the time...as long as the sun is shining!

MOORTIE BOULDER FIELD
Can you clamber on rocks as well as a Moortie? If not, just **really** look at the stones. Moorties find them awfully interesting.

MOORTIE CHAMBERED CAIRN
Moorties love living in cairns of all shapes and sizes. Crawl into this one and imagine what it's like being in a Moortie home.

CLOUD CRADLE
Lie back, relax and see how many things you can spot as the clouds change shape above you.

LOG LOGS
Identify an animal's 'movements' from their poo!

KELPIE'S HOOF
This bench is shaped like a Kelpie's hoof. Note the small wooden stump representing the Kelpie's deadly, razor-sharp dew claw.

FAERIE FLIT
This is a hidden entrance to the underground world of the Faeries...but where is it?

MULTI-SIGN SIGNPOST
There are fascinating things to find in all directions. Have you seen all 15?

SILKIE HIDE and SLIDE
A Silkie has transformed into human form and hidden her seal skin nearby. Share the 'whoosh' a Silkie feels when sliding back into the water.

BEITHIR'S SCRAPE
Like snakes, a Beithir sheds (proper term- ***'Ecdysis'***) the old top layer of skin from its body as it grows. Here is where it scrapes against the tree trunk and sand to help that process.

Thank you! *For making 'The Beithir's Lair' Play Park a reality, the children (and adults!) of St. Fillans would like to say a HUGE "thank you" to all our wonderfully generous funders.*

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