

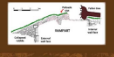
# The Hub of the Highlands

**Main image:** The hillforts of Ord Hill and Craig Phadrig show their great view over the beauty rich and the mouth of the River Ness.

The hillforts of Craig Phadrig and Ord Hill controlled the key routes leading into the Highlands. This area was the hub of a network connecting people and places – just like today.

A storm in February 2015 brought down the trees that were growing on the grass-covered remains of the fort. Archaeologists dug and trench through the impact to reveal the damage and were amazed to discover a massive stone-lined wall, ramparts and ditches on the hill.

We can see the impact in this section drawing. It measures 6m in thickness and could once have stood up to 2m in height, supported by a timber palisade.



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