

# HIGHLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL



# FIELD MONUMENTS

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS RECORD

1 SITE CODE											
H N D 0 5 N E 0 1 2											
2 NGR											
N D 0 5 9 3 5 5 8 5											
3 QUAL											
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6 SITE NAME											
B E N N F R E I C E A D A I N											
10 GENERIC TYPE											
BURIAL CAIRN, CHAMBERED (OCH)											
14 PERIOD/DATE						15 DATING METHOD					
NE						TYP					
18 SHAPE											
19 THREAT AND DATE											

4 DISTRICT		5 PARISH	
CAITHNESS		REAY	
7 AREA STATUS	8 SITE STATUS	9 REGIONAL STATUS	
SSSI	SCHEDULED		
11 CONCORDANCE	12 FORM	13 DIMENSIONS	
OS ND 05 NE 12	STANDING STRUCTURE		
16 RELATIONSHIP OF ELEMENTS	17 CONDITION		
WITHIN FORT HND 05 NE 018	INCOMPLETE		

20 LAND USE		21 GEOLOGY	
ROUGH PASTURE			
22 SOILS		23 VEGETATION	
24 HYDROLOGY/DRAINAGE		25 RELIEF	26 ASPECT
		ROUNDED HILL SUMMIT	360°
			27 ALTITUDE
			236 = 244m OD

28 EXCAVATION (EXCAVATOR: DATE: EXTENT: QUALITY)

29 BIBLIOGRAPHY (AUTHOR: DATE: TITLE: JOURNAL OR PUBLISHER: VOLUME: DETAIL)

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2. HENSHALL, A.S.: 1963: CHAMBERED TOMBS OF SCOTLAND: EUP: VOL. 1: p258, No. 4
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6. CLOSE-BROOKS, J.: 1986: EXPLORING SCOTLAND'S HERITAGE, THE HIGHLANDS: HMSO: p144

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	51 CHECK: DATE
	DY: 6.8.1985	DY 14.8.1985

52 TEXT

"See continuation card for text."

ND. 059:557 Buaille, fort & chambered cairn, Beinn Freiceadain (5)

(ND 0593 5585) Chambered Cairn (NR)

(1)

Ben Freiceadain: Orkney-Cromarty Round Cairn with (?)  
 Camster-type chamber. This cairn is situated within the  
 fort HND 05 NE 018 which crowns the summit, towards its W  
 end. The mound is grass-grown; the top has been reduced  
 so that it now stands about 6 ft high, and the S side has  
 been severely robbed. The diameter is 55 ft and the edge  
 is quite distinct. The entrance has been from the ENE.  
 At 7 ft from this edge of the cairn can be seen the tops of  
 two slabs leaning outwards which are probably transverse  
 slabs at the entrance to the passage, part of a dry-built  
 N wall of which is visible further W. A lintel across the  
 passage remains in situ 6 ft behind the leaning stones.  
 In the centre of the cairn and 12 ft W of the lintel,  
 three slabs, evidently forming part of the chamber, pro-  
 trude through the turf, their tops being about 2 ft

6ft = 1.83m  
55ft = 16.88m

7ft = 2.13m

12ft = 3.67m

2ft = 0.61m

higher than the lintel stone. Two of these slabs are set  
 transversely to the axis of the passage, 3 ft apart, the  
 third being set across the inner end of the S stone.

3ft = 0.91m

(2), (3)

The remains of this chambered cairn are as described. The  
 remains consist of a mutilated mound of earth and stone,  
 16 m N-S by 17 m transversely, with a maximum height of  
 1.3 m. (See illustration).

(OSFI:WDJ:13.4.1962)

A chambered cairn, as described by Miss Henshall. There is  
 a modern cairn erected on the cairn.  
 Published survey (1:10,000) correct.

(OSFI:NKB:15.9.1981)

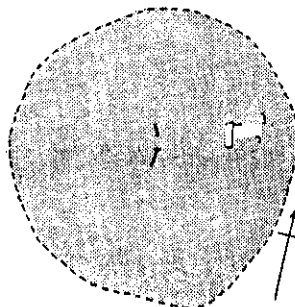
4 BEN FREICEADAIN  
 (O.-c.,? Camster-type, round)  
 In the parish of  
 REAY  
 Location on top of  
 BEN FREICEADAIN  
 8 m. SSW of  
 THURSO  
 Map reference  
 ND/059558  
 Sheet XVII; ND 05 NE  
 Inventory number 361  
 Reference R.C.A.M. Inv. 99  
 Plan by A.S.H. and M.J.S.  
 (fig. 37)  
 Visited 16.8.56

*Description.* Ben Freiceadain rises to a height of 781 ft. OD from the surround-  
 ing flat moorland. Together with the slightly higher twin summit of Ben  
 Dorrery it is the highest hill in the N of Caithness and a notable landmark.  
 The cairn is situated within the fort which crowns the summit, towards its  
 N end. The mound is grass-grown, the top has been reduced so that it now  
 stands about 6 ft. high, and the s side has been severely robbed. The diameter  
 is 55 ft. and the edge is quite distinct.

The entrance has been from the ENE. At 7 ft. from this edge of the cairn  
 there can be seen the tops of two slabs leaning outwards which are probably  
 transverse slabs at the entrance to the passage, part of the dry-built N wall  
 of which is visible further W. A lintel across the passage remains *in situ* 6 ft.  
 behind the leaning stones. In the centre of the cairn and 12 ft. W of the lintel  
 three slabs, evidently forming part of the chamber, protrude through the  
 turf, their tops being about 2 ft. higher than the lintel stone. Two of these  
 slabs are set transversely to the axis of the passage 3 ft. apart, the third being  
 set across the inner end of the s stone.

With fieldglasses it is possible to see at least seventeen chambered cairns  
 from this site.

Ben Freiceadain



(2)

411. Chambered cairn. 'Ben Freiceadain'. Dimensions: 18m x 17m. Height: 2.50m. Subcircular mound with a central depression 8m x 7m, with a slab lying on its W side. One upright stone visible in the centre of the depression. Orientation: NW-SE. Elevation: 725' OD. ND 059558.  
 O.S. Card ND 05 NE 12.  
 Henshall, A.S. (1963) The Chambered Tombs of Scotland, vol. 1, 258, No. 4. RCAHMS (1911) Caithness, 99, No. 361.  
 (Fig. 16)

