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Flags and banners were raised over Culloden Moor at the weekend as hundreds came to pay their respects to those who fell on the battlefield.
The last ever pitched battle to take place on British soil took place on April 16, 1746, effectively ended the Jacobite uprising and changed the course of British, European and colonial history forever.

On Saturday, the traditional march to the Culloden cairn and anniversary service took place, led by the Gaelic Society of Inverness (GSI). Around 400 people wound their way to the cairn, many wearing period and modern kilts – tartan was banned in the wake of the battle – and bearing flags and banners proclaiming their clans and allegiances.

Iain MacGillivray, Chief of Clan MacGillivray plays where a predecessor chief died during the battle.
Campaigners from the Group to Stop Development at Culloden (GSDC) were present, with activist Carolyn Seggie laying a wreath at the cairn. She said: “It was a memorable day, very emotional and a tremendous honour to lay the wreath.

“This year it was made more prominent by the NTS Culloden 300 consultation on how to protect the battlefield from encroachment by developers, which has raised public awareness by 100%.”

The cairn was a sea of wreaths after the service, which included the singing of Gaelic psalms, a lament, a poetry reading, the GSI Chief’s address by Donald Martin, opening and closing remarks by chairman Murdo Campbell and a benediction by the Rev Canon Melvin Langille.
Jacobite supporters from North America, Europe and Australia were to be found in the crowds. They continued their gathering at a musical evening in the Raigmore Motel.
Clan Mackinnon members from the US, England, Germany and Scotland joined many other clans gathering for the anniversary.

The clan's commissioner for Scotland, Kevin MacKinnon said: "There was a very large crowd from all over the world to remember the men who fell on both sides of the battle.
"The service at Drummossie Moor is an opportunity for all to remember and protect our native Gaelic heritage and culture."
Over the weekend, Culloden managers, the National Trust for Scotland hosted a wide range of walks, talks and trails, some in partnership with High Life Highland.