

# Urquhart Castle



- ❖ it is located beside Loch Ness in the Highlands of Scotland
- ❖ Urquhart played a role in the Wars of Scottish Independence in the 14th century
- ❖ later it was held as a royal castle, and was attacked for a few times by the MacDonald Earls of Ross
- ❖ although a series of further attacks the castle was supported, only to be mostly abandoned by the middle of the 17th century
- ❖ in the 20th century it was placed in state care and opened to the public so now it is one of the most-visited castles in Scotland
- ❖ the castle is situated on a headland overlooking Loch Ness and is one of the largest in Scotland in area
- ❖ the northern enclosure or Nether Bailey includes most of the more intact structures, including the gatehouse, and the five-storey Grant Tower at the north end of the castle
- ❖ the southern enclosure or Upper Bailey, sited on higher ground, contains the rest of earlier buildings