

# The Bass Rock

The Bass Rock is an island situated off the coast of East Lothian in Scotland. It is famous for its colony of seabirds [gannets in particular] but did you know it once was home to a prison which held Jacobite prisoners?

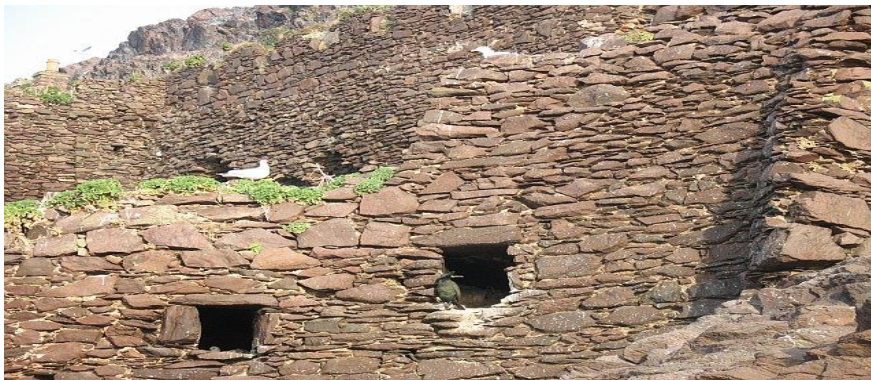


In 1691, during the reign of William and Mary, four Jacobite inmates carried out a daring escape from their dungeon cells, capturing the fortress while its garrison was engaged in unloading coal from a ship.

These Jacobite prisoners held the Bass Rock for over three years, defying all attempts by government forces to retake it. It was a huge embarrassment for the government.

The King of France sent supplies to help the prisoners on the rock. Aided by these supplies, the Jacobite prisoners even carried out raids on the Fife and Lothian coasts until an effective blockade starved them into submission.

Such was their success in holding the fortress that when they negotiated handing it back they were able to walk away free men.



**Your Task:-** Your task is to make a basic tourist leaflet about The Bass Rock. It can be a one page leaflet or folded to make a more detailed leaflet, the choice is yours. Your leaflet should include at least six interesting facts about The Bass Rock. For example, you may wish to include a fact about what the island is made of or a fact about the seabirds or a fact about the saint that once lived there. However, **one of the 6 facts must be about the Jacobite prisoners.** You can research other facts about the rock online.

Here are some short videos about The Bass Rock - unfortunately, they don't tell us about the Jacobite prisoners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuQvuta5-Mg>

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