



## A GUIDE TO USING COFLEIN

### CORE CONCEPTS

Learners can enquire, explore and investigate historical sites in Wales using the Coflein website, to gain an understanding of who has lived in their local area throughout history, and how the land might have been used. Learners can use Coflein to investigate how communities have evolved and apply this to their knowledge of what drivers may have caused historical sites to change over time. Learners can combine their knowledge and creative skills to effectively communicate and present information.



### GUIDANCE

Wales is rich in history and archaeological sites which can teach us more about past communities. There is a wealth of information on Wales's historical sites, and much of this information can be accessed on Coflein. Coflein is a free online catalogue of archaeology, buildings, industrial and maritime heritage in Wales. It is the database for the National Monuments Record of Wales and is maintained by the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales.

This resource will highlight the key features of Coflein and include some suggested activities for which it can be used.

This resource is intended for **progression steps 3-5**; however the suggested activity can be adapted for a variety of progression steps.



Reconstruction of Caerfai Iron Age promontory fort in Pembrokeshire.  
Reconstruction by Wessex Archaeology.



## SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

Using the map function to search for heritage sites in your neighbourhood or a particular area.

Go to <https://coflein.gov.uk/en/map/>

1. Under the search bar, click on 'Site Advanced Search'
2. From the drop-down menu, select 'Period'
3. Where it says type something, try 'Iron Age', 'Roman', 'Mesolithic' etc depending on the period you'd like to look at.
4. Use the zoom function to locate your area and look for heritage sites local to you.
5. Once you can see the blue toggle icon, click on this for some brief information.
6. Select 'View'. This will take you to an information page which provides key information and a description of the site. The image tab may also be a useful function.

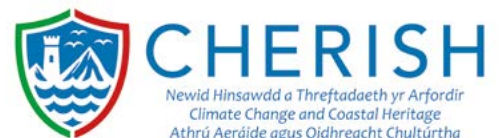
Further information and guides can be found here:

<https://coflein.gov.uk/en/user-guide/>

- 1 Coflein can be a useful tool for research tasks and will help to answer the following questions, by focussing on a particular site chosen by the teacher/a learner:
  - What was type of site is the historical site?
  - From which period was the historical site used?
  - Has the site changed?
  - Has the site been built on or preserved?
  - What is the site used for now?
  - Have any artefacts been found at the site? If so, what are they?
  - Are there any special or unique features that make this site particularly significant?



Flimston Bay Promontory fort. The remains of the defence to the fort can be seen in the ramparts on the right side of the image.



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