

A Visit to Riasc



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and age here

Preparatory work in school, at home or in Músaem Chorca Dhuibhne

1. Do you understand the following words? You will find an explanation for some of them in the museum.

placename	clochán	abbot	cross-inscribed stone
conservation	carved	artefact	monastic site
ceallúnach	Riasc	inhabitant	enclosing wall
oratory	gallán	excavation	habitation site

2. When did Christianity come to Ireland? What period is the Early Christian Period?

3. Name two occupations/tasks carried out by the people living at Riasc:

(You will get the information from artefacts on display in the museum)

4. What child's toy was found in the *ceallúnach* in Riasc?

5. Pottery from the Mediterranean region was found at Riasc. What do you think might have been in the vessels when they were first brought into Ireland?



6. Name two other early monastic sites in Corca Dhuibhne.



St. Patrick



Field trip to Riase

1. What is the name of the townland that you are in? (A town is a type of land division).

2. What does 'Riase' mean?

3. Draw the shape of the enclosing wall at Riase?

What shape is it closest to – rectangular?
circular? oval? square?



4. How was the enclosing wall built?

5. What width is it?

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6. What would you call the stone standing inside the wall? _____

7. Draw what is to be seen on that stone? _____

8. What kind of cross is this? _____

9. What letters are carved onto it? _____

Ask your teacher what they mean!

10. What type of stone is the cross made from? _____

11. What type of cross is a Latin cross? _____



12. When was this site built? _____

13. Which part of the site was built first? Which part was the last constructed?

14. This is a religious site. How do we know that? _____

15. What orientation
has the church?

East-west



North-south



16. What is constructed in a figure-of-eight shape? _____

17. Who is buried in the *ceallúnach*? _____

18. What happened here between 1972 and 1975? _____

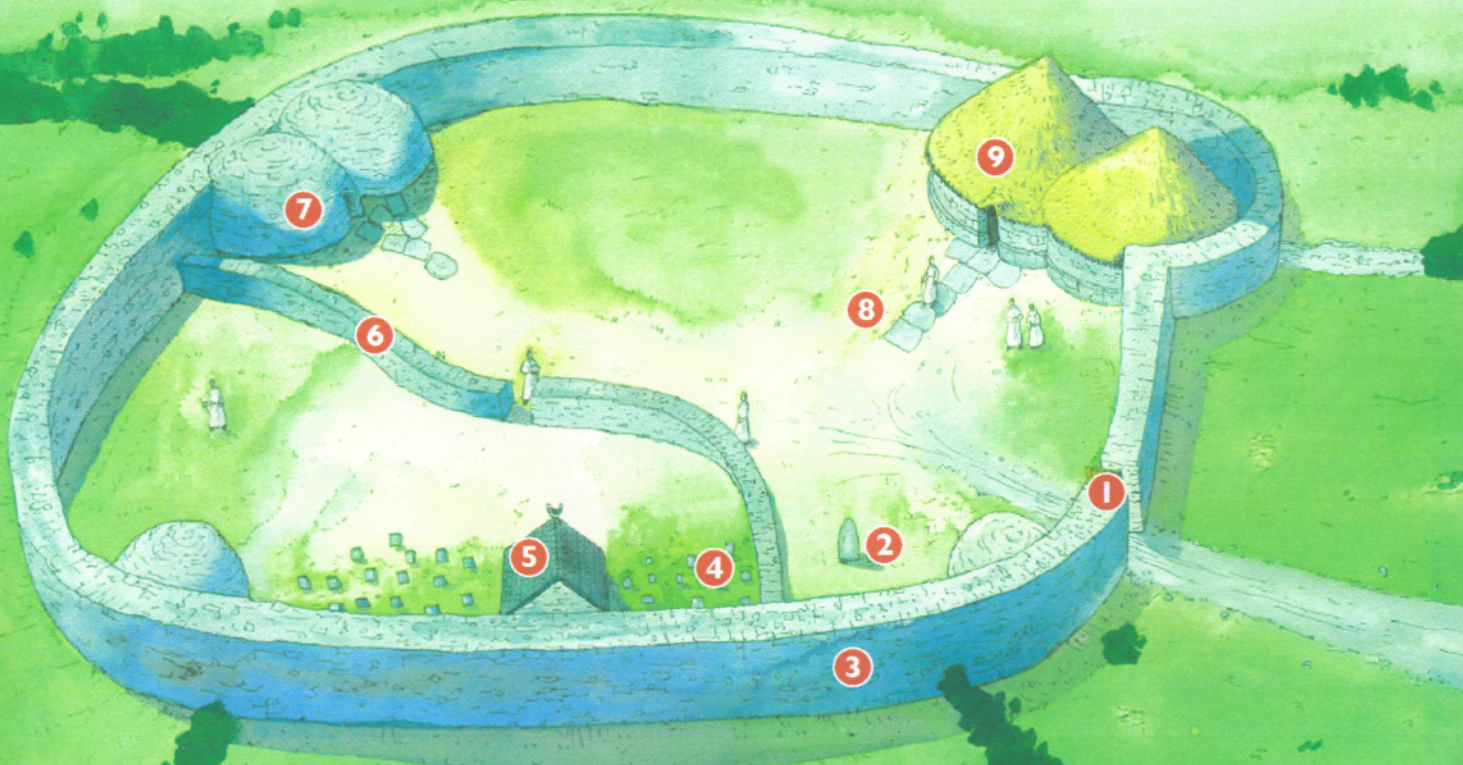
19. Who takes care of this site now? _____

20. Here is a drawing of the monastery at Riasc. Put in the names of the features at Riasc from 1–9.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

4. _____ 5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____ 9. _____



1. Draw a map or make a model of Riasc and put the enclosure wall, the *clocháin*, the cross-inscribed stone and the *ceallúnach* into it.



2. You are the abbot of the monastery. Make out a list of rules for the other inhabitants.



Rules of the Monastery

3. See what you can find out about the food that was eaten by the inhabitants here or the clothes that they wore.

4. You made a sketch of the cross-inscribed stones that you saw. Which one do you prefer? Why?



5. Compare this dwelling place and the types of places that people live in this area today. What is the greatest difference between them?

6. What is the name of the townland you live in? _____

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