

Cornwall's Archaeological Heritage

A field guide to accessible sites

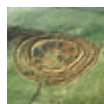


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Castle-an-Dinas

St Columb Major

Restormel

NGR: SW 9455 6237



Castle-an-Dinas is one of the largest and most impressive hillforts in Cornwall, sited in an imposing position on the summit of Castle Downs with extensive and panoramic views across central Cornwall to both north and south coasts. It features in Cornish legend as one of the seats of the Duke of Cornwall and folklore has it that Cador, Duke of Cornwall, and Ygraine, King Arthur's mother were killed here. That the site has attracted such mythic associations may be a reflection of its continued significance from its prehistoric beginnings into the Post-Roman and Early mediæval periods. The hillfort was first excavated in the 1880s and has since been the subject of several archaeological investigations.

How to get there



The monument is managed by Cornwall Heritage Trust and is accessible by public footpath across open ground from both the north and south.

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Ground & Aerial photographs

