

THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN VISITING CARN EUNY

As with all off- site visits, a preliminary visit from the class teacher / leader is highly recommended. Following our workshops here, we have detailed below things we hope you will find helpful when planning your visit.

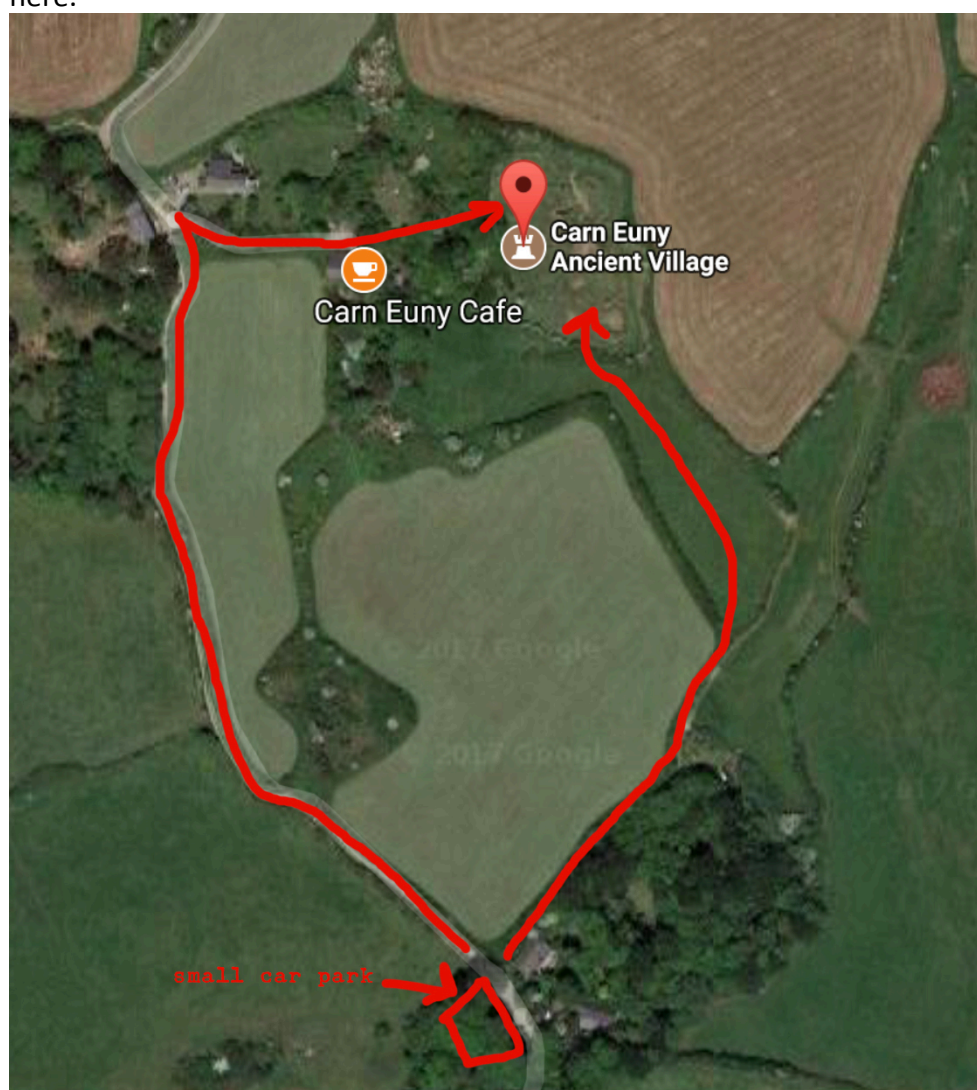
Getting to Carn Euny

If your group is coming by coach, then the best drop off point is by the footpath/bridleway at Grumbla. Beware... it is easy to get lost en route to Carn Euny via this track, so it is advised that an adult walks the route prior to the visit in order to ensure you reach your destination! The walk takes approximately 20 minutes.

If you are able to come by car or minibus then your walk to the site (and chances of getting lost) are minimised, as there is a small car park a couple of fields away from Carn Euny at Brane. This can be reached by road by following the brown tourist signs to Carn Euny. Beware... the car park is very small with limited parking, so this is worth considering when planning what time of year to visit and what vehicles to use.



From this car park, there are 2 ways of walking to the site. We have marked both on the map below. Be mindful that the shorter route crosses a field and there could be livestock in here.



Our experience... the main challenges

Carn Euny is a magical site, which really fires childrens' imaginations and provides a great way of talking about how people lived in the area thousands of years ago. The main challenges we found when planning a visit here, was **the lack of shelter and toilets**. There are different ways of approaching the lack of toilet situation e.g. there are lots of hedges to hide behind, and places to set up make shift toilets. However, there is no shelter so we would recommend keeping your eye on the weather forecast.

Other challenges/risks to consider are...

- Traffic- tractors, cars, horses, dogs and walkers using bridleways/footpaths to site from both drop off points.
- Escort children from drop-off point to site. Point hazards out to children/adults... be aware, stay as a group. High vis jackets?
- Cattle grazing in fields en route to the site and adjoining site.
- Point this out to children/adults... be aware, keep appropriate distance. Never run away from livestock.
- Access to site- bridleways can get very muddy. Rocky and narrow in parts, posing serious issues for children with mobility problems. There are stiles on both routes, which need to be crossed. Not suitable for wheelchairs.
- Wear appropriate footwear. All children need to be carefully supervised and helped crossing stiles and along tracks.
- Access to site- at certain times of year, when coming from Grumbla, the edges of the footpath can get heavily overgrown, including nettles and bracken. Risk of stings and ticks.
Advise children to wear long sleeved tops and trousers and to walk in line when passing through narrow sections.
- Access to site- on the route from Grumbla, there is a fenced off mine shaft (signed) and barbed wire fencing.
- Point this out to children/adults... stay on the bridleway at all times.
- Water- 2 areas of water need to be highlighted. At the Well site, which does have a grid across it and also on the floor at the far end of the Fogou.
- Children need to be supervised at the Well area at all times. Regarding the Fogou, if standing water is still an issue at the time of the visit then bollards or tape need to be erected at both ends of the channel. Adults to set boundaries around this area and make children aware.
- Slips and trips. Plenty of risks here with the number of climbing opportunities on rocks and walls.
- Bring First Aid kit. Set boundaries early on- no jumping and running on site. You will need to stand higher at some point to get drawings from certain views... this will need to be supervised.
- Chance of children banging heads on entry to beehive hut and Fogou
- Bring First Aid kit. High risk for this one. Highlight this to children and adults at the beginning of the day. Encourage children to keep low and take care on entrance/exit.
- No shelter for sudden bad weather. If weather forecast is looking significantly bad then visit should be postponed and alternative date arranged. Problem occurs if weather turns bad during visit.
- Children to have waterproofs and wellies. Shelter in beehive chamber/Fogou if heavy showers. Tarps for sitting on.

- Lack of toilet facilities
- Find solution appropriate to your group.
- Members of the public on site, possibility of dogs off the lead.
- Make children aware of this.

In an emergency

We found that we had strong phone signal here (both Vodafone/O2) as it's relatively high up. If phoning for an emergency vehicle, advise them to go to the small car park at Brane.

Postcode TR20 8QZ

OS map 203; ref SW 402288

GPS coordinates

DD coordinates- 50.10234 -5.63448

DMS coordinates- 50°06'8.42" N -5°38'4.13" W

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