

Interview about Din Eidyn

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An EDINBURGHblogger is interviewing a British historian about Din Eidyn.

→ What was Din Eidyn and where was it located?

It was a Pictish fortress from around 1500 BC until the coming of the Saxons. It was built atop the basalt core of an extinct volcano in Edinburgh.



→ Why was it called like that?

We are not sure about the real origin of Din Eidyn's name, as it is not entirely clear what exactly the name refers to. However, we know that it included the fortress of Din Eidyn.

→ How was Din Eidyn protected?

It had a natural protection. Specifically, in the south and west it was protected by the cliff barrier of the Salisbury Crags, and in the east, it was guarded by Dinsapie Loch.



→ What other interesting information could you tell us about Din Eidyn?

Even though Eidyn appears to have remained in Anglian hands for most of the next three centuries, historical and archeological evidence is scant, and it is unclear if a fortress remained at Din Eidyn.



The stronghold of Eidyn
EDINBURGH CASTLE, SCOTLAND
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→ What happened at Din Eidyn during the centuries?

The site of Din Eidyn has been nearly continuously occupied since the Bronze Age, serving as a stronghold of the Votadini during the Roman era and later the principal centre of their successors, the Gododdin kingdom.

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