

Digimap Collections

Ancient Roam Quick Reference Guide

What is Ancient Roam?

Ancient Roam is an online mapping facility which is part of the **Historic Digimap Collection**. Ancient Roam provides fixed-scale map views of a wide range of Ordnance Survey historical maps dating from 1840s – 1990s.

The **EDINA Historic Digimap** map collection contains historical maps from Landmark Information Group Ltd. Different series and editions cover different areas of Great Britain. You can download image data for use in other software packages, such as drawing software, GIS and CAD.

Access

Ancient Roam is available to all users at institutions that subscribe to Historic Digimap. No registration is required. Login at edina.ac.uk/digimap and select the Historic Digimap Collection.

System Requirements

Web Browser:

- Internet Explorer 7.0 or later
- FireFox 3.0 or later
- Safari 4 or later
- Javascript must be enabled

Using Ancient Roam

To start, click the Ancient Roam icon on the Historic Digimap homepage. You can view a map either by searching for a specific location or using the navigation tools to zoom and reposition the map.

Ancient Roam offers the standard features found in the Digimap Roam suite of clients, including:

- **Searching** by place name, postcode and grid reference
- Quick and easy **navigation** of the maps using click-and-drag
- Geographic extent details in the **Map Information** tab
- Ability to save favourite maps in **My Maps**



A screenshot of the Ancient Roam web application. The interface includes a search bar with 'Sheffield' entered, a list of search results for various Sheffield locations, and a central map view showing a detailed historical map of Sheffield. The top navigation bar includes 'Home > Ancient Roam' and 'EDINA' logo. A timeline at the top shows map availability from 1840s to Contemporary. The left sidebar contains a 'TASK MENU' with options like 'Overview Map', 'Map Information', and 'My Maps'.

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Features specific to Ancient Roam

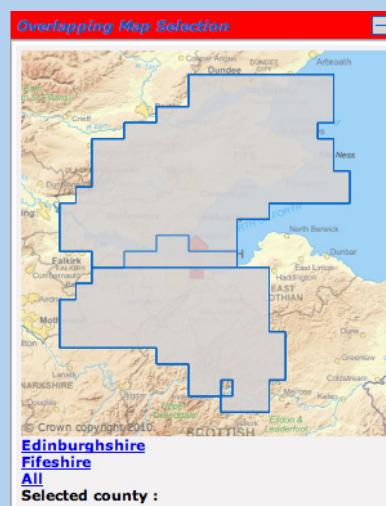
The Timeline



Ancient Roam's Timeline displays the availability of historical maps at any location and scale. Decades with available maps are highlighted in blue. Simply click on a decade to view historical maps. The Timeline updates as users pan and zoom to new areas. *Note that not all dates are available for all areas.*

Overlapping County Selection

The Overlapping County Selection tool alerts users when overlapping county sheets are detected and allows users to choose which county to view. When the Overlapping County Selection tab is highlighted in red, click to expand and select which county to view by clicking on the county name or outline.



Overlapping County Selection

2-up View

The 2-up View allows users to compare historical maps of the same location from different decades. Click the 2-up View icon to load the current map into the 2-up View and then select which decades to view from the two Timelines in order to compare maps.

Overview Map

The overview map in the left hand panel shows the current location at a smaller scale for context. Dragging the red dotted outlined box pans the main map to a new location.

Save image

Historical maps can be exported to a .PNG image which can be saved, printed or inserted into coursework document. Click the Save Image icon to generate an image of your map, and then use your browser options to save the image file to your computer.

Map Details

Details about the historical maps such as the map edition and year published can be viewed by clicking once on any historical map.

Available data

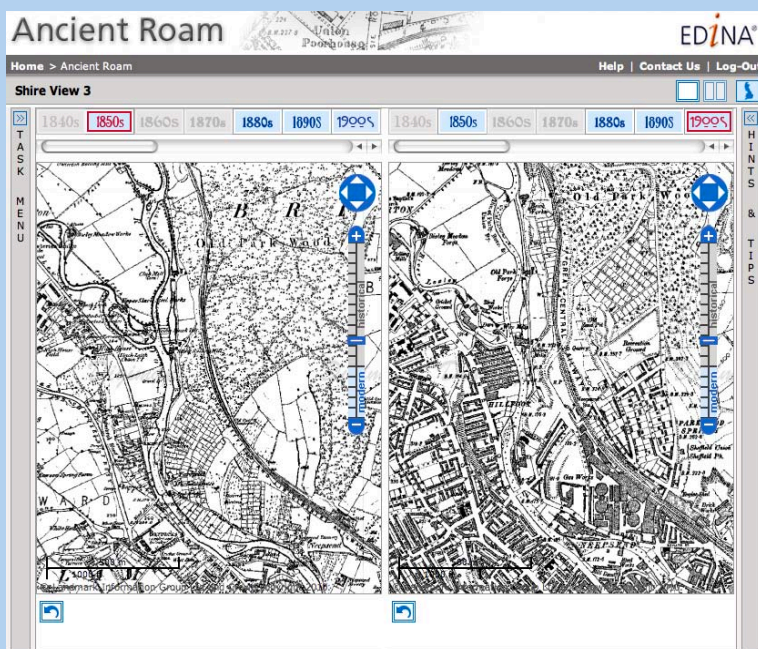
Ancient Roam delivers a wide range of historical Ordnance Survey maps to view online. The service includes the following maps:

- **County Series** maps at 1:2,500 and 1:10,560 scales published between 1843 and 1939
- **National Grid** maps at 1:1,250, 1:2,500 and 1:10,560/10,000 scales published from 1945 to 1996.
- **Town Plan** maps at 1:500, 1:528 and 1:1,056 scales published from 1848–1939. Only towns with a population greater than 4,000 were surveyed.

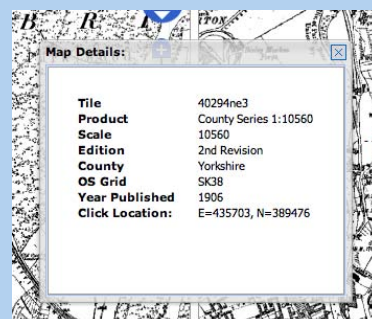
NB: Small scale contemporary mapping data is used to provide geographic context.

Help and Further Information

Comprehensive help and support about the service and the maps are available from the help pages and the EDINA helpdesk (edina@ed.ac.uk). Hints & Tips can be found in the right-hand panel of Ancient Roam.



2-up View



Map Details

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