

# CORACLE MAKING

Join a small group for an **INTERESTING, REWARDING & PRODUCTIVE 2 DAYS** in  
glorious Mid-Wales

**2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> April or 23<sup>rd</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> April or 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

**Have FUN, learn NEW SKILLS, MAKE and TAKE HOME your own BEAUTIFUL, TRADITIONAL & STRONG little boat. It will fit in your car or on your roof rack and you can enjoy it on ponds, lakes and rivers.**

Coracles are possibly our earliest boats. There is evidence that in every part of the world some sort of keel-less vessel has been made of local materials – usually a framework of wood with an animal hide cover. At one time coracles were widely used in all parts of the British Isles and Ireland and each river had its own design according to available materials and local customs.

The coracle you will be making at this workshop is a version of the Irish Boyne coracle – a willow frame and waterproofed calico cover, big enough to carry one person and easily carried, yet very simple to make, in only two days, and requiring only a few hand tools.

This coracle was the only wicker boat still in use in Ireland in the 20th century. It was used on the River Boyne in Co. Meath until the 1940's when the netting of salmon was made illegal.



You will also have the opportunity to try out a coracle on water and practise the paddling technique!

The cost of £350.00, for one *or* two people making one coracle, includes all materials and instruction, tea/coffee/cake, hot soup and home-made bread. You can camp on site and s/c accommodation in The Hideaway may be available.

**Pippa Scott and Rob Ritchie**

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