Ramblers' Association   Lancaster Group

Lost Ways Exercises on MARIO

EXERCISE 3

Other Sources for Maps

MAGIC

MAGIC is another good resource.

http://magic.defra.gov.uk/

This is the government GIS map. It contains official stuff for all the country.

Get Started and read and sign the agreement.

Zoom the map using the + and – buttons and move the map with a click and drag.

The most useful category is Access which contains National Trails, National Cycle Trails, English Coastat Trail (or its probable location), Town and Village Greens etc., Country Parks, Registered Common Land, CROW Access areas.

Designations include AONBs and NPs and various nature designations. At the bottom are various other Historic designations.

Land –Based Schemes include Agri-Environment schemes and Forest and Woodland Schemes so you can tell who is getting public money.

Landscape gives geology, soils and landscape types.

There are Drawing and Printing Facilities.

OTHER SOURCES OF MAPS

MARIO is very convenient to look at the state of the countryside from the OS First Edition but there are other maps available which show the terrain with different emphasis.

A good Lancashire resource is the LCC:

http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/environment/oldmap/index.asp

Yates 1786 is the first to show reasonable roads so look for maps later than this.

The OS maps are like on MARIO but with some towns at larger scales. The Caton Tithe Map shows what might be available on tithe maps.

The next local resource is Lancaster University Library:

http://lancaster.libguides.com/search.php?iid=1369&gid=0&c=0&search=maps

The Lancashire maps stop a bit too early for any detail.

The Lancaster and Morecambe sections may help close to town.
The Digital Map Resources gives good links to various repositories such as these below.

A good free collection of collections. Bias towards large country maps, but good automatic links to other collections. http://project.oldmapsonline.org/

A commercial source is Old-Maps .co.uk. http://www.old-maps.co.uk/index.html
Put in a place name or coordinates and maps appear and can be changed.
Gives a good idea of a lot of maps but for high resolution you must buy a copy.

An easy to use site for OS maps is the National Library of Scotland.
http://maps.nls.uk/series/index.html Just look around for England. The main advantage of this site is that the individual map sheets join nicely and the resolution is high.

For some less usual maps try http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/maps/   which has War Office Maps and Land Utilisation maps.

http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/eng/LAN/Maps.shtml   has material biased towards family history.

If this on-line study whets your appetite then you need to look in person at the Lancashire Archives in Preston.
http://new.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/archives-and-record-office.aspx
It has all sorts of local maps with ready access and many more local maps such as Estate Maps on request.

The National Archives at Kew, http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/, has a lot; but not much local material has been digitised. So this requires a search of their holdings, an order and a day out.

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