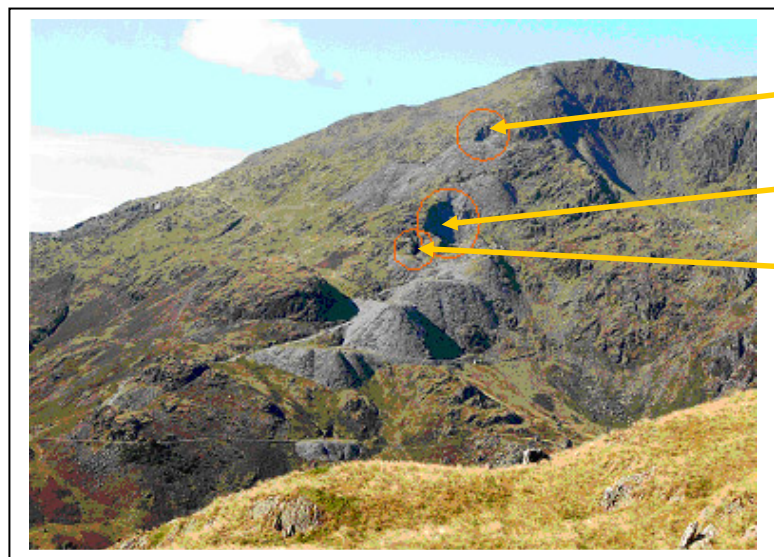


CONISTON OLD MAN HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Fisher Bank

For several hundred years prior to the 18th C the main method of extraction of slate on Coniston Old Man was from three cave-workings. Their locations are shown on the photograph. As they grew in size the caves became very unstable structures and by the 20th C the roofs of two of the three had collapsed but the smallest of the three still remains today at Fisher Bank. Although it was enlarged to a certain extent during Victorian times the basic cave structure still remains.



Scald Cop workings

Light Hole workings

Fisher Bank workings

Collapsed
pylon of the
Moss Head
Aerial Flight



The Moss Head aerial flight passed directly over Fisher Bank. The intermediate pier, one of two on the flight, was purchased second hand from the Honister Green Slate Co.