

## THE PREHISTORIC SOCIETY

3. Bedd Taliesin (fig. 5; surveyed 1977) SN 69 SE

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Standing on a shelf at c. 230 m OD near the junction of two trackways on the W-facing slope of Moel y garn and overlooking the Dyfi estuary. The cairn consists of an oval turf-covered mound of stones and measures 14.5 m (N-S) × 12 m, having a maximum height of 1 m. Protruding from the cairn, close to its circumference, is a slightly oval ring of orthostatic slabs and blocks, discontinuous on the S. At least 10 slabs are visible and none rises to more than 0.5 m above the cairn. At the centre of the mound is a massive open cist. The cairn has a well-documented history as the alleged grave of Taliesin. The site has been dug into on a number of occasions and apparently produced a human skull (Wood 1979, 415). An early record of the site maintained that it was formerly surrounded by two concentric rings of stones (ibid.), though there is now little evidence to support this view.

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