

Asset Ref No.	Birdstown Demesne: Cist (DG038-031)	
Heritage Type	Built	
	<i>Bronze Age Burial</i>	
Location	OS 6-inch map sheet	038
	Townland	Birdstown Demesne
	Parish	Fahan Upper
	LCA	Quigleys Point – Burnfoot
	ITM Coordinates	641596, 924763
	NG Coordinates	241653, 424777
Protection Status	RMP	
Condition	Excavated	
Ownership (if known)		
Site Description	A cist, c. 0.6m square contained a bowl food-vessel and the cremated remains of an adult (Ó Ríordáin 1935, 166-8). A second cist is believed to have been discovered c. 20m distant (NMI).	
Landscape Context (setting)	Located in Birdstown Demesne in an area of open pasture.	
Site Appraisal	An RMP site but unlikely that there are any remaining traces today.	
Sensitivity	Sub-surface site originally and most likely wholly removed today. However the presence of a possible other cist 20m distant may suggest multiple burials at this location in the form of a Bronze Age cemetery. This site is located close to an operating quarry and some threats/risk may be present should additional cists be present in the area.	
Associations		
Recommendations	This site does not have good visual impact for tourist potential however investigations could be made in terms of the location/condition of the bowl food vessel found which may be a good visual/display piece for promotion of the LCA/region. This is also a site that could be subject to future investigation in terms of ground survey such as geophysics for research purposes.	


Mapping



Present-day mapping extract (www.osi.ie)



Present-day aerial view extract (www.osi.ie)

	 <p data-bbox="516 926 990 961">Extract from 1st edition OS map (1820-1840)</p>
References	http://www.archaeology.ie
Plates	
Additional Notes	