

# THE CORACLE THROUGH THE

## Coracles across the

Down the centuries it has been used for everything from fishing and transport to postal deliveries. The coracle is one of the most unusual boats to paddle along Britain's waterways.

The coracles that the Romans saw during their invasion of Britain were probably the Scottish and Irish currachs used in warfare and for sea journeys. They were different in design from the Welsh coracle, as they could carry more than one man.



The craft has been used by the Goidel tribes of Ireland. The Irish curragh is a similar, but larger vessel still in use today. They were also used in the west of Scotland.



They are also represented on the Nineveh sculptures of Northern Iraq, known as a quffa in modern Iraq. Many scholars believe that the basket that baby Moses was cast adrift in on the Nile was in fact a coracle or quffa.

Coracles in some forms can be found all around the world.

Other related craft include:

Tibet - ku-dru

Vietnam - thung-chai

Native Americans - bull boat

Tibet - ku-dru



Period illustrations of coracle type boats, North American Plains areas.