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People have used the landscape of Edinburgh and its geology in different ways over the last 10,000 years. It has created suitable sites for settlement, defence and agriculture and provided fine local sandstone for impressive buildings, and coal for fuel. The character of today’s city, with the Old and New Towns designated as a World Heritage Site, is derived from the bedrock, and the way in which this has been shaped and eroded.