

On the west bank of the River Avon, adjacent to the ski-slope on the east slope of Polmonthill, is the first clearly visible section of Antonine Wall Ditch and Outer Mound when travelling from the east.

This is located immediately across the river from the site of the Inveravon fort. A Roman temporary camp was also located further west on the grounds of the current golf course.

HISTORY OF DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION:

The section of surviving Antonine Wall on Polmonthill has been known since the eighteenth century. It stood within farmland until the later twentieth-century development of the nearby golf course and ski-slope. Upgrade work on the ski-slope in 1992, including movement of the main ski-run from its position overlapping the Antonine Wall Rampart to a location further south, brought about trial trenching to determine the extent of archaeological remains here. In these trenches, and in a further watching brief in 1993, it was determined that no archaeological remains were being disturbed by the new work.

The temporary camp on Polmonthill was first identified from aerial photographs in the 1940s, and later clarified by further aerial photos in the 1960s. The camp is now located on the grounds of the Grangemouth Golf Course, to the west of the Millhall Reservoir. The camp's full dimensions are not known, but it may have enclosed a minimum area of about 3.2ha (7.8 acres), with an additional 0.9ha (2.2 acres) enclosed within an annexe on the camp's south-east side. The camp has not been excavated, and there are no datable finds, but it seems probable that the camp was used in the construction of the Antonine frontier.

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