



## WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE ANTONINE WALL?

For downloadable walking guides, details of special events and information on children's resources, look at the local authority and other websites listed on the back of this leaflet.

The document nominating the Antonine Wall as a World Heritage Site is available on Historic Scotland's website. A map identifying all elements of the Antonine Wall is available to buy from the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland.

Additional information about the frontier and the other international elements is available on the Antonine Wall website, and on the websites for Hadrian's Wall and the German Limes.



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Rough Castle



New Kilpatrick Cemetery

## FURTHER INFORMATION

[www.antoninewall.org](http://www.antoninewall.org)

HISTORIC SCOTLAND, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh EH9 1SH  
Tel: (+44) 0131 668 8600 [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk)

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[www.rcahms.gov.uk](http://www.rcahms.gov.uk)

EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL, Development and Enterprise, Broomhill Industrial Estate, Kilsyth Road, Kirkintilloch, G66 1TF

Tel: (+44) 0300 123 4510 [www.eastdunbartonshire.gov.uk](http://www.eastdunbartonshire.gov.uk)

FALKIRK COUNCIL, Development Service, Abbotsford House, David's Loan, Bainsford, Falkirk FK2 7YZ  
Tel: (+44) 01324 504950 [www.falkirk.gov.uk](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk)

GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL, Development and Regeneration Services, Development Management, 231 George Street, Glasgow G1 1RX  
Tel: (+44) 0141 287 8555 [www.glasgow.gov.uk](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk)

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL, Environmental Services, Fleming House, Tryst Road, Cumbernauld G67 1JW  
Tel: (+44) 01236 632622 [www.northlan.gov.uk](http://www.northlan.gov.uk)

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL, Planning, Housing, Environmental and Economic Development, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank G81 1TG  
Tel: (+44) 01389 738575 [www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk](http://www.west-dunbarton.gov.uk)

HADRIAN'S WALL, Hadrian's Wall Heritage, East Peterel Field, Dipton Mill Road, Hexham, Northumberland NE46 2JT  
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[www.visithadrianswall.co.uk](http://www.visithadrianswall.co.uk)

GERMAN LIMES, Deutsche Limeskommissionen, Saalburg Castle, Castle Hall 1, 61350 Bad Homburg  
[www.deutsche-limeskommissionen.de](http://www.deutsche-limeskommissionen.de)

HUNTERIAN MUSEUM, University Avenue, Glasgow G12 8QQ  
Tel: (+44) 0141 330 4221 Email: [hunterian-enquiries@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:hunterian-enquiries@glasgow.ac.uk)  
[www.gla.ac.uk/hunterian](http://www.gla.ac.uk/hunterian)

NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF SCOTLAND, Chambers Street, Edinburgh EH1 1JF  
Tel: 0300 123 6789 Email: [info@nms.ac.uk](mailto:info@nms.ac.uk) [www.nms.ac.uk](http://www.nms.ac.uk)

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[www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/trust/trust.aspx](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/trust/trust.aspx)

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THE  
**ANTONINE WALL**

FRONTIERS OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE

World Heritage Site





Nearly 2,000 years ago, the Antonine Wall was the north-west frontier of the Roman Empire. Built on the orders of the Emperor Antoninus Pius in the years following AD 140, it ran for 40 Roman miles (60 km) from modern Bo'ness on the Firth of Forth to Old Kilpatrick on the River Clyde.

Over time, the industrial and commercial heartland of Scotland has grown around it yet, unbelievably, one-third of its total length is still visible today. Archaeological excavations have demonstrated that much of the rest survives well beneath both fields and urban areas.

In 2008 it was inscribed as a World Heritage Site, becoming part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site, alongside Hadrian's Wall and the German Limes.

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## WHAT WAS THE ANTONINE WALL?

The Antonine Wall was both a physical barrier and a symbol of the Roman Empire's power and control. It was never a stone 'wall', but consisted of a turf rampart fronted by a wide and deep ditch.

Forts and fortlets provided accommodation for the troops stationed on the frontier and acted as secure crossing points to control movement north and south. Behind the rampart, all the forts were linked by a road, known as the Military Way.

The Antonine Wall was the most northerly frontier of the empire and, when it was built, was the most complex frontier ever constructed by the Roman army. It was the last of the linear frontiers to be built by the Romans and was only occupied for about a generation before being abandoned in the AD 160s.



Callendar Park

## WHAT CAN I SEE AND DO TODAY?

The line of the Antonine Wall crosses five modern local authorities (East Dunbartonshire, Falkirk, Glasgow, North Lanarkshire and West Dunbartonshire) and there are a number of sites and museums in each of these areas.

Some of the best preserved sections of rampart, ditch and Military Way are at Croy Hill and Seabegs, good forts are visible at Bar Hill and Rough Castle, and Roman baths survive at Bearsden and Bar Hill.

Museums along the route have personal artefacts, gravestones and mile markers on display; try the Auld Kirk Museum in Kirkintilloch, Callendar House in Falkirk, Kinneil Museum in Bo'ness the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow, or the National Museum in Edinburgh.



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Rough Castle



Bearsden Bathhouse



Bar Hill