

BEARSDEN: ROMAN PARK

On the west side of Bearsden, between Westbourne Crescent and Milverton Avenue to the north of the Bearsden Golf Course (East Dunbartonshire), lies a well preserved section of Antonine Wall Ditch and a short portion of the Rampart's stone base. This can be accessed via a walking path at the east end of Westbourne Crescent.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

Up to the early 1900s, the line of the Wall in this part of Bearsden was visible, running north-west from Glenburn Road across Thorn Drive to the former Thorn Farm, which had been located between the current Ballaig and Milverton Avenues. By the 1930s, this stretch had been partially built over by houses, but a long straight stretch of Antonine Wall Ditch

remained well-preserved for about 275m toward the west. Most of this remains visible today, despite the extensive development of recent housing. At the western end of the currently visible Ditch, the Wall turned sharply toward the north-west on its way to Castlehill fort.

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