

Located between Balmuilty fort and Wilderness Plantation, to the south of Buchley Farm is the site of an “enclosure” on the Antonine Wall. The enclosure is visible in aerial photographs, but no traces are visible on the ground. Just west of the enclosure, adjacent to the curve in Balmuilty Road, lies a short section of visible Antonine Wall Ditch.

HISTORY OF DISCOVERY AND EXCAVATION:

The Buchley enclosure was first identified from aerial photographs in 1977, along with two other nearby examples located to either side of the fortlet at Wilderness Plantation. The Buchley example has not been excavated, but the adjacent enclosure called “Wilderness West” was excavated in 1980.

DESCRIPTION AND INTERPRETATION:

This enclosure is one of three such sites located in the section of Wall between the forts at Cadder and Balmuilty (see also Wilderness East and Wilderness West). It is sub-rectangular and

ditched, lying immediately to the south side of the Antonine Wall Rampart. The function of this enclosure, as well as those located nearby, remains uncertain.

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