

POLMONT WOODS: DITCH SECTION

At the north end of Polmont Woods, south of Smiddy Brae and west of the Grangemouth Golf Course is a preserved section of Antonine Wall Ditch and Outer Mound. The line of the Wall is somewhat obscured by trees, but the Ditch is relatively easy to trace as a hollow running on a north-west alignment from east end of the wood toward the Millhall Burn.

HISTORY AND DESCRIPTION:

The section of Wall running through Polmont Woods has been well-preserved and was noted by the eighteenth-century antiquaries. In the 1930s, Sir George Macdonald remarked on how clear this section was due to the recent removal of trees in the area. The Ditch travels on a subtle curve as it descends the hill westward through the woods toward the Millhall Burn.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Robertson, A.S., revised by Keppie, L. (2001) The Antonine Wall: A Handbook to the Surviving Remains. Glasgow. [The section of Wall through Polmont Woods is discussed on page 58.]











