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By Car: See location maps.

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Further information
www.antoninewall.org
www.csft.org.uk
www.falkirk.gov.uk
www.falkirkonline.net
www.historic-scotland.gov.uk
www.kinneil.org.uk
www.srps.org.uk
www.thefalkirkwheel.co.uk
www.visitscotland.com
Finding your way

A map
Take a close look at the maps for each of the sites. These should be all you need to find the site and get around.

Signs
Look out for wooden sign posts and interpretation boards giving more information as you go along the path.

It's up to you
This leaflet gives details of six locations, with information on parking, path surfaces, gradients, facilities etc. Simply choose a section of the wall to visit depending on where you live and your own abilities.

Frontiers of the Roman Empire
The Antonine Wall has been placed on the World Heritage List, inscribed by UNESCO in 2008, for its value to all humanity.

The Roman empire was one of the greatest the world has ever seen. The Antonine Wall formed its north-west frontier from AD 142 to about AD 160. The empire was protected by frontiers which extended for over 5,000 km from the Atlantic coast of Britain through Europe, the Middle East and North Africa to the Atlantic coast of Morroco.

Although the wall was 37 miles in length, from the River Forth to the River Clyde, you don’t have to go far around the Falkirk area to see some of the best sections.

Access to the Past
Walk the wall-roam like the Romans—or just enjoy a few hours out. All walks are short and easy going and suitable for families with young children, elderly or less able walkers.

However, please remember the paths go through parks and countryside and may not be as accessible as tarmac paths in towns.

Where possible paths have been improved by:
- Removing barriers such as steps and gates.
- Re-surfacing and drainage of some paths.
- New seating, hand rails and signage to help you enjoy your walk.

Which site to visit?
Simply read through the following suggested walks and choose a walk that suits your own needs and abilities.

Some of the sites have few facilities. Whereas Callendar Park and Kinniel Estate can offer the visitor much more.

Due to the sensitivity of the Wall, as an Ancient Monument and World Heritage Site, these paths are NOT suitable for horse riding or off-road cycling. Digging or excavation is not permitted.

Antonine Wall Facts
The Antonine Wall is the largest relic of the Roman occupation of Scotland.

Built in the years following AD142, on the orders of the Emperor Antoninus Pius, it marked the northern border to the Roman Empire, and replaced Hadrian’s Wall, built only 20 years earlier.

By AD160 the Antonine Wall was abandoned as the Roman Army retreated to the south. In many places the wall has been built over or lost forever. It is often hard to spot and you may not know that you’re walking over 2000 years of history!
Although one of the smallest Roman Forts on the Antonine Wall this is one of the best preserved. The earthworks of its rampart and ditches are still clearly visible. Although the site is grassed over, this impressive landscape gives a vivid impression of what a Roman frontier defence must have been like 2000 years ago.

Finding Your Way
Start: Rough Castle Car Park. (See location map).

Follow signs for the Antonine Wall from Bonnybridge onto Foundry Road and Bonnyside Road. Carry straight on to a track leading to Rough Castle car park.

1. From the car park simply explore the area or follow the suggested, circular walk marked on the map.

Facilities
- Informal parking on site at end of rough track
- Interpretation boards on site
- No toilets
- Nearby Bonnybridge has shops, pubs and other facilities

Antonine Wall Facts
The northern defences were protected by deadly pits filled with stakes, known to the Romans as ‘lilia’.
The ditch of the Antonine Wall descends the hill in a graceful curve until it meets the Millhall Burn.

**Path Information**

**Grade**
A short, easy going, ‘there and back again’ walk from the car park.

**Distance**
100m walk. The Wall is visible as a break in the trees.

**Surface**
Both the car park and short 100m section of road to seating area is tarmac. Suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

(Note: the rest of the woodland track and paths are not surfaced to this standard.)

**Gradient**
Gentle gradient on a good surface.

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**Polmont Wood, Polmont**

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**Finding Your Way**
Start: Polmont Woods car park. (See location map).

The small car park is off the B904 Smiddy Brae - Bo’ness Road.

1. Simply walk along the tarmac track a short distance to the seating area.

**General**
There are many more paths with varying surfaces and gradients waiting to be explored in Polmont Woods.

**Facilities**
- Car park and seating
- Interpretation board
- No toilets
- Nearby Polmont has shops, pubs and other facilities.

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**Antonine Wall Facts**

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3a Kinneil Estate, Bo’ness
An ‘easy going’ short walk

Path Information

Grade
A short ‘wheel friendly’ walk around historic buildings.

There are no gates, steps or stiles on this route.

Distance
A short walk of 850 m. (½ mile).

Surface
The paths in and around the car park and Kinneil House are hard stone paths. These are suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

The hard surface stops just after the bridge at Kinneil Church ruins.

Gradient
No steps and mostly level with a steeper gradient from the car park to Kinneil House.

Finding Your Way
Start: Car Park marked on map. (See map).

Kinneil Estate can be accessed from two locations off Provost Road.

1 From the car park follow a path downhill to an old bridge and a small ruined cottage. The famous engineer, James Watt used this cottage as a workshop from 1769 - 1770 where he tested a steam engine designed to pump water from local coal mines.

2 From the bridge there are good views into the steep glen of the Gil Burn. Cross the bridge and turn right towards the ruin of Kinneil Church. The church once served the mediaeval village of Kinneil.

3 Retrace your steps back over the bridge then continue left around the rear of Kinneil House. In the courtyard of private cottages is a small museum. (See ‘Facilities’ for more information).

4 Follow the road through the courtyard for an impressive view of the front of Kinneil House.

The house is built on the site of a mediaeval tower and was extended in its present form in 1677. Continue uphill past the estate cottages and old walled garden to return to the car park.

General
Why not go on a steam train ride at Bo’ness and Kinneil Railway? There is an accessible carriage for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Follow signs in Bo’ness town centre.

Facilities
- Car Park
- Interpretation boards
- Seating and signs to help you
- Disabled Toilet at entrance to old walled garden (RADAR key required)
- ‘Superloo’ toilet just off Provost Road at rear car park entrance
- Small museum including Roman artefacts is open from 12.30 - 4.00pm Mon - Sat. all year round. There are steps at the entrance. (For more information call Falkirk Council on 01324 503770)
- Nearby Bo’ness has shops, cafes and pubs
Path Information

**Grade**
A longer walk on grass through scenic parkland.

**Distance**
1500 m. (One mile). There is seating along the path at various locations.

**Surface**
From Kinneil Church most of the path is on grass.

The return path from the West Pond is a forest track. This path can be rough and wet underfoot depending on the weather and time of year. These may be suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs with larger wheels.

**Gradient**
No steps and mostly level with two ramps at either end of the West Pond path. There is also a gentle uphill slope on the forest track back to the car park.

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**Finding Your Way**

Start: Car Park marked on map (See map).

Kinneil Estate can be accessed from two locations off Provost Road.

1 & 2 Please follow points 1 and 2 in Walk A to Kinneil Church.

3 At Kinneil Church follow the stone path out onto grass and turn right. You are now walking on the course of the Antonine Wall. Follow the mown grass path towards the East Pond. There are seats placed along the path to guide you.

4 At the East Pond turn right onto a stone path. Just after the East Pond turn left back onto grass. As you walk towards the West Pond the Roman Fortlet is on your left marked by wooden posts.

5 At the West Pond turn left uphill then along the waterside path before turning left down onto a forest track leading back to the car park.

**General**
For the more adventurous, a network of paths can be found within Kinneil Wood, extending your walk back to the car park from the West Pond.

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**Antonine Wall Facts**

Both the Antonine Wall and the fortlet rampart originally stood some 10 ft high, built of turf and earth resting on a stone base.

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**Nearby Bo’ness**

has shops, cafes and pubs.
4 Callendar Park, Falkirk

**Path Information**

**Grade**
A short, circular walk with moderate gradients.

There are no gates, steps or stiles on the path.

**Distance**
700 m. There are seats placed around the walk as resting points.

**Surface**
Half of the route is a stone path - half is mown grass which may be soft.

**Gradient**
Long moderate uphill slope from car park. Grass section along the Wall is generally flat then downhill towards Callendar House. Stone track in front of Callendar House is level. There are no steps or kerbs on this route.

There's much to see and do around Callendar Park near Falkirk town centre. The Antonine Wall can be seen in the grounds of the impressive mansion of Callendar House. The house has been restored by Falkirk Council as a visitor attraction and has a permanent exhibition of local history.

**Finding Your Way**
Start: Car park near The Park Gallery and Tea Room. (See location map).

From Falkirk town centre follow signs for Callendar Park at the roundabout on Callendar Road. From Estate Avenue turn left into Seaton Place past a number of high tower flats. The small car park is at the end of this road.

1. From the car park follow a tree-lined path straight uphill towards the flats. Carry on for a great view of the ditch of the Antonine Wall.

2. Where the tree lined path meets the paved path turn off the hard surface to your right onto the mown grass. You are now on the south of the Antonine Wall. Follow this level grass path past seating before turning right down towards Callendar House.

3. At the bottom of the slope simply turn right along the track back to the car park.

**General**
Why not explore the rest of Callendar Park, Callendar House Museum or the network of forest tracks through Callendar Woods.

**Facilities**
In addition to the close proximity of Falkirk town centre, Callendar Park has many other facilities including:

- Car park at Tea Room and The Park Gallery
- Callendar House and the Tea Room have toilets for patrons.
- (Callendar House toilets are suitable for disabled)
- Seating and signs to help you
- Callendar Park kiosk, adjacent to children’s play area, sells refreshments
- Public toilets at park kiosk with disabled toilet - open 10.00 - 5.00 seven days a week (obtain key from kiosk) or ‘Superloo’ outwith normal operating hours

**Antonine Wall Facts**
The most obvious feature in the park is the Antonine Ditch. Here it is around 40 feet (12m) wide and 10 feet (3m) deep.
Two small, wooded sections of Antonine Wall.

**Finding Your Way**
Start: Tamfourhill Road. (See map).
Both sites can be found directly adjacent to Tamfourhill Road, near Camelon.
1 Simply look for the signs off Tamfourhill Road for these very short, 'there and back again' walks with wooded views of the Antonine Wall ditch.

**General**
Another section of Wall can be found to the south of Tamfourhill Road.
These paths are un-surfaced and the gradients are steeper.

**Facilities**
- Interpretation boards
- Seats and signs to help you
- No formal car parking
- Limited street parking
- No toilets
- Nearby Camelon has shops, pubs and other facilities

**Path Information**

**Grade**
Easy going, very short, there and back again walks adjacent to Tamfourhill Road. There are no gates, steps or stiles on the path.

**Distance**
20 to 80 m. from roadside.

**Surface**
A choice of two short, stone paths lead to interpretation areas with a view into the Wall ditch. However, wheelchair access is difficult from the housing side of the road, as there is, at present, no protected crossings or dropped kerbs.

**Gradient**
Gentle gradients on Wall to north of Tamfourhill Road.

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Antonine Wall Facts

Each legion contained trained engineers, stonemasons, carpenters and builders, with a total work force of some 18,000 men.
Enjoy a longer walk using the canal towpath and a small underpass to reach the Antonine Wall in a beautiful oak wood.

2 A short, steep walk uphill and then right along the level canal towpath leads to the underpass and Seabegs Wood.(The underpass is not wheelchair friendly). Look out for a path that branches right off the towpath then under the canal to reach Seabegs Wood at the other side.

3 At Seabegs Wood a steep farm track leads uphill to a mown grass path around the site.

Facilities
- Interpretation boards
- Seats and signs to help you
- No parking or toilets at Seabegs Wood
- Nearby Bonnybridge has shops, pubs and other facilities
You can still make out the line of the military road, which ran some 40m south of the rampart.

**Finding Your Way**

**Start**: Start at the Underwood Lockhouse to the west of Seabegs Wood.

**Walk 6b From Underwood Lockhouse**

1. Car parking at Underwood Lockhouse is to the west of Seabegs Wood off the B816.
2. A gentle stroll east along the towpath leads to the underpass. (The underpass is not wheelchair friendly). Look out for a path that branches off the towpath left then under the canal to reach Seabegs Wood at the other side.
3. At Seabegs Wood a steep farm track leads uphill to a mown grass path on the right. This is the old Military Road. Follow a circular route around the site back to the main gates and retrace your steps.

**Key**

- Main Path (Tarmac)
- Main Path (Stone)
- Other Paths
- Park
- Information Board

**Facilities**

- Interpretation boards
- Seats and signs to help you
- No parking or toilets at Seabegs Wood
- Nearby Bonnybridge has shops, pubs and other facilities

**Gradient**

The towpath is flat. The entrance and exit to the underpass is steep. The farm track at Seabegs Wood is steep, however there is seating.

**Surface**

The towpath is a hard, stone path. The underpass is narrow with cobbles and steps. (May be wet and difficult to negotiate). At Seabegs Wood a rough farm track leads uphill to a mown grass path around the site.

**Path Information**

**Grade**

Walk 6b is moderate to long - with some tricky slopes and surfaces. No gates or stiles but there is uneven ground.

(Only the towpath is wheelchair friendly).

**Distance**

Walk 6b Underwood around Seabegs Wood and back is 3.5 km (2 miles).

**Surface**

The towpath is a hard, stone path. The underpass is narrow with cobbles and steps. (May be wet and difficult to negotiate). At Seabegs Wood a rough farm track leads uphill to a mown grass path around the site.
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The Antonine Wall

World Heritage Site in the Falkirk Council area

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