

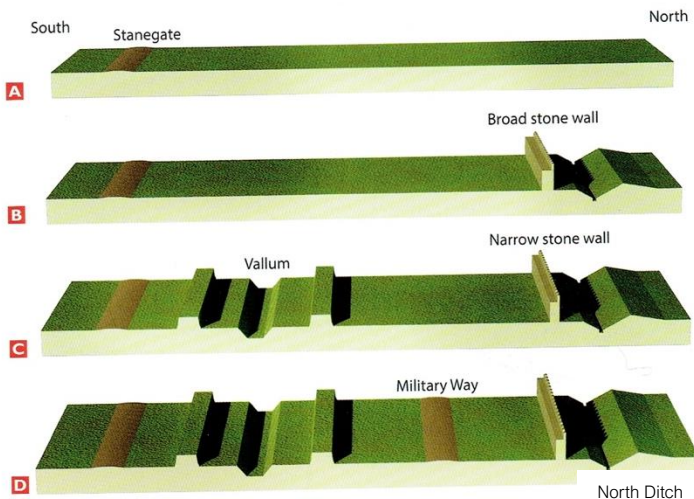
Walking Hadrian's Wall: Life at the Edge of the Roman Empire

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A Brief Chronology of the Romans in Britain

☐ 55-54 BCE	Julius Caesar's Expedition
☐ 43 CE	Emperor Claudius' Invasion
☐ 47-50 CE	Foundation of Londinium
☐ 60-61 CE	Rebellion under Boudicca
☐ 77 CE	Southern England under complete Roman control
☐ 79 CE	Invasion of Scotland: unable to subdue and secure the territory long-term
☐ 121 CE	Hadrian's Visit
☐ 122-126 CE	Construction of the Vallum Aelium
☐ 142-late 160s CE	Occupation of the Antonine Wall

Components of the Wall System: Vallum, Ditch and Curtain Wall

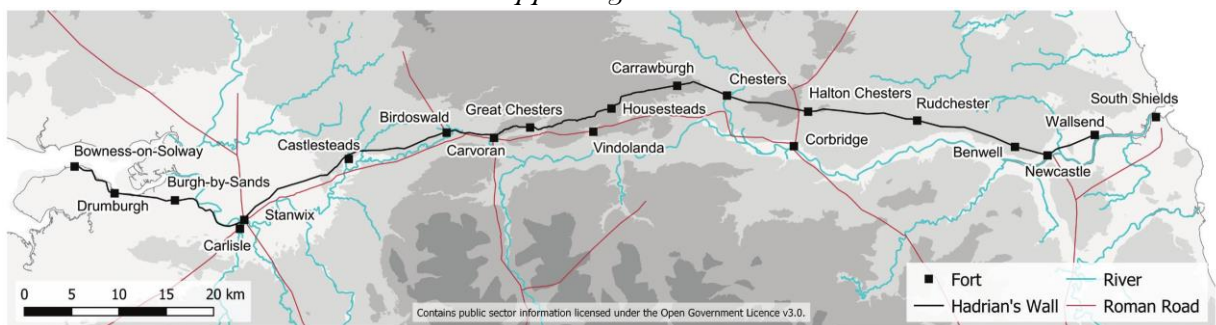


Stanegate ("Stone Road"): pre-Wall Roman road.

Military Way: Roman road paralleling some sections of the Wall on the south side of the curtain.

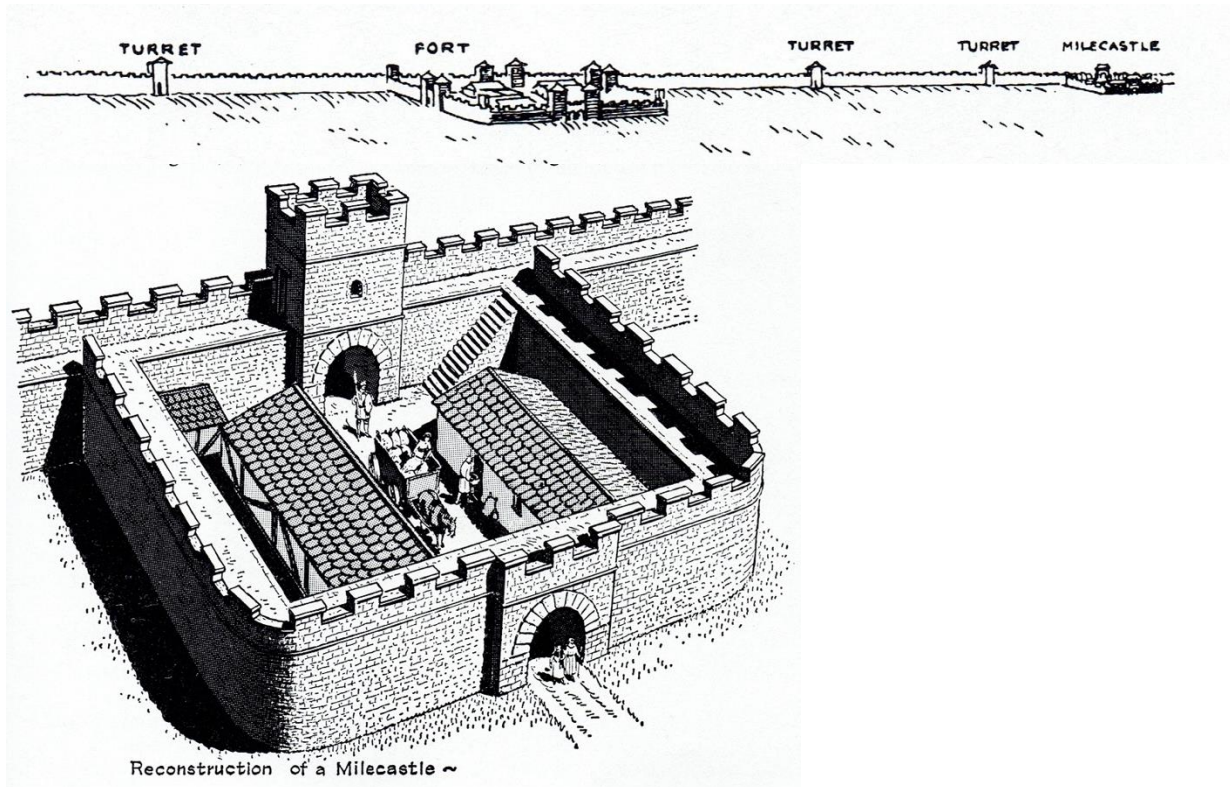
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Plan of Hadrian's Wall with Additional Supporting Forts



From Collins, Kille & O'Donnell (2023).

Components of the Wall System: Milecastles, Turrets and Forts



Adapted from Embleton and Graham (1995). Upper image not to scale.

Terms

Auxilia (Auxiliaries): non-citizen Roman troops raised from distinct regions of the Empire to support the legions.

Cohors (Cohort): an infantry force, ranging between 80 and 100 soldiers.

Ala (lit. “wing”): a cavalry force, ranging between 120 and 140 horsemen divided into *turmae* of horsemen.

Cohors Equitata: a mixed force of infantry (480-800) and cavalry (120-240).

Vicus: a settlement outside of a Roman fort; its residents were called *vicani*.

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The English Heritage Organization also has excellent web-based resources on Hadrian's Wall and many of its constituent parts, including individual forts.