

Welcome to The Antonine Way

The Antonine Way links Bo'ness on the River Forth with Old Kilpatrick just outside Glasgow on the River Clyde. There are various sections of the 'Wall' still available to view along the 37 mile trail - it passes very close to the Falkirk Wheel - another monument albeit a little bit more modern. Walking the Antonine Way is possible and would provide a unique experience and a satisfying achievement. If you are considering a walking holiday in Scotland and using the Forth & Clyde canal as part of your itinerary then make sure you take the opportunity to visit The Antonine Way - you will find all the information you need here. To view documents and image gallery please register and login.

The Antonine Wall, begun in AD 142 during the reign of the Roman emperor Antoninus Pius, consisted of a turf rampart set on a stone foundation stretching 37 miles across central Scotland. A broad ditch was dug in front of the Wall as part of the overall defenses, and the fill from this ditch formed a low mound to the north.

To the south, a road called the Military Way ran behind the wall. The barrier, built from east to west, stretched between the Firth of Forth at Bo'ness and the mouth of the River Clyde at Old Kilpatrick. This fascinating monument brings history to life and provides an insight into Scotland, its people and the way their culture has been formed over many centuries.

Once the Roman Empire's most northern frontier in Britain, the Antonine Wall became the UK's official nomination for World Heritage Status for 2008. The nomination documentation was submitted to UNESCO in late January 2007. A decision will be made by the World Heritage Committee at its meeting in Canada in July 2008. - Update: The bid has been successful and the Antonine Wall achieved World Heritage Site Status on 7th July 2008 - see 'Latest News' ..

The Scottish bid is part of a joint international effort (incorporating sites in Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Poland and Hungary) to nominate the Antonine Wall as an extension of the trans-national Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site which includes Hadrian's Wall and the Upper Raetian German Limes.