# HADRIAN'S WALL



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The <u>northernmost</u> frontier of <u>Rome's Empire</u> was not far from Britannia's <u>border with Scotland</u> (then called <u>Caledonia</u>). It was not always a safe place.

In 80 A.D., Rome strengthened its defenses against northern intruders (like the <u>ancient</u> Picts, known to Rome as the "<u>Painted Ones</u>") by building a road (referred to, years later, as "<u>Stanegate</u>," meaning "stone road") which extended from Carlisle, in the west, to Corbridge, in the east.

Remains of Roman forts along that road still exist at Corbridge and <u>Vindolanda</u> (where excavations are ongoing).

But <u>Stanegate Road</u> did not keep out intruders. As a result, in approximately <u>122 A.D.</u>, while on a visit to the province of Britannia, the Roman Emperor <u>Hadrian</u> ordered a <u>73-mile</u> wall (80 miles using Roman numbers or 118 kilometers using metric) to be built slightly north of Stanegate Road from Bowness (on the <u>Solway Firth</u>) in the west to Wallsend (on the River Tyne) in the east.

Part of the sea-to-sea wall (from <u>Bowness</u> to Birdoswald) was originally made of turf. The rest was made of stone.

Although sections of the stone wall remain, especially near Housesteads (which was called Vercovicium by the Romans), centuries ago people living close to <u>the wall</u> removed its stones to <u>build castles</u>, houses and churches.

What was it like at Hadrian's Wall?

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Hadrian's Wall at Milecastle 39

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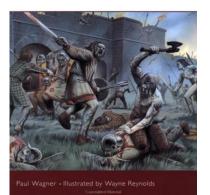






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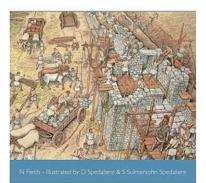
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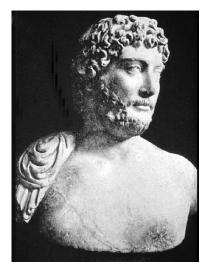
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