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Reconstruction drawing of the hospital.




## Health and Safety

 Help us to ensure you enjoy your visit safely by keeping children close and looking out for warning signs. Housesteads is an ancient monument in an upland landscape so please take care on steep, uneven slopes and worn and slippery surfaces.


 **P** Parking: Northumberland National Park manage the pay and display car park. Please display a valid car park ticket (including English Heritage and National Trust members).


 Dogs are welcome in all outdoor areas of the site on leads please.

## Access Information

 **i** If you need further information or medical assistance, please ask one of us for help.

 Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas of the site.

 **P** The visitor centre and museum are accessible. Disabled car parking available near the museum. Please ask a member of staff at the visitor centre for directions.

 Hearing loops are fitted in the visitor centre and museum.

If you would like this information in an alternative format, please telephone 01434 344525 or email [housesteads@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:housesteads@nationaltrust.org.uk)

## What can I do today?

Visit the **museum** to uncover the history of Roman Housesteads through a new film recreating the fort, stunning objects and displays.

Buy a **guidebook** from the shops at the **visitor centre** or museum.

Imagine how life was for the 800 Roman soldiers based here as you **wander the remains** of the barrack blocks and the commanding officer's house.

Look out for some of the **oldest toilets** you'll ever see.

Climb to the top of the site to see **stunning views** of the Tyne Valley and Scottish Borders.

Follow in Roman footsteps; take a **walk along Hadrian's Wall** to Milecastle 37 and Sycamore Gap.

Ask a member of staff about forthcoming **events or guided tours**.



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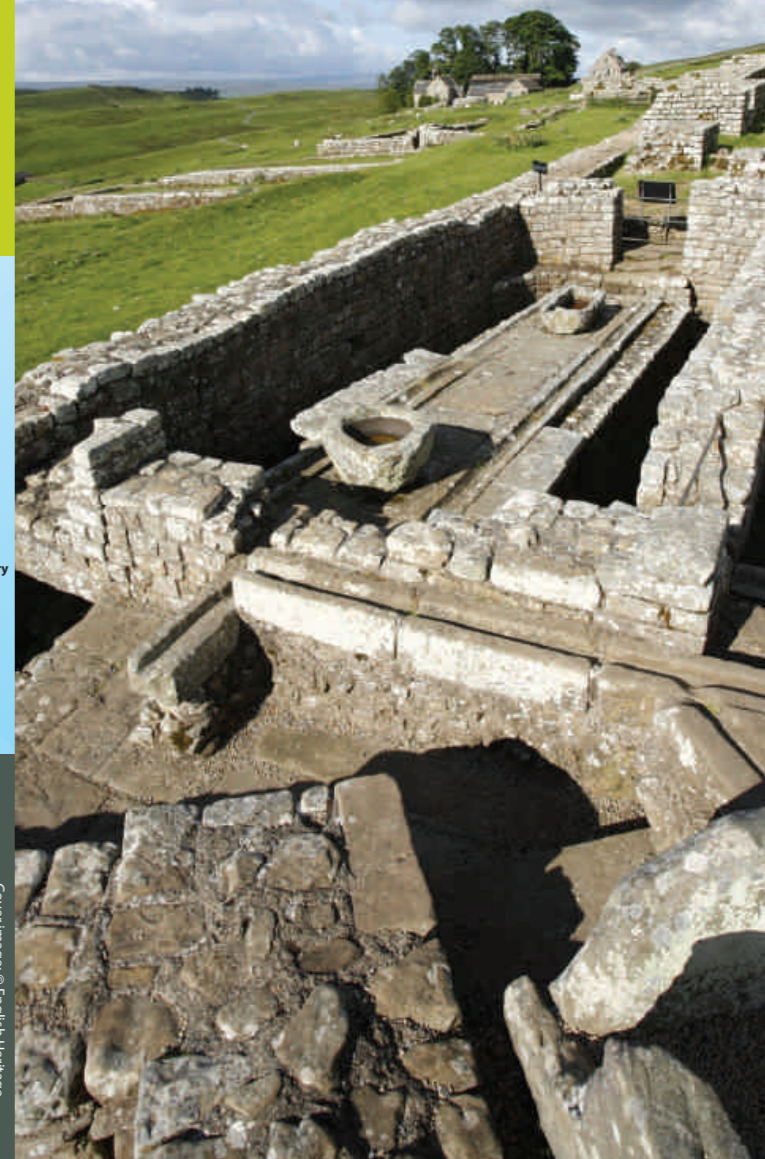
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English Heritage, National Trust and Northumberland National Park working in partnership at Housesteads Roman Fort

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# WELCOME TO HOUSESTEADS ROMAN FORT



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Housesteads is the most complete Roman fort in Britain. It was begun almost 1,900 years ago as a fortress on the frontier of the Roman Empire today known as Hadrian's Wall, a designated World Heritage Site. Set where Hadrian's Wall climbs to the top of a dramatic escarpment, the fort provides stunning, panoramic views.

The fort buildings and finds from them give a real insight into life on the Roman frontier. The museum explores the Roman history of Housesteads and showcases some of its stunning finds.

## Key to site map

- 1 Car park
- 2 Coach park
- 3 Disabled parking (for access, ask at visitor centre)
- 4 Visitor centre and admission point
- 5 Toilets
- 6 Museum and refreshments
- 7 Activity centre
- 8 Holiday cottage
- 9 Entrance to fort
- 10 Fort

- Visitor routes
- Other routes



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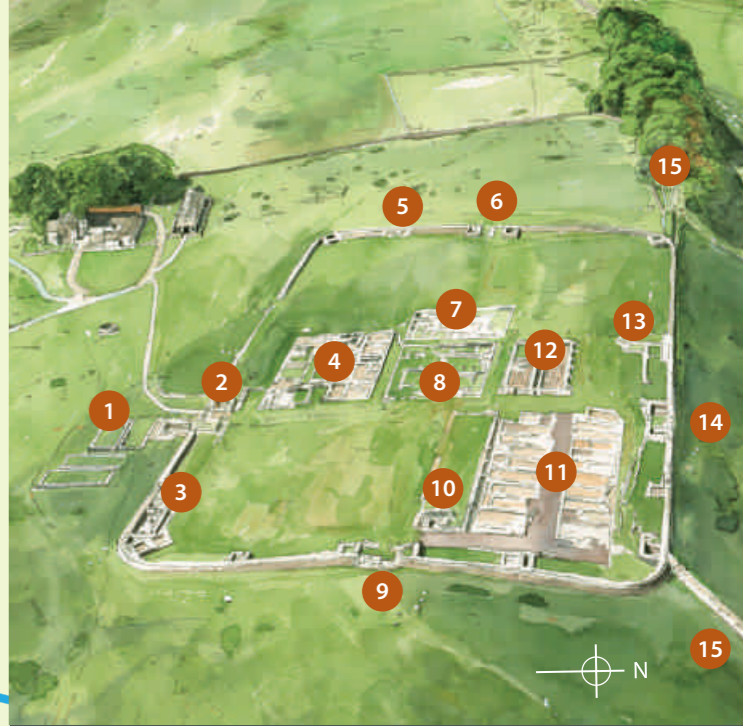


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## THE FORT

Housesteads follows a text-book template, used throughout the Empire but adapted to local conditions. Panels around the fort illustrate the buildings and some of the changes that took place over the three hundred years of the fort's occupation.

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Vicus (Roman town)         | 9 East gate       |
| 2 South gate                 | 10 Bathhouse      |
| 3 Latrines                   | 11 Barracks       |
| 4 Commanding officer's house | 12 Granaries      |
| 5 Bakehouse                  | 13 Turret 36b     |
| 6 West gate                  | 14 North gate     |
| 7 Hospital                   | 15 Hadrian's Wall |
| 8 Headquarters               |                   |