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Roman Fort and Camp

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OSMap: LR79

Type: Fort, Camp

Roads

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The Broomholm fort covers an area of 4¼ acres (1.7 ha) and lies in Lowland Scotland near the border with England. The fort is thought to have been founded in the years following the battle at *Mons Graupius* in the Scottish Highlands, perhaps during the administration of [Sallustius Lucullus](#) c.85AD. It is probable that this fort continued to be occupied until around 100AD, at which time all of the Scottish forts were abandoned and the Roman military took up positions along the [Stanegate](#) in northern England. The fort was replaced by a smaller fortlet of 2 acres (0.8 ha) sometime during the Antonine period.

The Dateable Pottery Evidence

The pottery recovered from the Broomholm fort contains a single potters stamp, that of *Modestus* on a piece of Form 27, and the South Gaulish decorated wares were represented by three sherds of Form 29 & a single piece of Form 37, all of which may be dated to the Flavian-Trajanic period.

Other Roman Sites in the Area

A temporary marching camp of 25¼ acres (10.2 ha) lies a little to the south of the Broomholm fort at [Gilnockie](#) (NY3879).

See: *The Roman Occupations of Scotland* by B.R. Hartley in *Britannia* iii (1972) pp.1-55.



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