

Conon House Ringed Earthwork

Site type – Ringed Earthwork

Parish – Urquhart and Wester Logie

NGR – centred on NH 5320 5372

RCAHMS No -

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Situation

This site is previously unrecorded and located about 200m to the SW of Conon House in woodland which is part of the designed landscape around the house. The site has been grossly disturbed in its west part and also modified during footpath construction; it is overgrown with rhododendrons and the intact banks have been burrowed by rabbits. Rows of planted beech trees appear to respect the site.

Description

The site is roughly circular and 50m in diameter overall. At least half of the site has been grossly disturbed and only an arc of at least one third of the original earthwork remains on the SE side; the west part of the site has seen much activity with excavated hollows and prominent mounds of dumped material containing stones and charcoal rich material. The site comprises an internal bank, 8m broad x 1m high, with a possible entrance, 2m in width, in the east and an external ditch of about 4m width. It can be estimated from this arc that the complete site would have been 30m in diameter from top of bank to top of bank.

On an estate plan of 1830 it appears as a complete circular earthwork and on a plan of 1791 the site has been respected and not taken into the enclosed and improved landscape.

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The south part of the site viewed from the east following rhododendron clearing, the SE bank is in the foreground



