

Ancient Monuments

In

Dinton



Dinton, Wiltshire has one Ancient Monument as listed on [Ancient Monuments](#).

Monument Name	Monument Location	Description	Parish
Wick Ball Camp	The Common, Dinton	An Iron Age hillfort	Dinton

From The Ancient History of Wiltshire, Vol. 1 by Sir Richard Colt Hoare 1812:

We are now come to the ninth and last Station allotted to the History of the Southern District of Wiltshire, and as we proceed towards its termination, we find a considerable decrease of interest as well as of antiquities. The latter are confined to two earthen works and a few barrows dispersed very sparingly over the face of the country. The local beauty, however, of the greater part of this district does in some degree compensate for the want of antiquarian matter; for the vale extending from Mere to Shaftesbury and Knoyle, and from thence to Dinton, Compton, and Wilton, may be justly said to produce more beautiful specimens of varied landscape than any other part of the Southern district of our county.

The first of the above-mentioned earthen works bears the name of WICK BALL CAMP, and is situated on an eminence behind the house and beautiful demesne of William Wyndham, Esq. of Dinton, who has lately planted the hill on which this work is placed. This camp is single ditched, of an irregular oblong shape, and widest towards the eastern end. The works are the strongest and most perfect on the northern and western sides, but the thick wood which covers the greatest part of the intrenchments renders access to the works rather difficult. The area of the camp comprehends nine acres; the circumference of the ditch is three furlongs, one hundred and seventy-six yards; and the depth of the ramparts is thirty-three feet; the entrance appears to have been at the north-west angle. This fortification was made (as in many other instances) conformable to the natural shape of the hill.



Location of Wick Ball Camp to the west of Philipps House at Dinton