

Black Middens stack stands A0299

Site Type	stack stands
Site Name	Black Middens
Other Name(s)	
Ownership	Gleedlee, Tarset, Hexham, NE48 1PB.
Related Sites	A0296, A0297, A0301

LOCATION

National Grid Reference	NY 7730 9000	Km Square	NY 7790
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Modern Parish	Tarset
Historic Parish & Township	Thorneyburn -- Tarset West

LISTINGS

Scheduled Ancient Monument	X	Listed	X
National Monument Record	79 SE 09	English Heritage Pastscape	913452
Historic Environment Record		HVA	X
Grundy	X	Tarset & Greystead Books	MM- LX-

EVIDENCE

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DESCRIPTION

Two circular platforms, probably the remains of stack stands, lie on the hillslope north-east of the Black Middens bastle group. The scarps of these platforms are up to 0.2m high and 0.7m wide. They are each approximately 7m in diameter and they are less than 2m apart; Two further platforms (not surveyed) lie on the crest of the ridge about 100m north of the first pair; both are surrounded by narrow ring grooves and one has an internal bank. The western example is 9.4m in diameter, the groove being 1.8m wide and 0.05m deep. The other, 50m to the south-east, has an overall diameter of 8.8m, the groove being 1.5m wide and 0.05m deep with an internal bank 1.3m wide and 0.1m high. The presence of four stack stands suggests the use of the upper slopes and crest of the ridge as a hay meadow but the dating of these features remains a problem. While they may be contemporary with the bastles A0296 and A0301 they may equally relate to the later agricultural phase of the site associated with the eighteenth to nineteenth-century farm. [Pastscape]

IMAGES

None.

NOTES

Not plotted in 2006 Atlas.

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REFERENCES

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