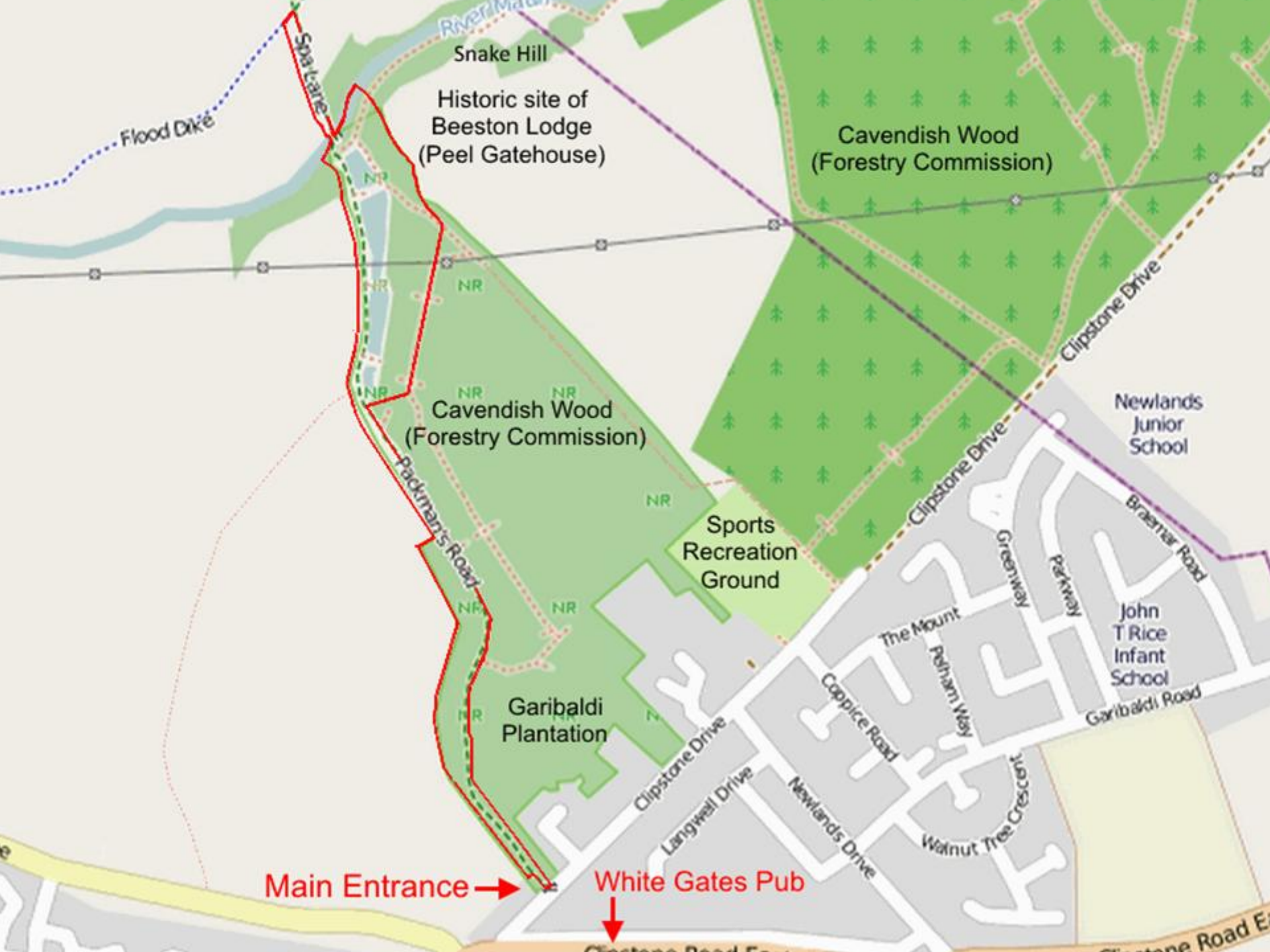


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Spa Ponds: Time Travelling With Maps

Saturday 8th June 2019



Snake Hill

Historic site of
Beeston Lodge
(Peel Gatehouse)

Cavendish Wood
(Forestry Commission)

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Sports
Recreation
Ground

Garibaldi
Plantation

Newlands
Junior
School

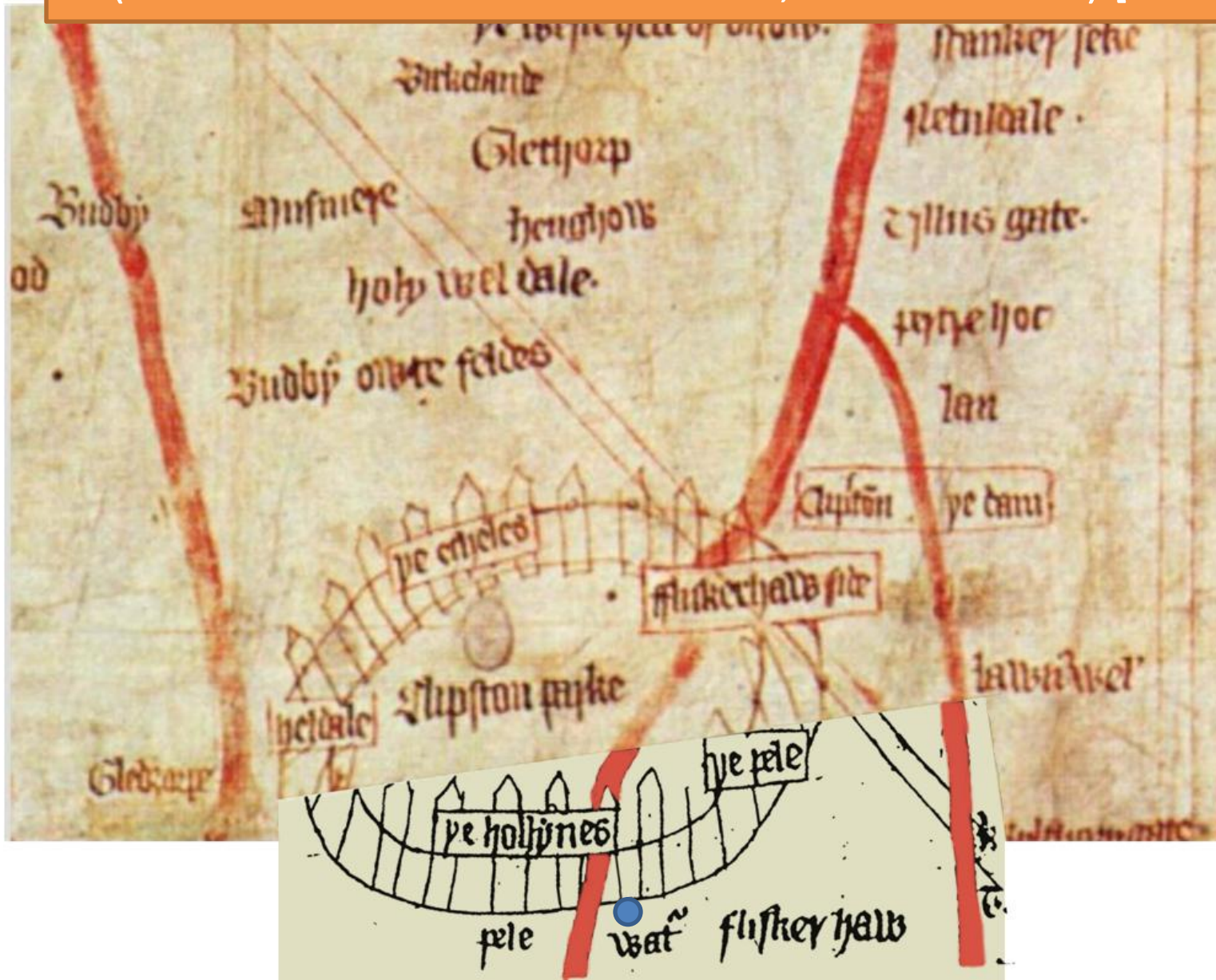
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Infant
School

Main Entrance →

White Gates Pub
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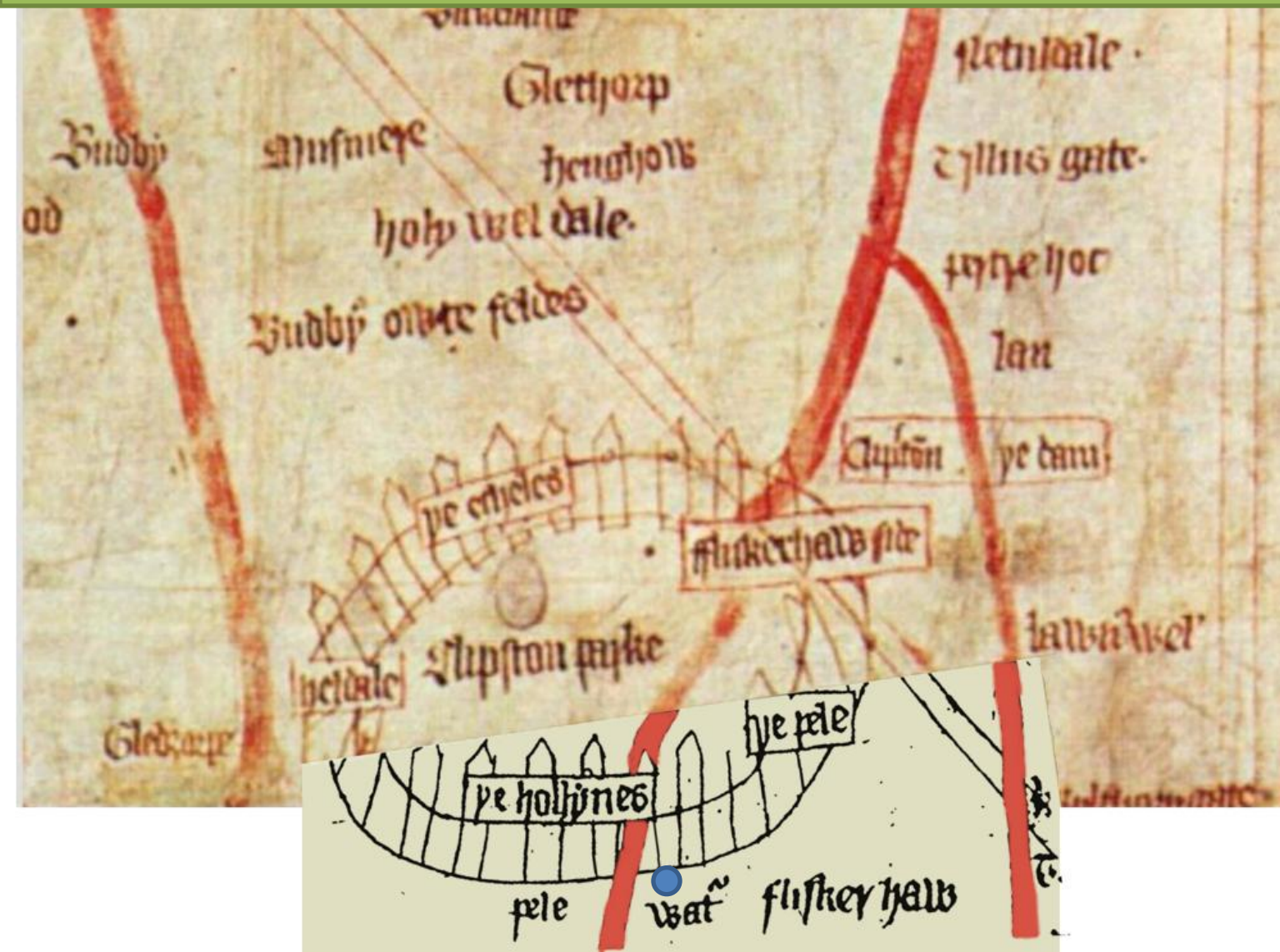
Sherwood Forest Map, C. 1334

(Archives of the Duke of Rutland, Belvoir Castle) [EAST AT TOP]



“Clipstone Peel was built in the months preceding January 1317...The river below the peel was diverted to make pasture...” (Crook 1976)

“The forest map indicates that it also included a pond, probably formed by damming the river, called 'Peel Water’.” (Crook 1976)



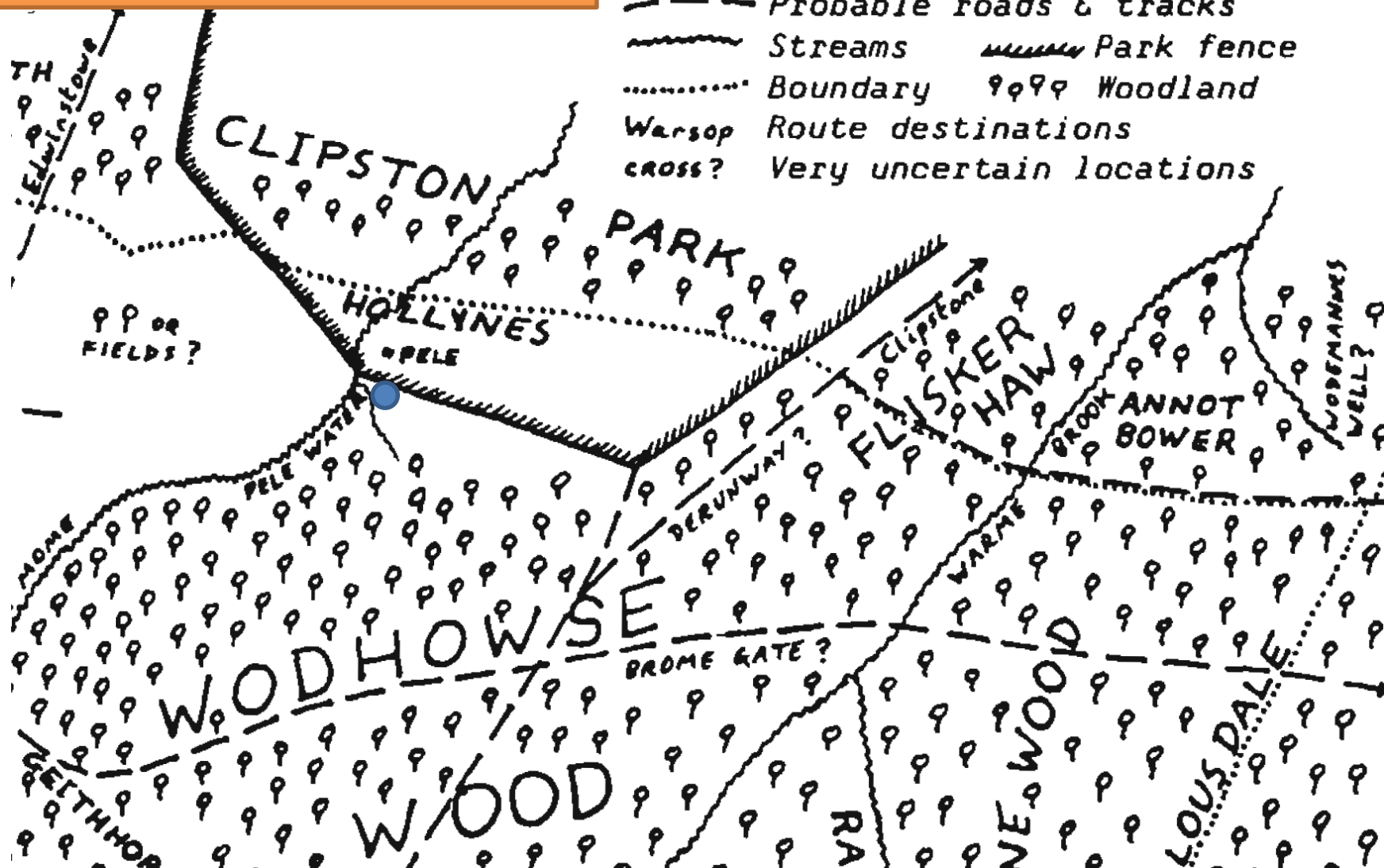
'Wd'hus and the Wolf-hunters'

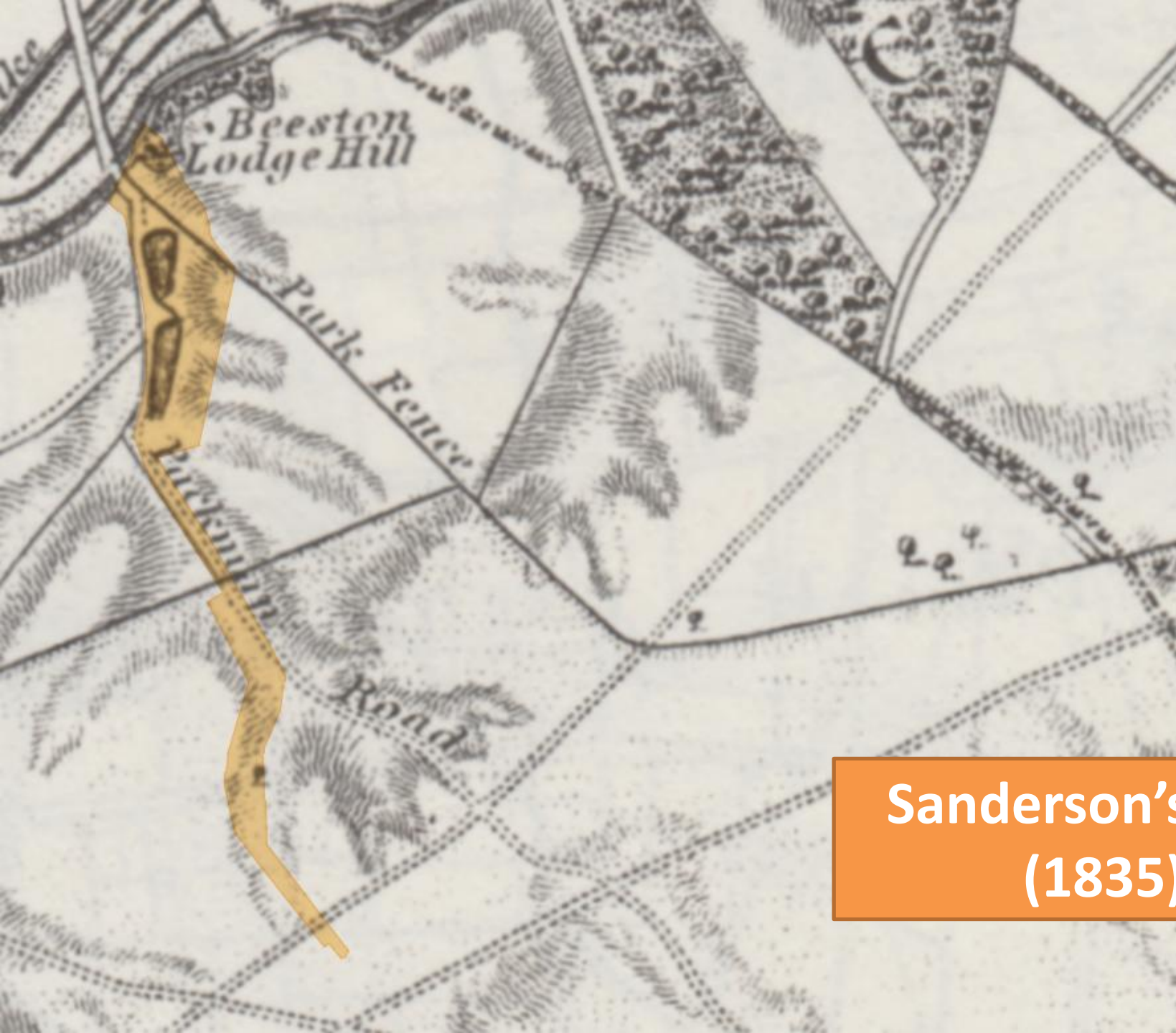
(David J Bradbury, 1992)

WOODHOUSE IN THE 14th CENTURY

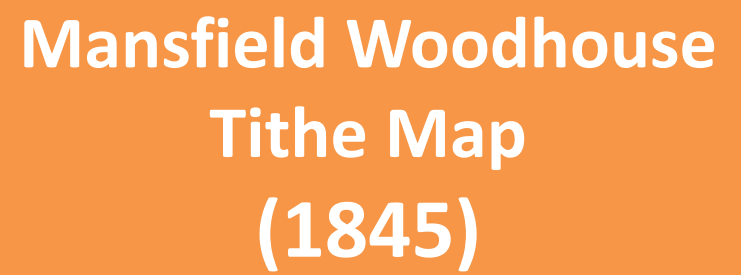
With place-names from the Belvoir map, and other contemporary documents referred to in this book.

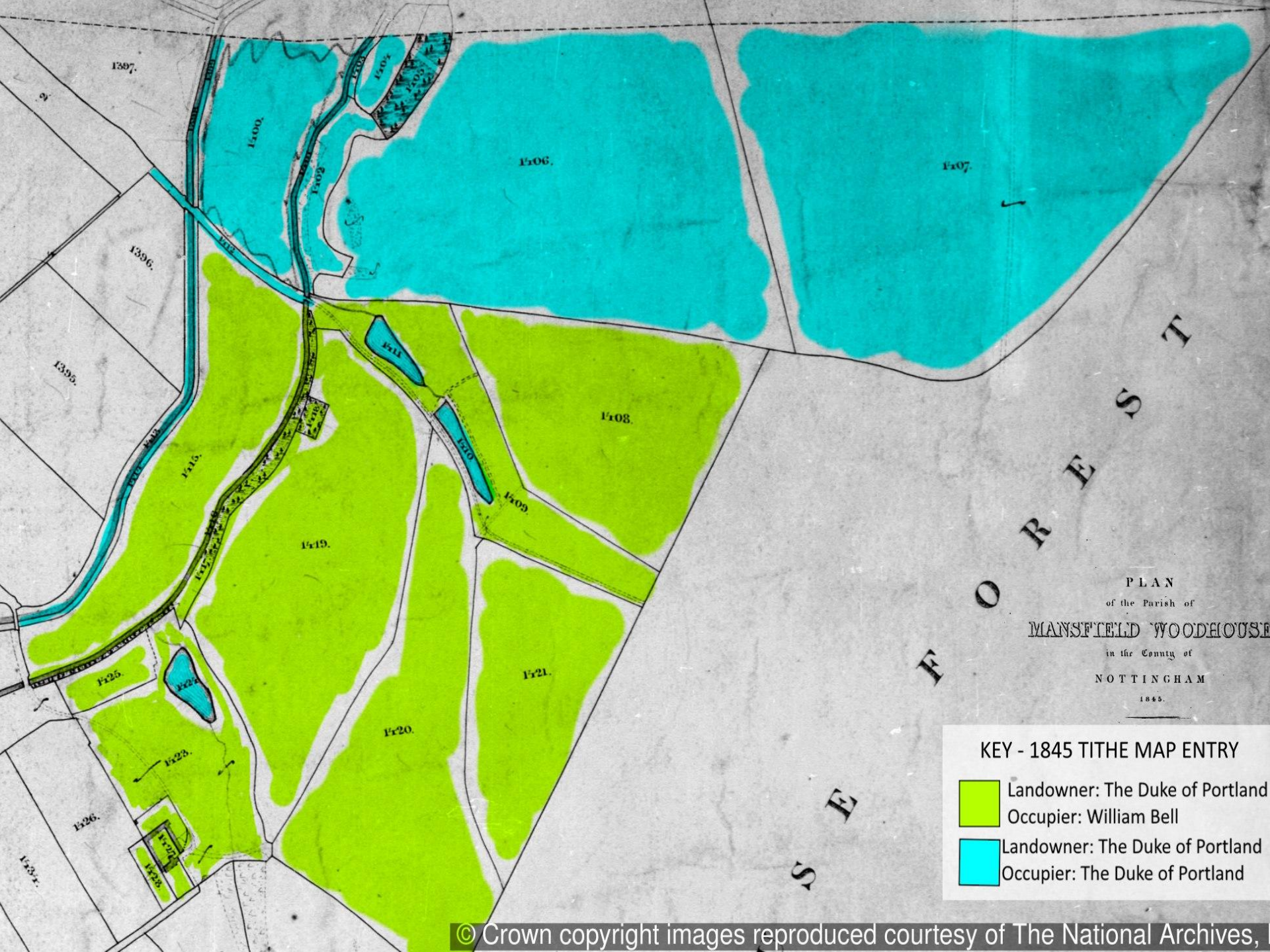
- Probable roads & tracks
- ~~~~~ Streams
- Boundary
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- cross? Very uncertain locations
- ~~~~~ Park fence
- 9999 Woodland

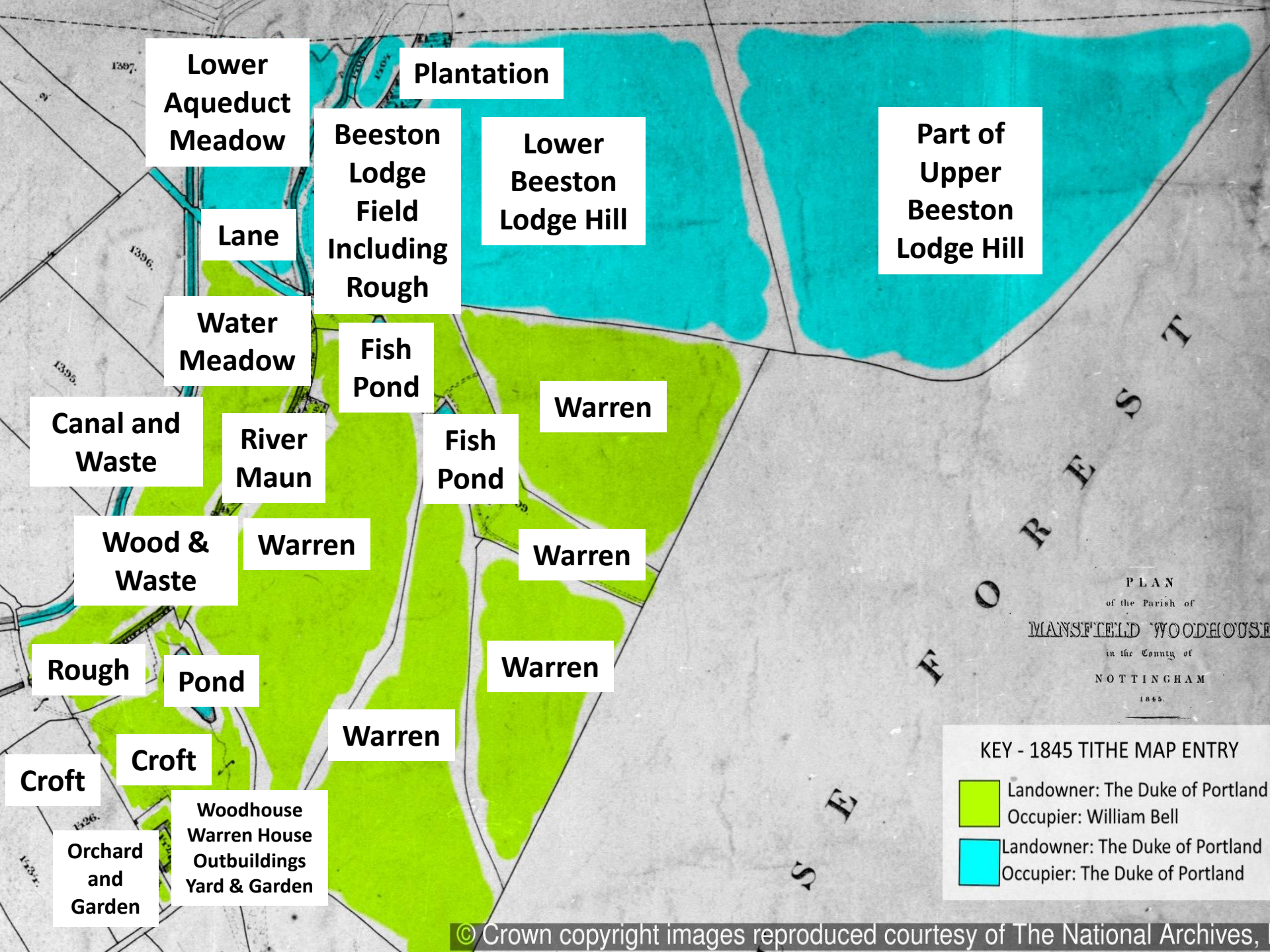




Sanderson's Map
(1835)







Lower
Aqueduct
Meadow

Plantation

Beeston
Lodge
Field
Including
Rough

Lower
Beeston
Lodge Hill

Part of
Upper
Beeston
Lodge Hill

Lane

Water
Meadow

Fish
Pond

Warren

Canal and
Waste

River
Maun

Fish
Pond

Wood &
Waste

Warren

Warren

Rough

Pond

Warren

Croft

Warren

Croft

Woodhouse
Warren House
Outbuildings
Yard & Garden

Orchard
and
Garden

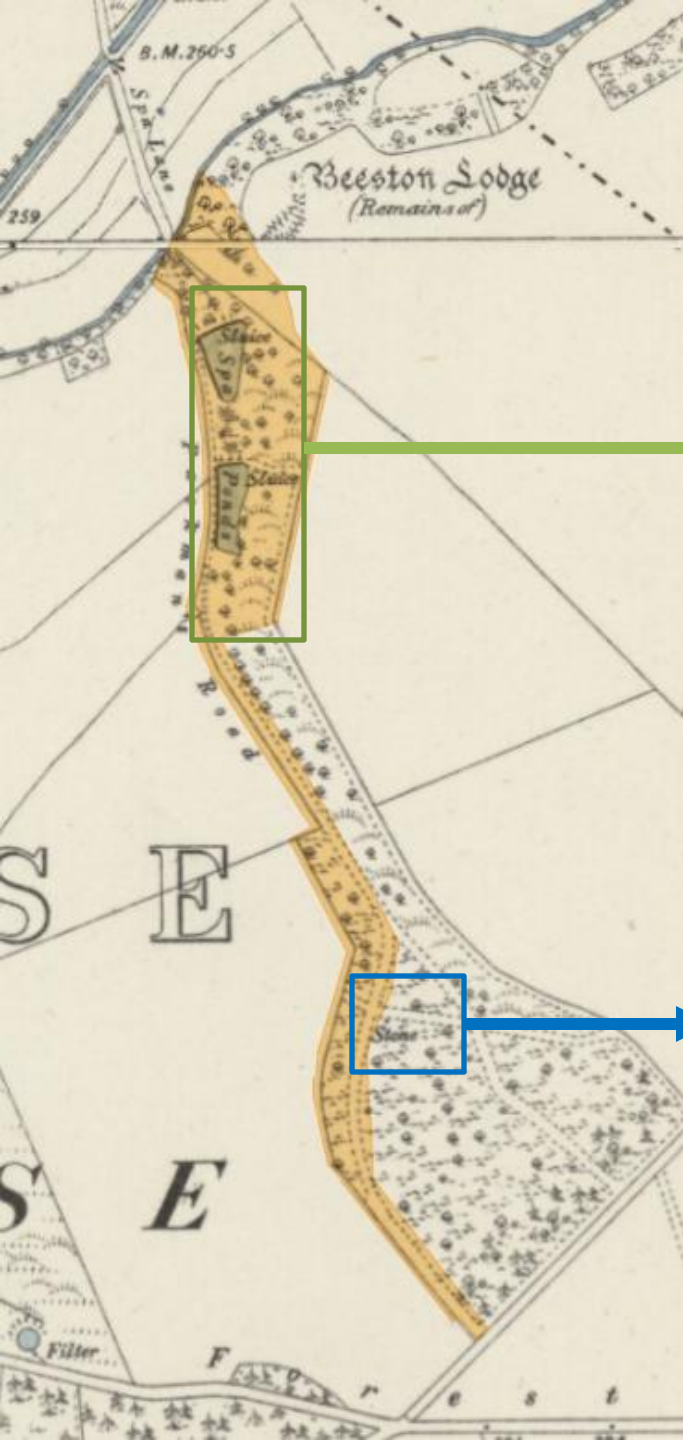
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Landowner: The Duke of Portland
Occupier: William Bell

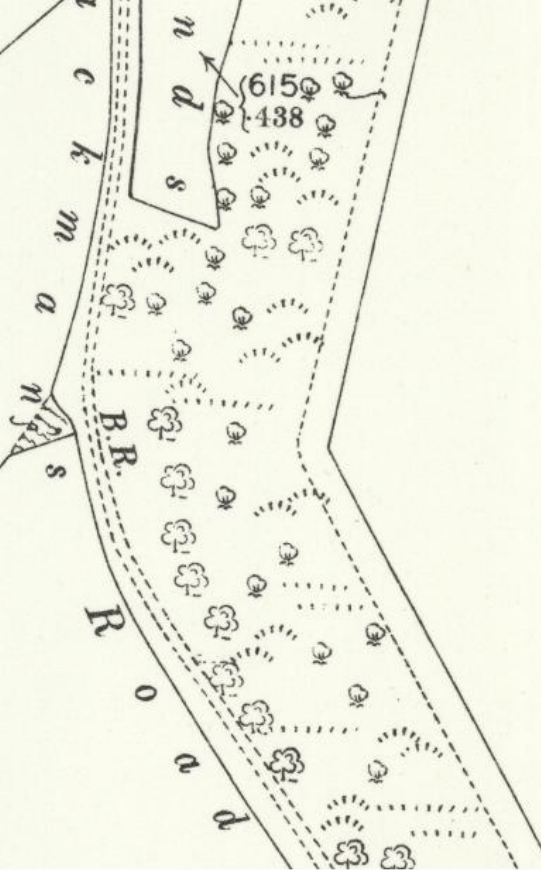


Landowner: The Duke of Portland
Occupier: The Duke of Portland



Six-inch OS Map
(1885)

614
20.817



616
16.224

Hatched triangle between Spa Ponds and interesting feature. Source: Ordnance Survey (1897)



Duke of Portland's Water Meadows

“But when the water was first thrown over the ground, new and unforeseen difficulties had to be provided against. The water found its way into the old rabbit-holes, and burst out in springs. All such unsound spots had to be dug out and rammed into firm ground.”

“It has been said, that the difficulties of draining the boggy valley far exceeded the labour on the hill-sides...irrigation increased the strength of the springs so much, that in many cases the draining has had to be done twice over.”

J. E. Denison, 'On the Duke of Portland's Water Meadows at Clipstone Park' in The Journal of the Royal Agricultural Society, Vol. I (London, 1840).

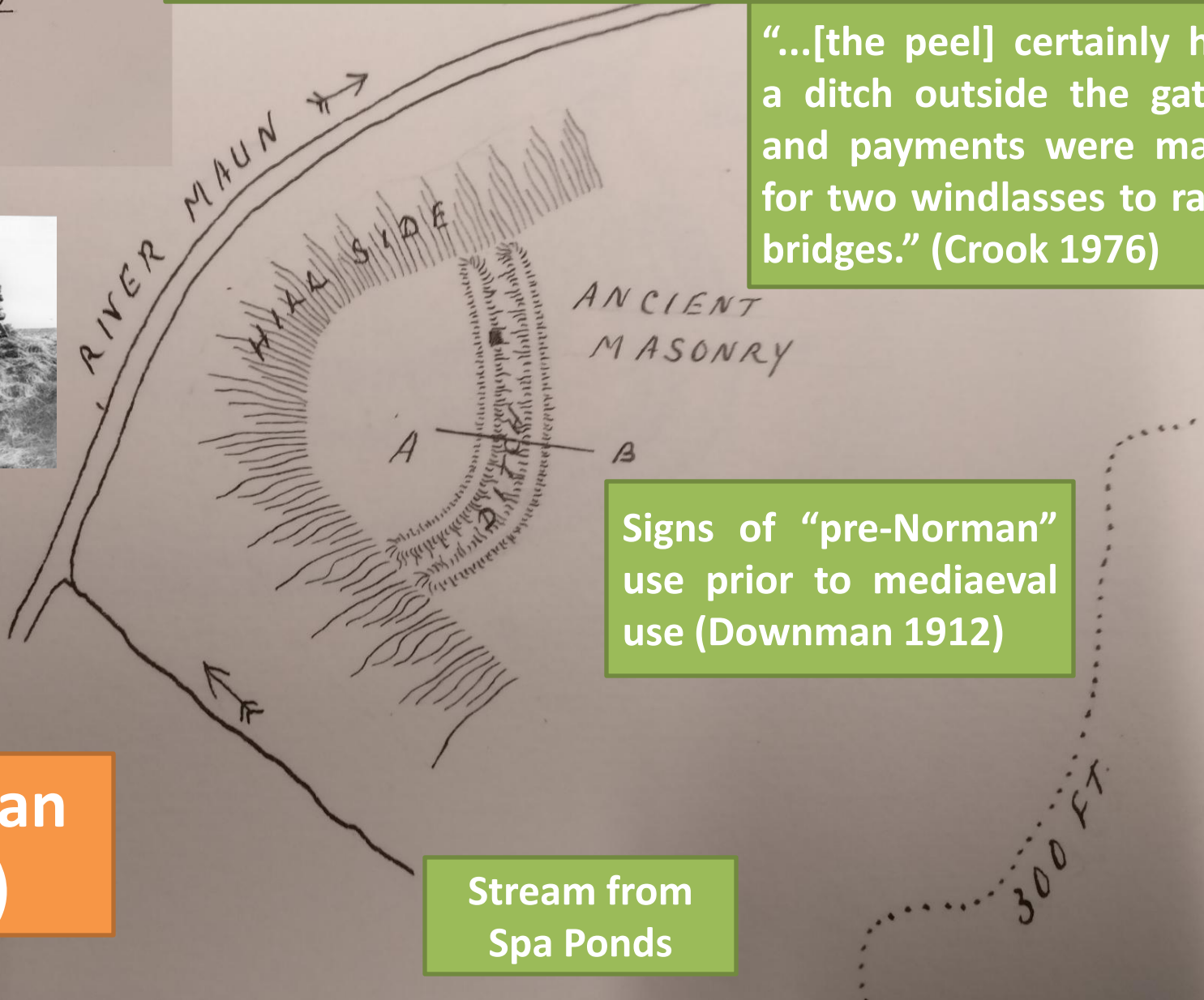
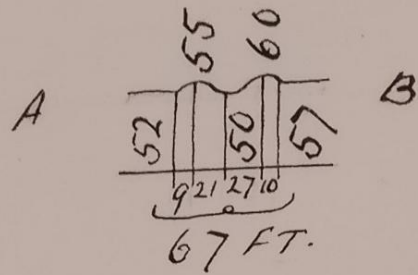
"There is a block of masonry of rubble work on the site of the inner rampart, which may have continued round as a wall of considerable thickness" (Downman 1912)

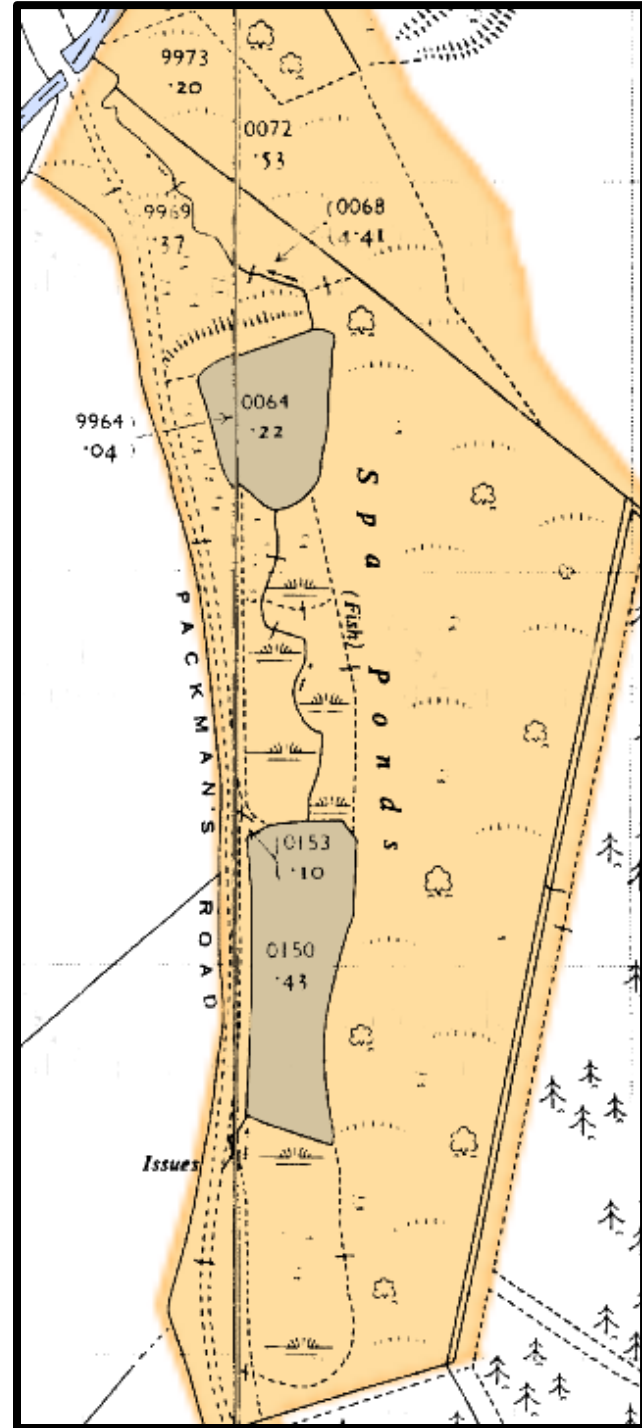
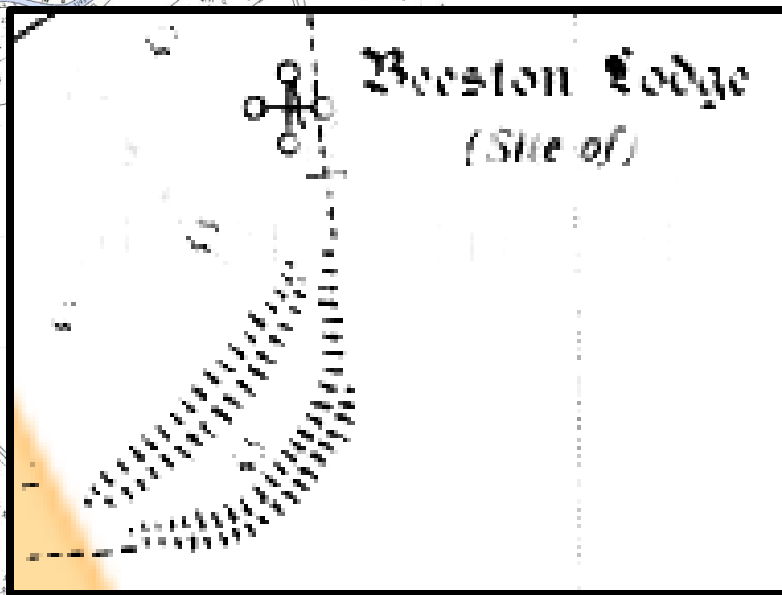
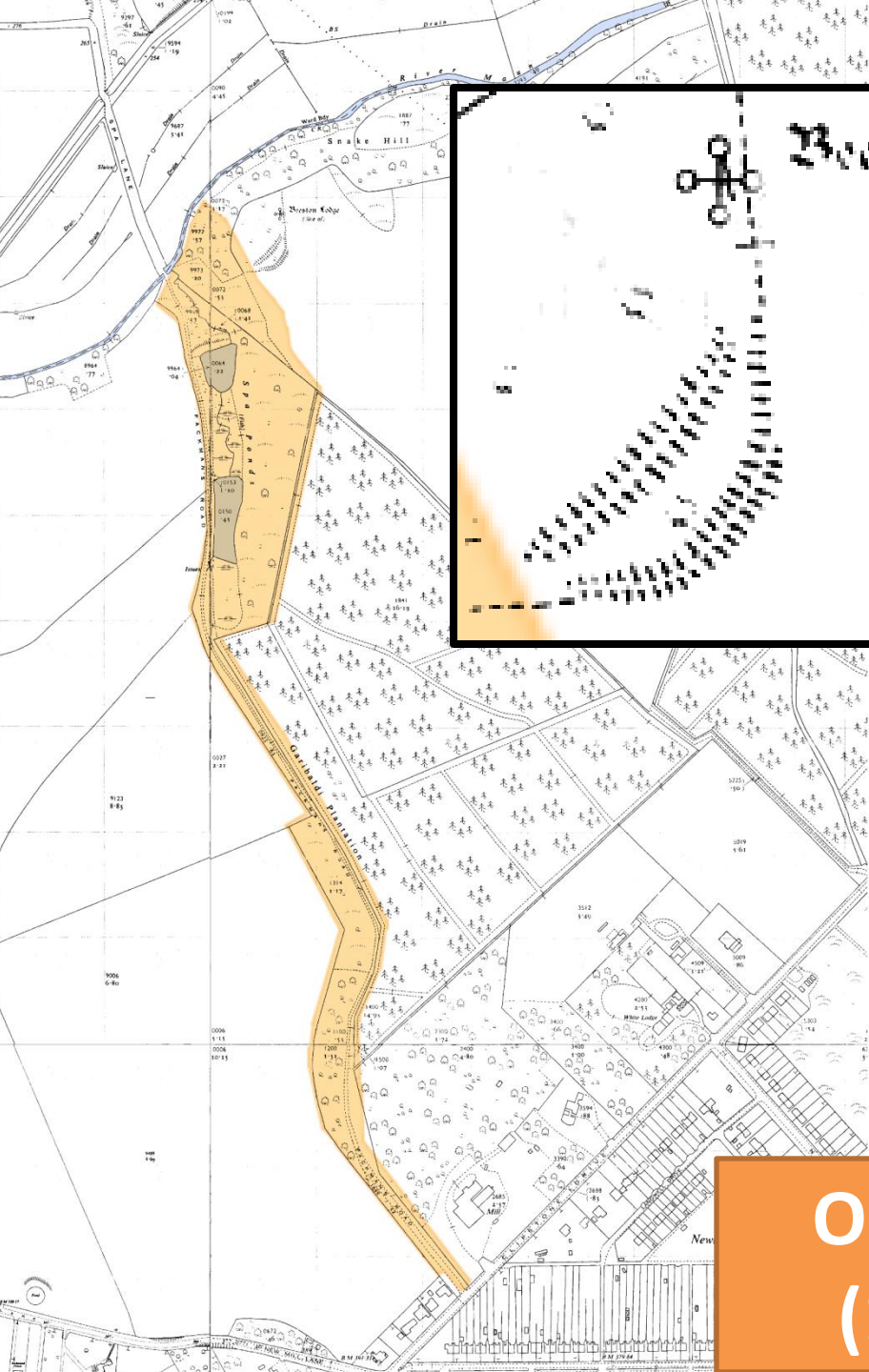
"...[the peel] certainly had a ditch outside the gates, and payments were made for two windlasses to raise bridges." (Crook 1976)

Signs of "pre-Norman" use prior to mediaeval use (Downman 1912)

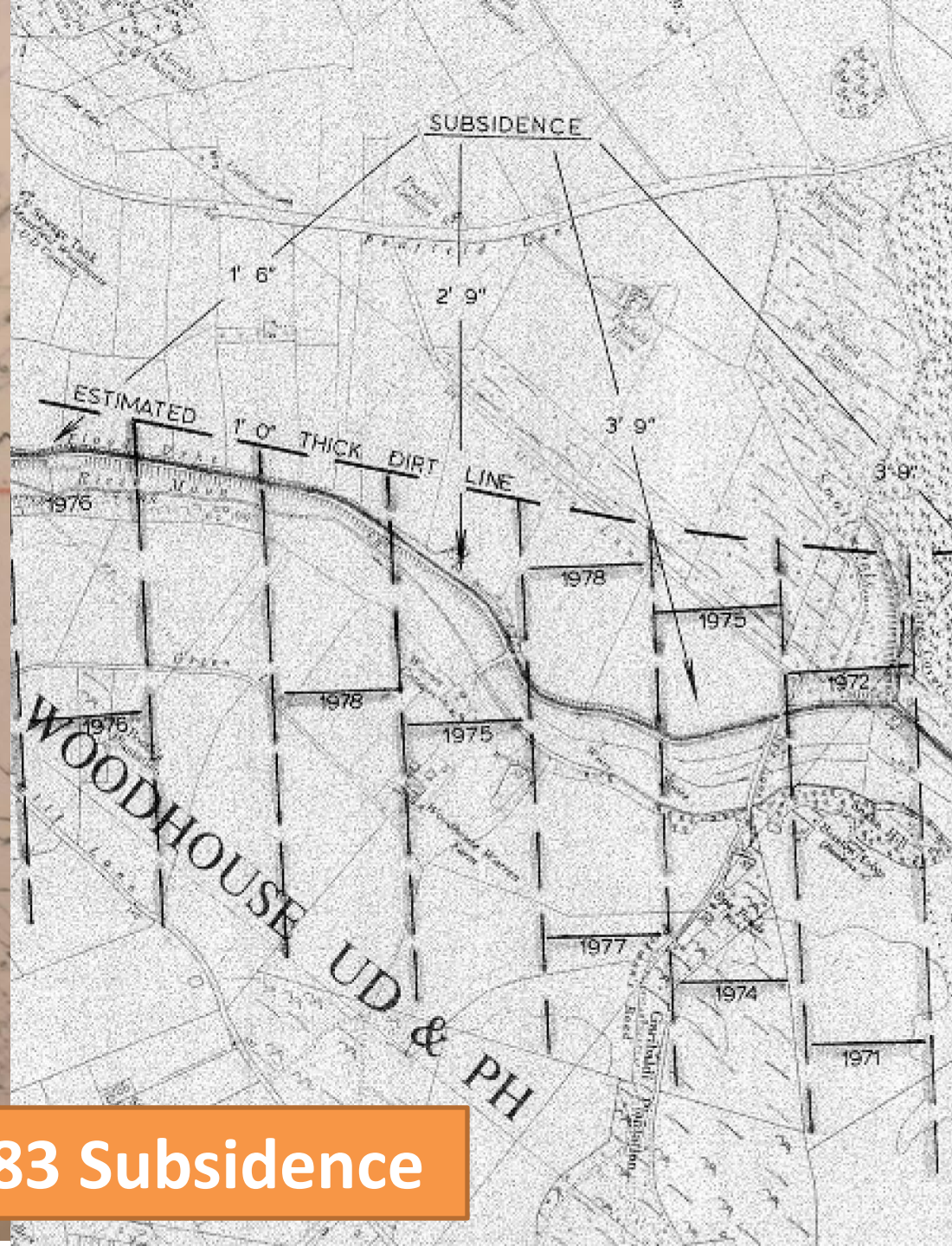
Downman
(1912)

Stream from
Spa Ponds





OS Map
(1958)



1983 Subsidence

1984/85 - Packman's Bridge from the Spa Lane side,
with Pond 4 being created in the background.



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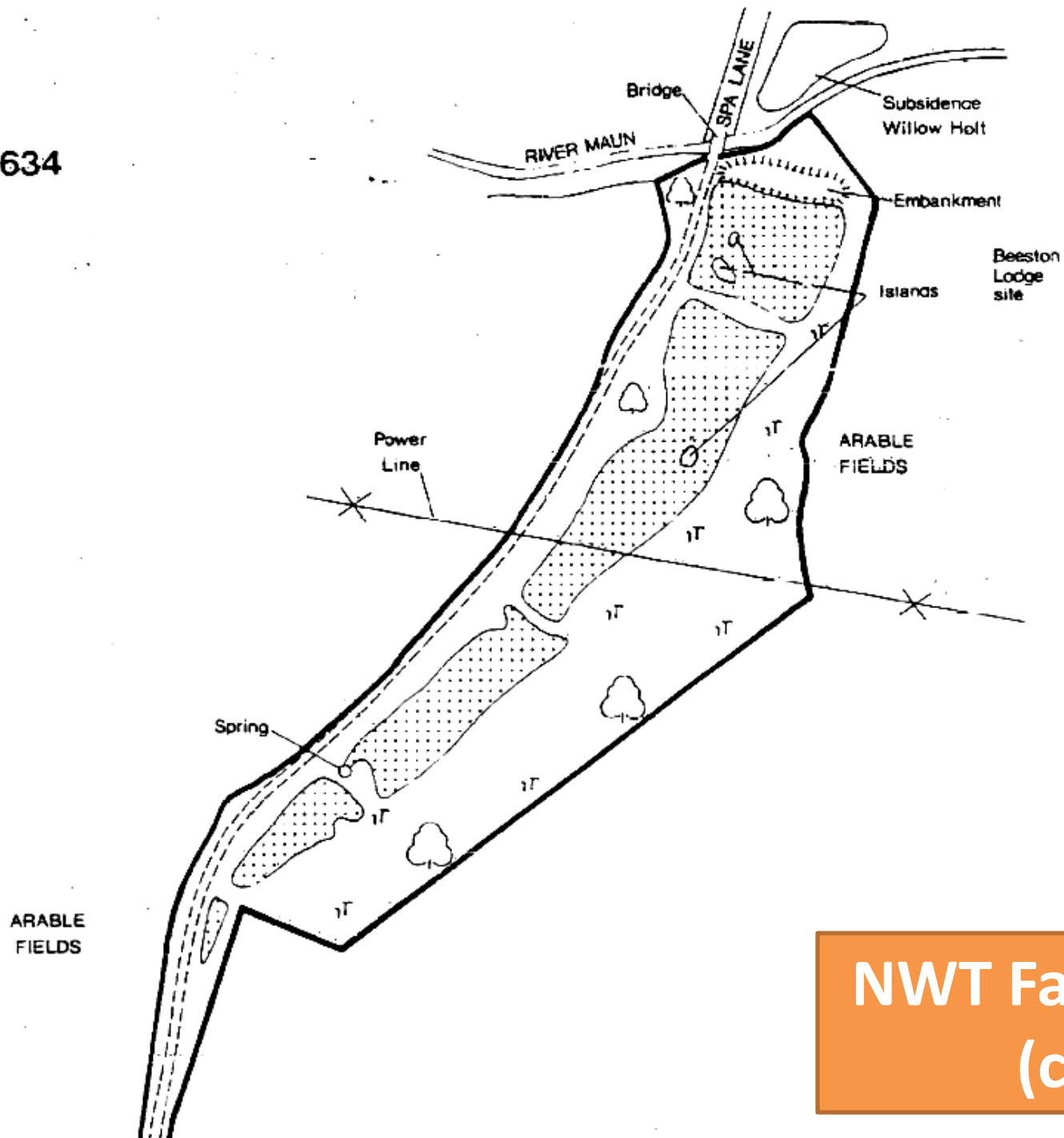
Looking from where Pond 4 is being created
towards Packman's Bridge and Spa Lane



Side of Pond 4 with the River Maun on the left
and Beeston Lodge Hill towards the top

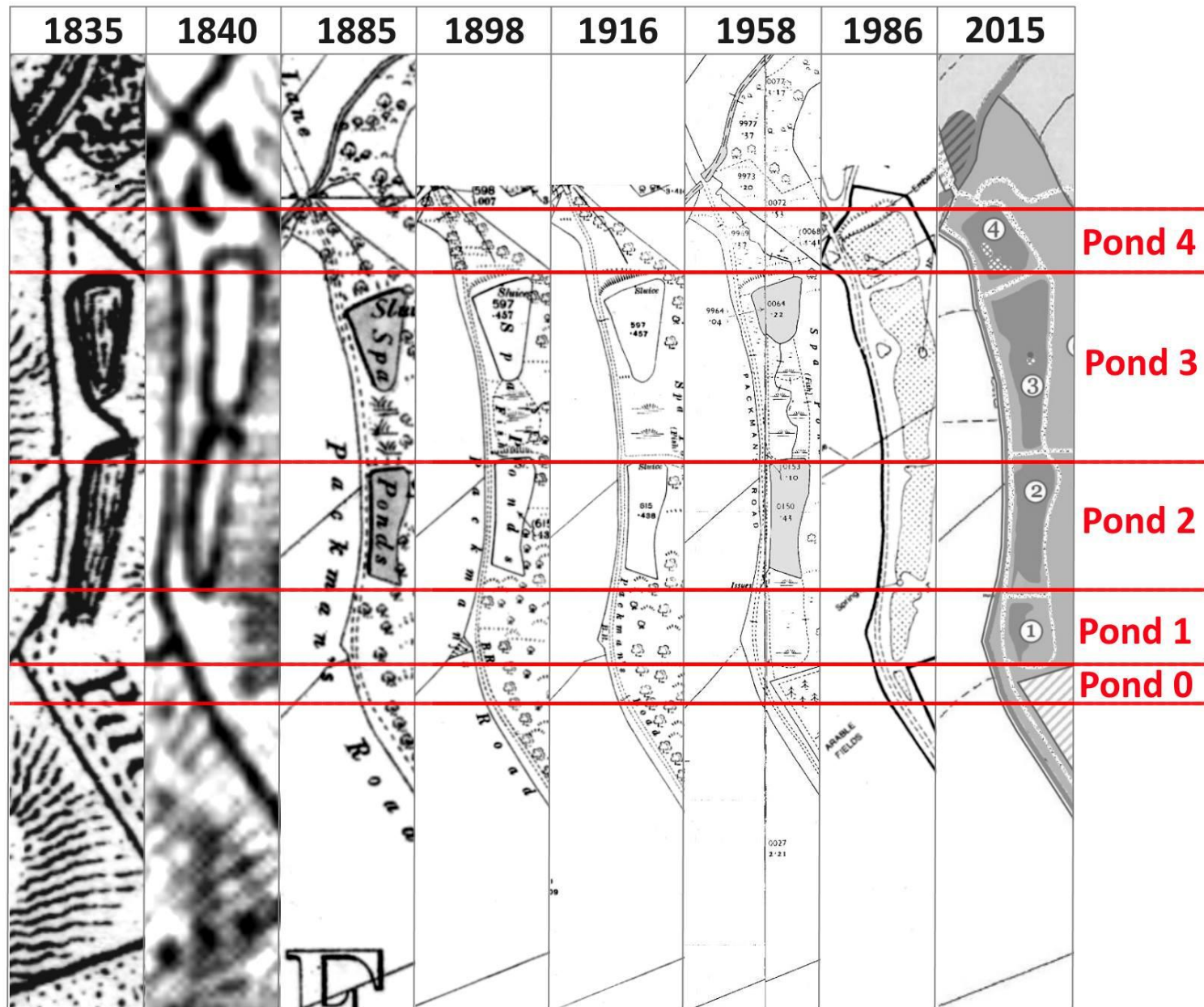


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NWT Factsheet Map
(c. 1986)

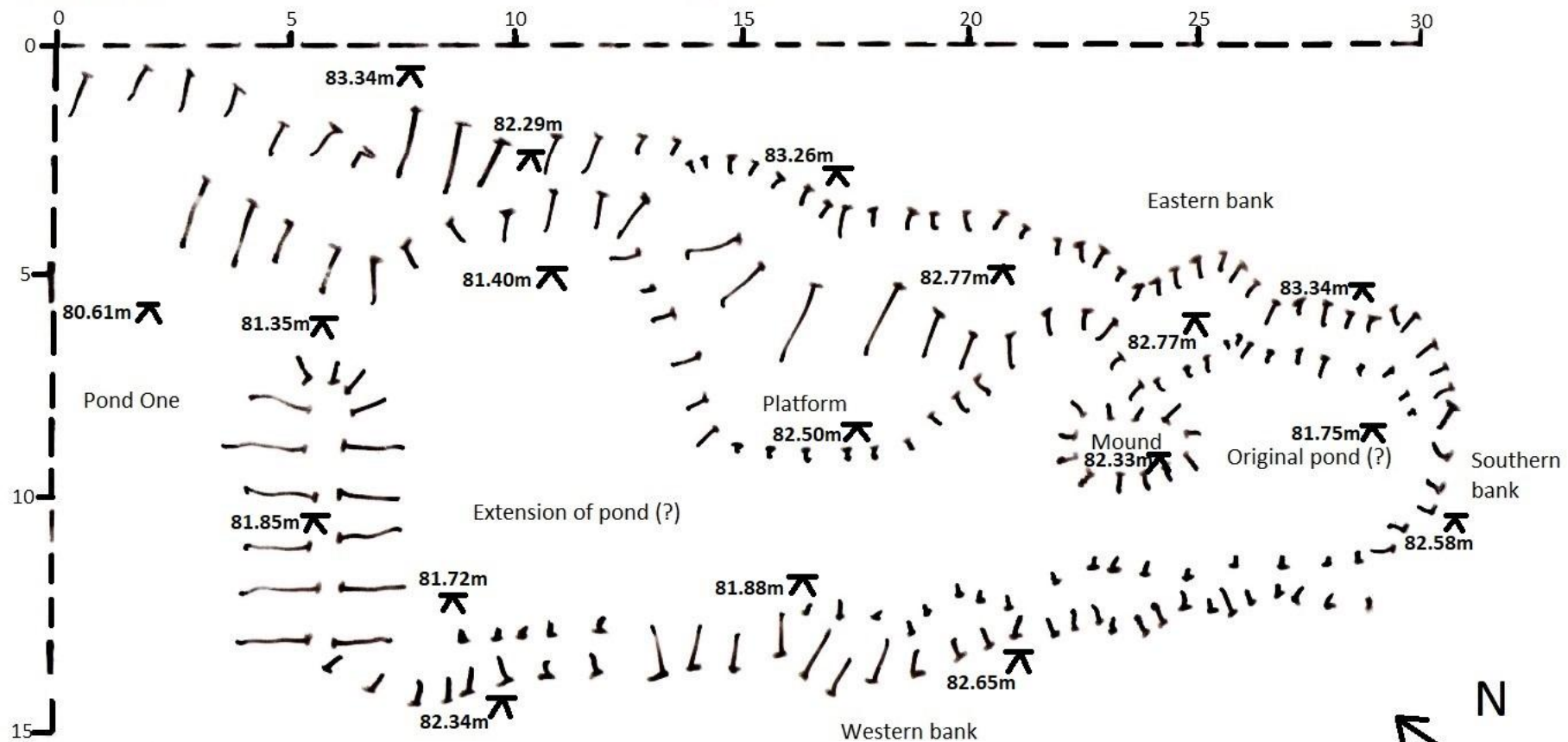
HOW THE SPA PONDS HAVE CHANGED OVER 180 YEARS (1835-2015)



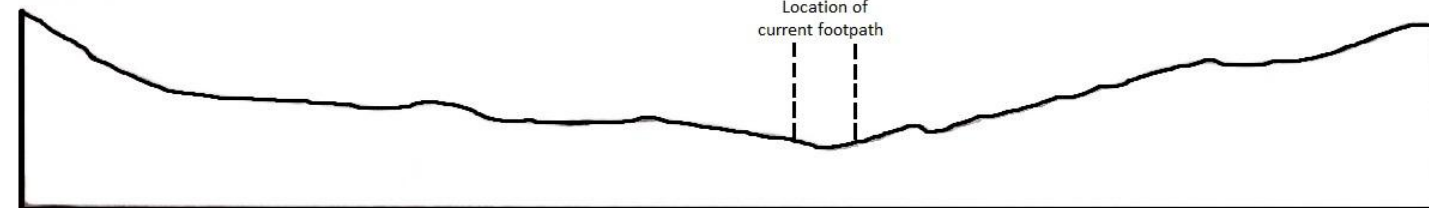
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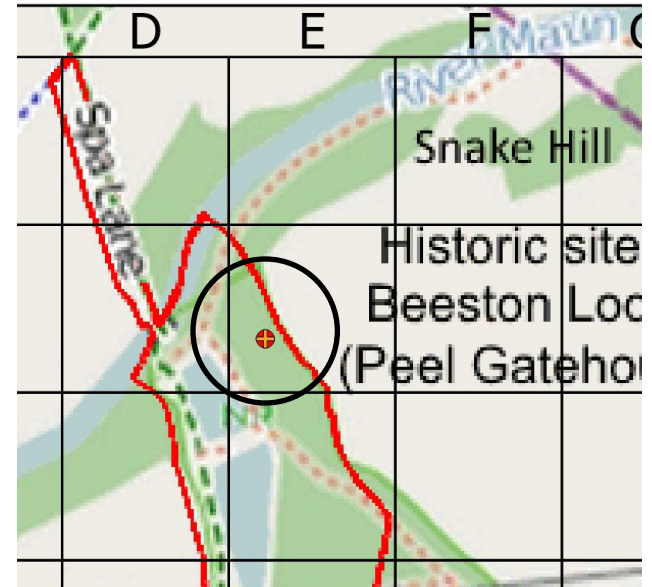


Tony Davison Map
(1995)



Spring at south of Pond 2 (T Davison, 1995)

Photo of old oak stump at Spa Ponds near Beeston Lodge (grid ref E1(SW))



Tree number	143040
Tree record status	Verified
Verified by	Mark Fretwell
Original Recorder	Mark Fretwell
Date of survey	28 January 2015
Tree species	Oak

Girth	6m 40cm
Tree form	Stump
Standing or fallen	Remnant
Living status	Dead
Veteran status	Ancient tree

Best guess year of birth: 1638

Coppiced Sweet Chestnut at Spa Ponds, possibly from 17th Century (grid ref E7(NE))



Tree number	153208
Tree record status	Verified
Verified by	Mark Fretwell
Original Recorder	Mark Fretwell
Date of survey	14 April 2016
Tree species	Sweet Chestnut
Girth	8m 74cm
Tree form	Coppice
Standing or fallen	Standing
Living status	Alive
Veteran status	Ancient tree

Best guess year of birth: 1631

An aerial photograph of a rural landscape with a path or road. Numerous multi-colored pins (green, orange, blue, yellow, red, purple) are placed along the path, representing recorded trees. The pins are densely packed in some areas and more sparse in others. The background shows fields and some buildings.

**Recorded
trees**

An aerial photograph of the same rural landscape. Yellow wheat icons are placed along the path, representing trees planted in 2018 and 2019. The icons are arranged in a line that follows the path, with some clusters and some gaps. The background shows fields and some buildings.

**Planted
in 2018
and 2019**