

Roman roads in focus

Ryknild Street section RR18c. Wall to Little Chester, East of Letocetum to Derwentio – 24½ miles (39.4 km)

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Ryknild Street is a Roman road in England, 112 miles long (180 km), with a route roughly southwest to north-east. It runs from the Fosse Way at Bourton on the Water in Gloucestershire to Templeborough in South Yorkshire, and passes through Alcester, Studley, Redditch, Metchley (Birmingham), Sutton Coldfield, Lichfield, Burton upon Trent, Derby and Chesterfield.

Much of the Midlands route of the Icknield Street is used by modern roads, most notably the A38 from Lichfield to Derby; and many sections retain the name "Icknield Street", but not always accurately as in Hockley, Birmingham and in Redditch, Worcestershire where there is also a road called Icknield Street Drive which stands near the course of the Roman road. "Ryknild Street" is still in use in Lichfield and "Ryknild Road" in Derby.

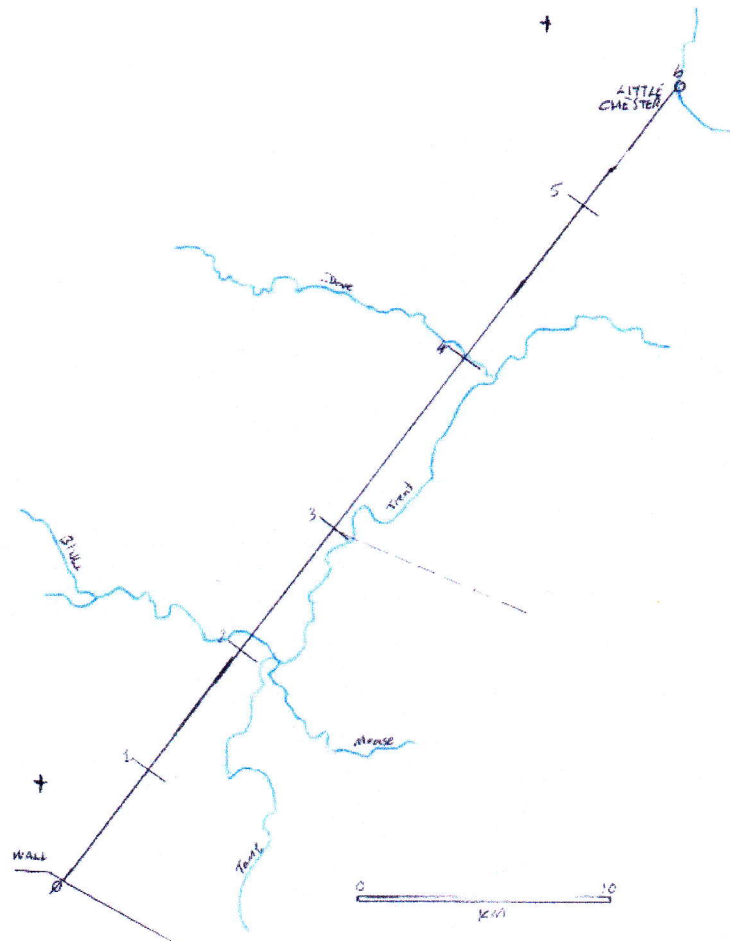


Fig 1, the route of RR18c between Wall and Little Chester

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