Unregistered Park & Garden: Bevercotes Park

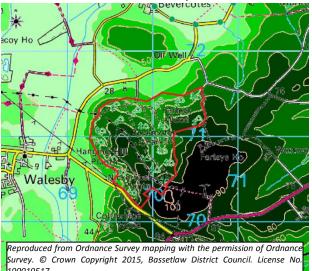
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Date(s):

C18, C19, C20

Description & historic information:

Woodland plantation with planned routes <u>Council License No. 100019517</u> throughout, sited on an area of high ground overlooking the valley of the Bevercotes Beck, River Maun and River Meden. First planted in the late-18th century by the Duke of Newcastle, with 19th



Contour map of Bevercotes Park

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and 20th century additions. Mostly associated with Farleys House, an early-19th century farmhouse immediately to the east. The site straddles the Bassetlaw/Newark & Sherwood District boundary.

The earliest sections of woodland are to the south ('Nickerbush Plantation' and 'Hanging Hill Plantation') and to the north ('Farley's Wood'), both visible in some form on late-18th century maps planted by the Duke of Newcastleⁱ. Nickerbush Plantation/Hanging Hill Plantation, on the south-facing slope of a prominence known as Hanger Hill (see 1840 map) are within Walesby Parish (in Newark and Sherwood District) and were, until the late-19th century, separated from the rest of Bevercotes

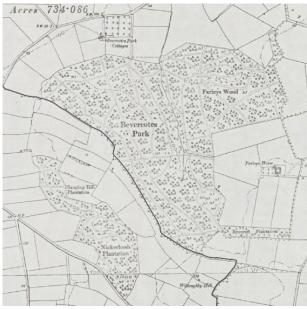
Park by a narrow strip of grassland containing the highest point of the hill (no archaeological information can be found on the origins of 'Hanger Hill', but presumably this was once a site of public hanging).



At the North end of the site is Farleys Wood (originally "Far Leys Plantation"), also likely to be mid18th century in date. By 1825, much of the remainder of the present woodland had been planted (primarily with Ash) immediately south of Farleys Wood, up to the parish/district boundary, the whole of this area then being referred to as Bevercotes Park. Flowing south to north through this part of the park is a stream within a narrow and steep-sided valley. The park was used both as a timber plantation and for hunting (especially fox hunting) throughout the 19th century.







1840 – Ordnance Survey (Cassini) Map

1899 – County Series Map (source: Nottingham Insight)

In the mid-20th century, an area between Bevercotes Park and Hanging Hill Wood was planted, joining the two parts of woodland for the first time. More recently, some parts of the park have been cleared, with replacement trees planted.

Features of significance:

18th, 19th and 20th century wooded plantations; planned roadways and walkways.



Aerial photograph of Bevercotes Park, 2007 (source: Bassetlaw District Council)

Listed Buildings:	n/a
Scheduled Ancient Monuments:	n/a
Conservation Area:	n/a
Local Interest Buildings:	n/a



References:

ⁱ W. E. Doubleday; *Notts villages: Bevercotes (in The Nottinghamshire Guardian);* 1942.