



Most of the site consists of parallel trenches, a little over one metre apart and 20 to 25 cms deep (the vertical scale is 1:100). This is a normal arboricultural practice to retain moisture for the trees planted within the trench. For the site profiles, measurements were taken at the bottom of each trench and the top of each arborial bank. These peaks and troughs were then used to estimate average ground level, shown as mauve lines above.

A1 shows the main north-south track. Adjacent to this is a possible bank and ditch at A2 and A3. This bank and ditch is not necessarily parallel to track A1, so further profiling is required. A4 and A5 show the main bank and ditch recorded on Sheet 1. Because of visibility problems, profile A ends here, and profile B starts about 1 metre to the north. B1 completes this feature of a ditch with banks on both sides. Similarly, B4, B5 and B6 show the same ditch with banks on both sides.

Between B1 and B4, the average ground levels seem to break into two terraces, B2 and B3 possibly with a bank between them. Is this a boundary within, and part of the main features recorded on Sheet 1, or is it a sign of some older field or enclosure system? I saw nothing in the landscape that indicated it may be a later field or enclosure system having formed a subjective impression that what I was seeing was one group of enclosures overlaying an earlier group. However, considerable further survey work is required to validate or invalidate this perception.

East of B6 there is another terrace broken up by trenches. It is interesting that these sloping terraces step up rather than down as we progress down the slope of the larger landscape. This is exactly the opposite to the terraces and lynchets of a traditional field system. However, the geology in this area is very complex, so may explain the overall pattern. This could be tested for.

Moving on to B7, B8 and B9, the situation is very complex. The area between B9 and the north-east corner of the main enclosures shown on Sheet 1 has been heavily used by very heavy logging vehicles. Archaeological features have been badly damaged, more so than elsewhere. However, there is evidence of at least one ditch passing through the area. Many OS maps show two closely spaced parallel ditches (B10) mainly to the east of the track B9 and just crossing it. B7 may be evidence for the southernmost of these ditches (B11) continuing to the north-eastern corner of the main enclosures, rather than this badly damaged area. B8 may represent a bank alongside the track. However, the evidence is not strong.

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Sheet: 7 - Site profile, east-west

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