

NEWSTEAD DOWSING RESEARCH PROJECT 2026 – SESSION 1



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PROJECT OVERVIEW

The aim of this dowsing research project is to explore different aspects of tree, water, and earth energies and to investigate whether the different aspects are related, as well as how they are affected by the Solar Noon transition period (the 20-minute period leading up to Solar Noon) and the mid-afternoon transition period (3pm to 3:15pm).

The project at Newstead will be led by Mave Calvert. Other individuals and groups have expressed interest in carrying out parallel research in other locations, which will allow us to compare our findings.

The Newstead project will comprise 8 sessions:

1	Saturday 11th April 2026	Tree Energies
2	Saturday 9 th May 2026	Water Energies
3	Saturday 13 th June 2026	Earth Energies
4	Sunday 21 ^s June 2026	Summer Solstice Energies
5	Saturday 11 th July 2026	Beacon Tree Energies
6	Saturday 8 th August 2026	Landscape Pentagram Energies
7	Saturday 12 th September 2026	New Moon Energies
8	Wednesday 23 rd September 2026	Autumn Equinox Energies

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SESSION 1 OVERVIEW – TREE ENERGIES

The aim of this session is to investigate the energy fields of trees and the straight lines of energy that connect them to other trees. We will take baseline readings and then investigate how these change when the energy fields and lines are subjected to various stimuli. We will also investigate how these readings change during the Solar Noon transition period and the Mid-afternoon transition period.

For Dowsers joining in person:

Date: Saturday 11th April 2026

Venue: Newstead Abbey, Ravenshead, Nottinghamshire NG15 8NA

Meet at the café between 10:15am and 10:30am to get to know each other and discuss what we will be dowsing today. We will aim to start dowsing in our chosen location at 11:15am. We will dowse various tree energies and then monitor them during today's Solar Noon transition period between 12:45 and 13:05.

Lunch break will be from 13:15 to 14:15. You can bring a picnic or eat in the café.

After lunch we will return to the same location to do some more dowsing. We will then monitor the energies that we dowsed earlier during the mid-afternoon transition period from 15:00 to 15:15. After that we can return to the café for a final cuppa and to discuss the day's dowsing.

Please bring a notebook and pen to write down your observations and email a copy of your notes to me afterwards so I can collate our findings them prior to the next session. I will have some pendulum dowsing charts with me. However, if you wish to print off and laminate your own copies you will find them at the end of this document.

For Dowsers working in different locations:

You can either join in on the same date as the Newstead Dowsers or on a different date. Please make notes of your findings with dates and times so we can compare them with what the Newstead group find. If you are working alone, you may not be able to do all the experiments, so just do what you can. You can always repeat them another day focussing on a different aspect if you wish.

Note: Please check the time of Solar Noon in the location where you are dowsing and work with that rather than the timings given for Newstead. The exact time of Solar Noon depends on the Longitude of your location and changes over time. For example, the time of Solar Noon on the east coast of Britain is always around 20 minutes earlier than it is on the west coast. However, the time of the mid-afternoon transition period appears to be the same for all locations and always takes place between 15:00 and 15:00 BST.

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DOWSING INVESTIGATIONS FOR TREES AND ASSOCIATED ENERGY LINES

Part 1 - Tree Energies

Locate a suitable tree, tell it what you would like to do and obtain its permission. Start by taking baseline readings of the tree's energy field and then take more readings during the experiments. Also note the location of the tree and what species it is.

Baseline readings

How wide is the energy field of the tree and what shape is that field?

What colour(s) are in the tree's energy field?

What is the Bovis reading of the tree's energy field?

What % of Yin/Feminine and Yang/Masculine energy is in the tree's energy field?

What % of beneficial and non-beneficial energy is in the tree's energy field?

Is the energy field moving or static? If moving, in which direction does it move?

Does the tree's energy field have bands within it? If so, what is the width, colour, Bovis, Yin/Yang %, % beneficial energy, band direction of movement of each band.

Experiments

Does the energy field expand when the Dowsers interact with it?

How is the energy field affected by various types of music being played to it? Try both harmonious and inharmonious music (e.g. Tim Wheater's Gayatri Mantra then Motorhead)

Also experiment with singing, chanting, drumming and the playing of singing bowls if they are available.

If there is time, another experiment could be to place a crystal next to the tree (or ask someone to stand against the trunk holding the crystal) and see if this affects the tree's energy field.

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Part 2 - Energy Lines connecting trees

Locate two trees that are connected by a single straight energy line and follow the line from one tree to the other.

At what height does centre of the energy line connect to the tree trunks?

What is the diameter of the central core of the line?

Does the energy line have bands within it? If so, how many bands and do they encircle the central core of the line, or does they go vertically upwards?

How many of these lines are connected to each tree?

How wide are these energy lines, how high are they and does any part of them extend below ground?

Do the energy lines get wider further away from the tree?

What colour(s) does the energy line dowse as?

What is the Bovis of the line?

What % of Yin/Feminine and Yang/Masculine energy is in the line?

What % of beneficial and non-beneficial energy is in the line?

What is the direction of flow of the energy within the line (NB: it could be bi-directional)

Use informational (yes/no) dowsing to ask if the energy line is affected by the Moon and whether its direction of flow changes at Dusk/Dawn.

If you located more than one band, check the width of each band, its colour, Bovis, % Yin/Yang, % beneficial energy, and direction of flow.

Experiments

How is the energy line between the trees affected by various types of music being played to it? Try both harmonious and inharmonious music (e.g. Tim Wheater's Gayatri Mantra then Motorhead)

Also experiment with singing to the line, chanting, drumming and the playing of singing bowls if they are available.

If there is time, another experiment could be to place a crystal in the centre of the line and see if this affects the line.

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Part 3 - Solar Transition Period (12:25pm to 1:05pm at Newstead)

Note: if at any time you feel uncomfortable or nauseous during the transition period stop dowsing and move away from the area.

For both the tree and the energy line emanating from it, re-check the baseline readings of width, colour, Bovis, Yin/Yang, % beneficial energy and direction of the energy flow throughout the 20-minute transition period noting down the exact time of each observation.

Note: If the energy starts to move faster the Bovis readings are likely to increase.

When the Solar Transition period has ended at 13:05 take another set of baseline readings.

Are there any similarities between how the tree and energy lines responded to the earlier experiments and how they responded during the Solar Noon transition period?

Part 4 - Mid Afternoon Transition Period (3pm to 3:15pm in all locations)

For both the tree and the energy line emanating from it, re-check the baseline readings of width, colour, Bovis, Yin/Yang, % beneficial energy and direction of the energy flow throughout the 15-minute transition period noting down the exact time of each observation.

Are there any similarities between how the tree and energy lines responded to the earlier experiments and how they responded during the mid-afternoon transition period?

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PENDULUM DOWSING CHARTS

1. Bovis scale for measuring the Intensity of Earth Energies
2. High Frequency Colour dowsing chart for measuring the colour frequency and polarity of energy
3. Percentage dowsing chart for measuring the % Yin/Yang and (non) beneficial energy in energy
4. Water dowsing chart for measuring depth and direction of flow of underground water

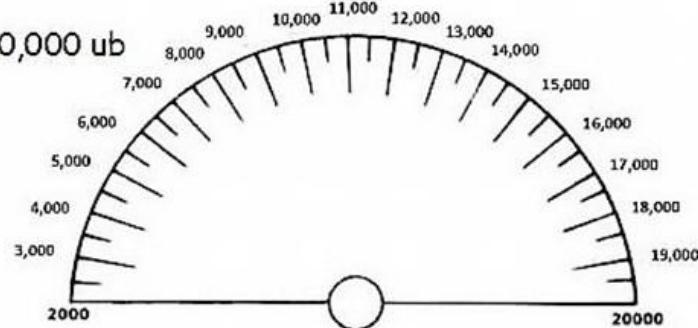
BOVIS SCALE FOR MEASURING THE INTENSITY OF EARTH ENERGIES

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ub - units of Bovis

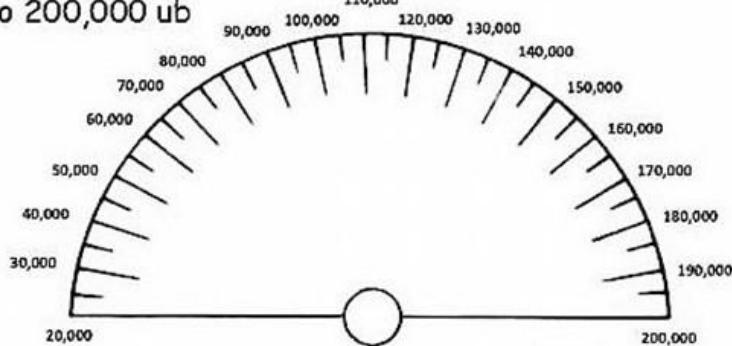
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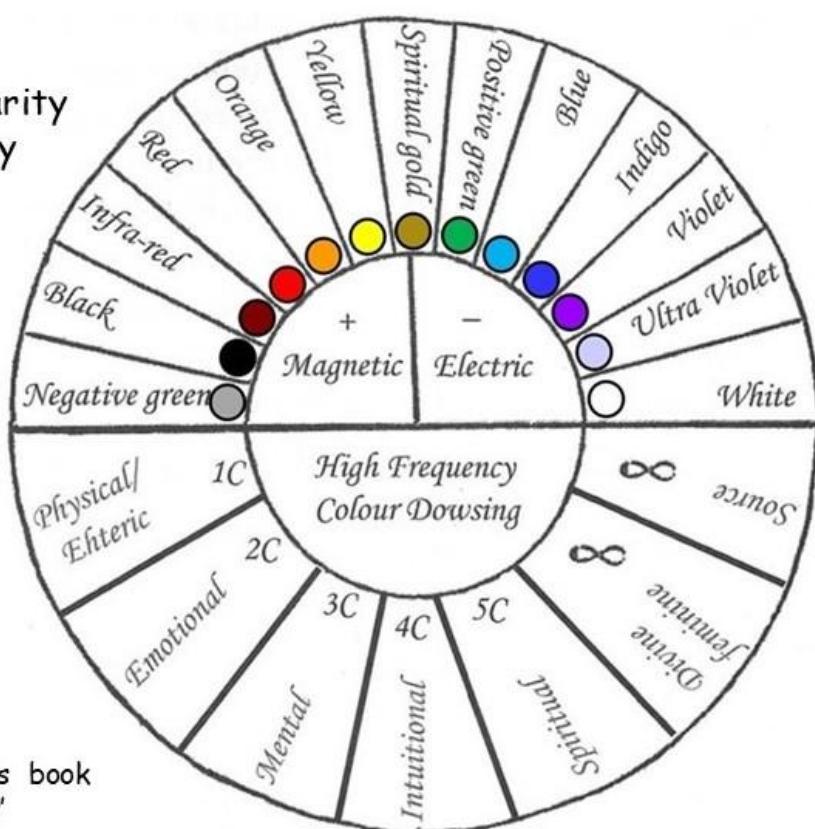
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HIGH FREQUENCY COLOUR DOWSING CHART

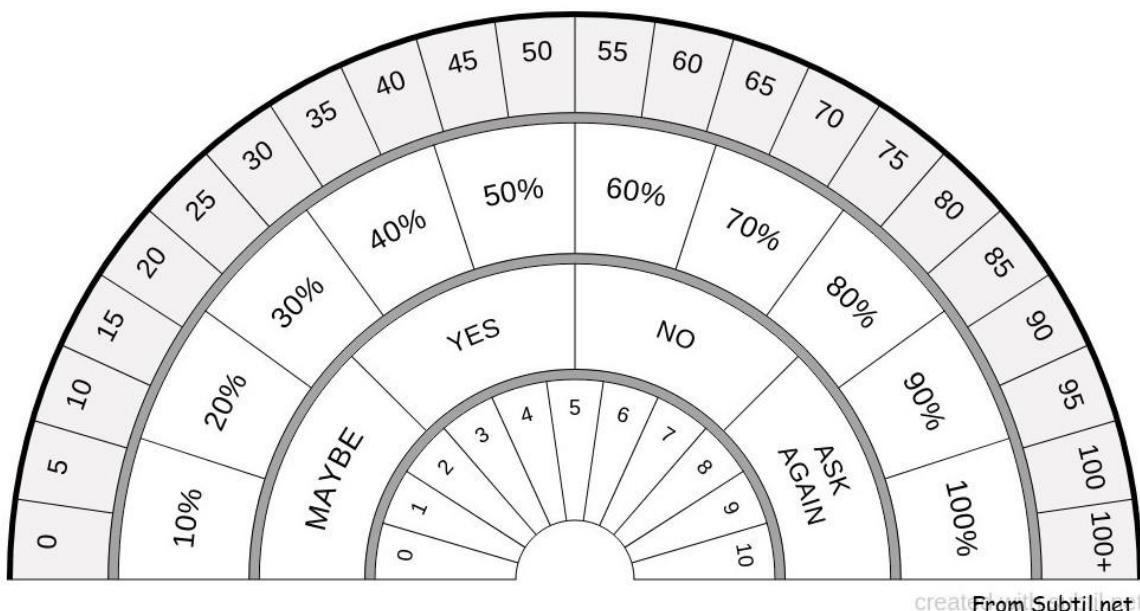
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From Maria Wheatley's book
'Divining Ancient Sites'

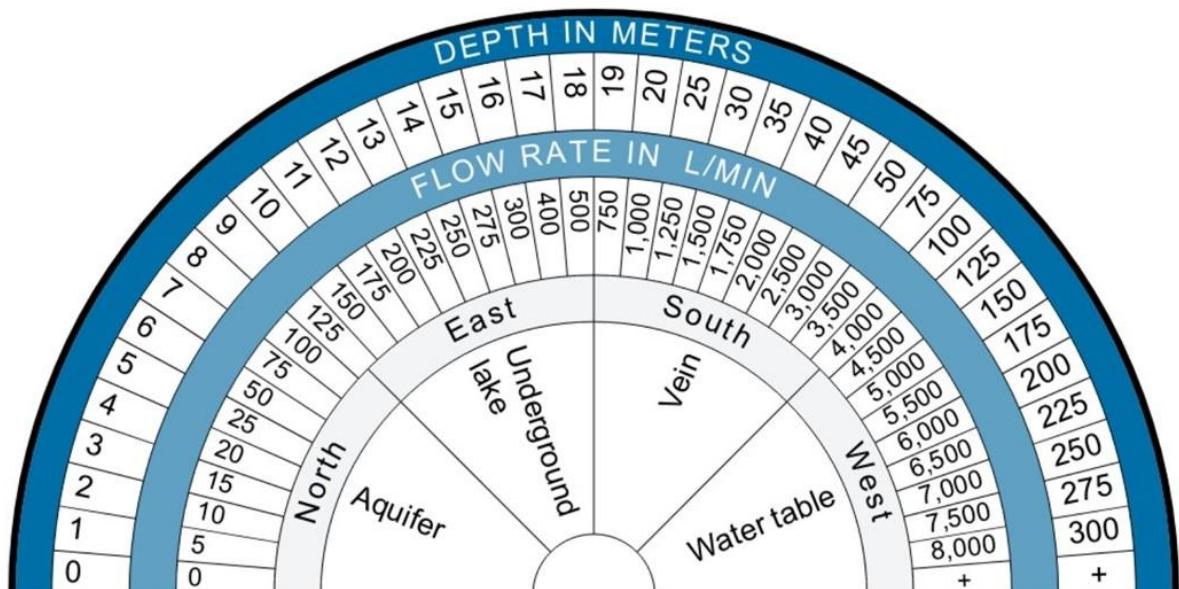
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PERCENTAGE DOWSING CHART



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WATER DEPTH & FLOW DOWSING CHART



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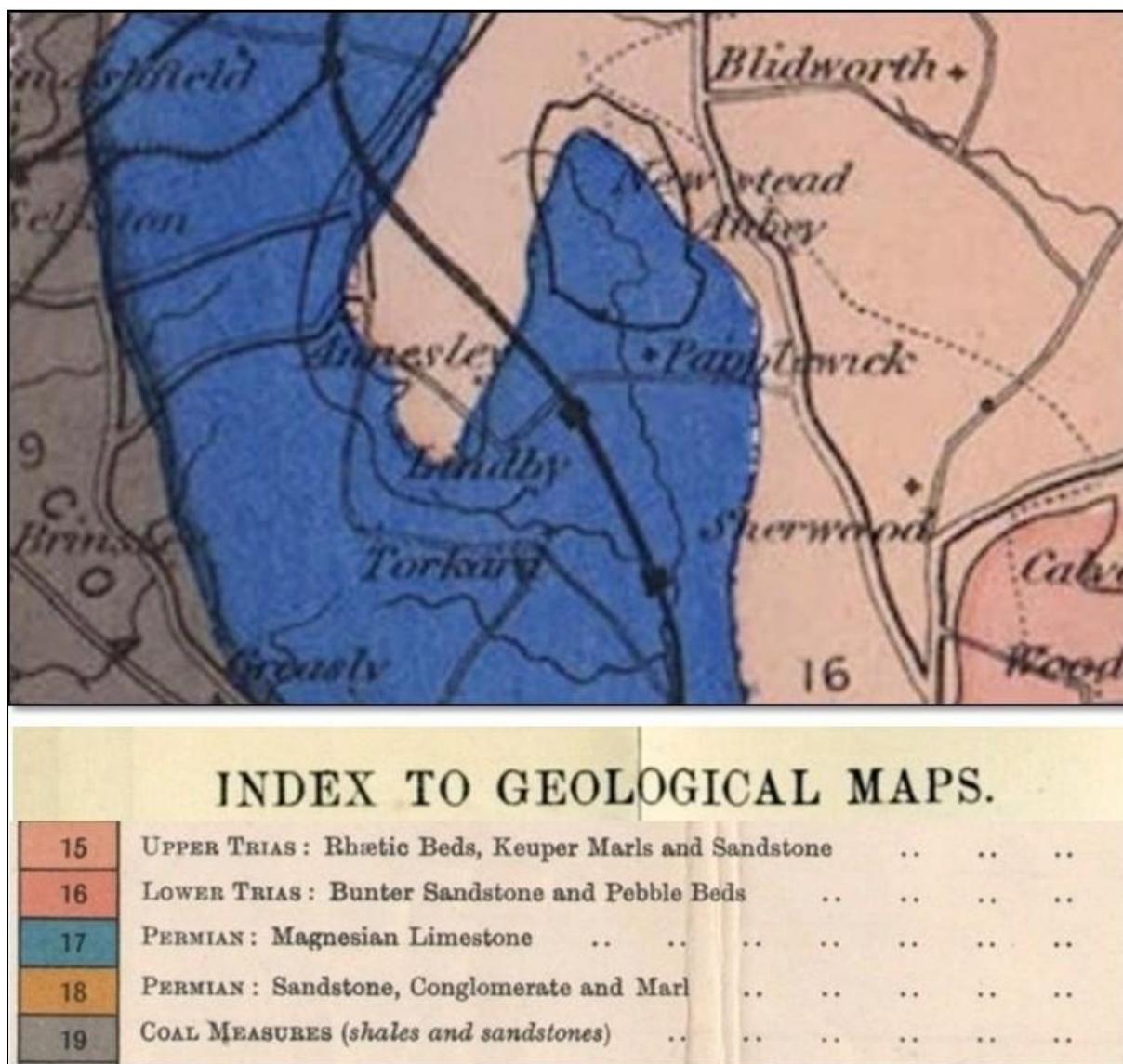
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Geology

The geology of the Newstead area comprises eastwards-dipping bunter sandstone overlaying magnesian limestone & clay, underneath which are the Nottinghamshire coalfields. Newstead itself is on the border of the sandstone (pink on diagram below) and magnesian limestone (blue on diagram below).

There is a large aquifer under Nottinghamshire. A mile or two south-east of Newstead is Papplewick pumping station which was built in the 1880s to pump fresh water from two 84m (275ft) deep wells drilled into the Bunter Sandstone to the city of Nottingham.



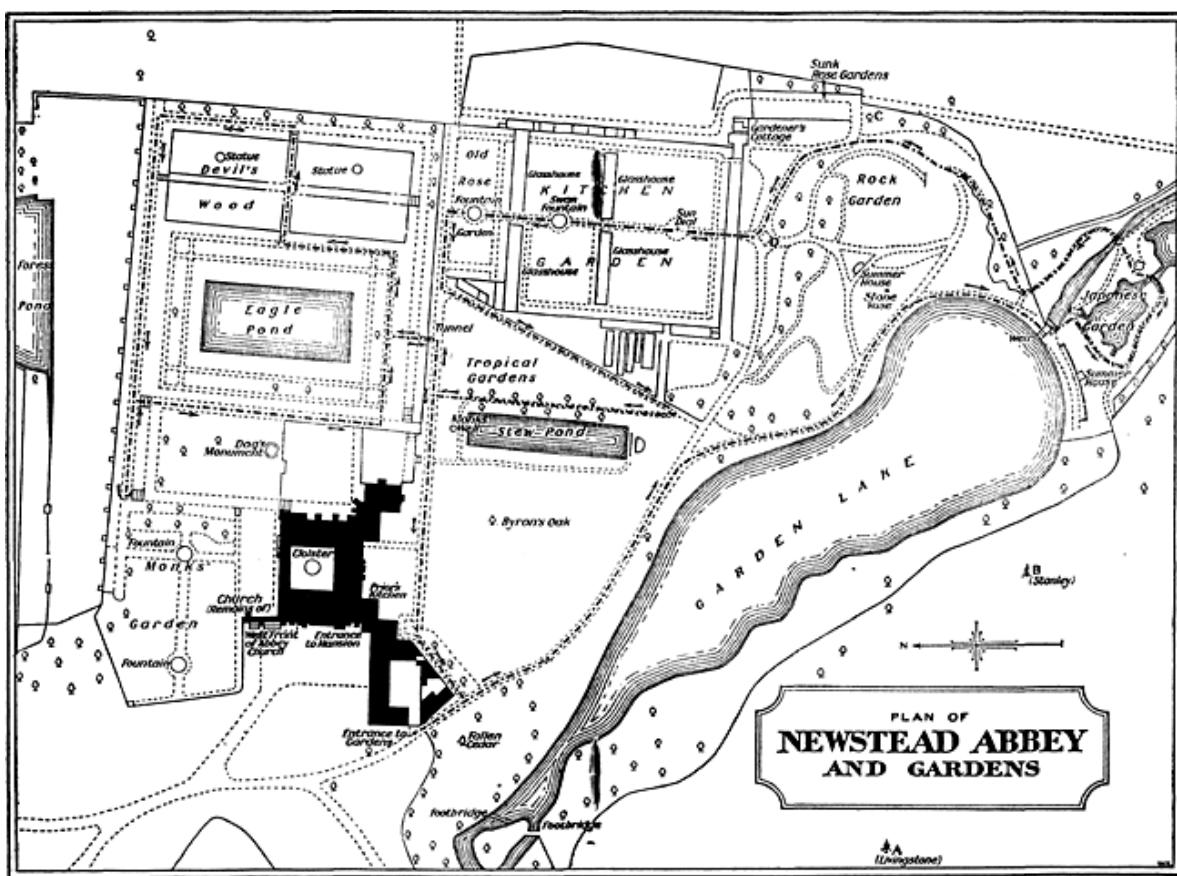
Extract from the British Geological Society (BGS) Map of Nottinghamshire

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History

An Augustinian priory was founded at Newstead in c.1163. Following the Dissolution of the Monasteries it was acquired in 1540 by the Byron family who used it as a country house until it was sold in 1818 by Lord Byron the poet. Under the name of "Newstead Abbey" it subsequently passed through the hands of several different families before being presented to Nottingham City Council in 1931. Since then, the Council have maintained the house and gardens together with important collections of furniture, paintings and Byron artefacts.

The remains of the priory are surrounded by parkland landscaped by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown in the 18th century, together with extensive woodland that once formed part of Nottinghamshire's Sherwood Forest.



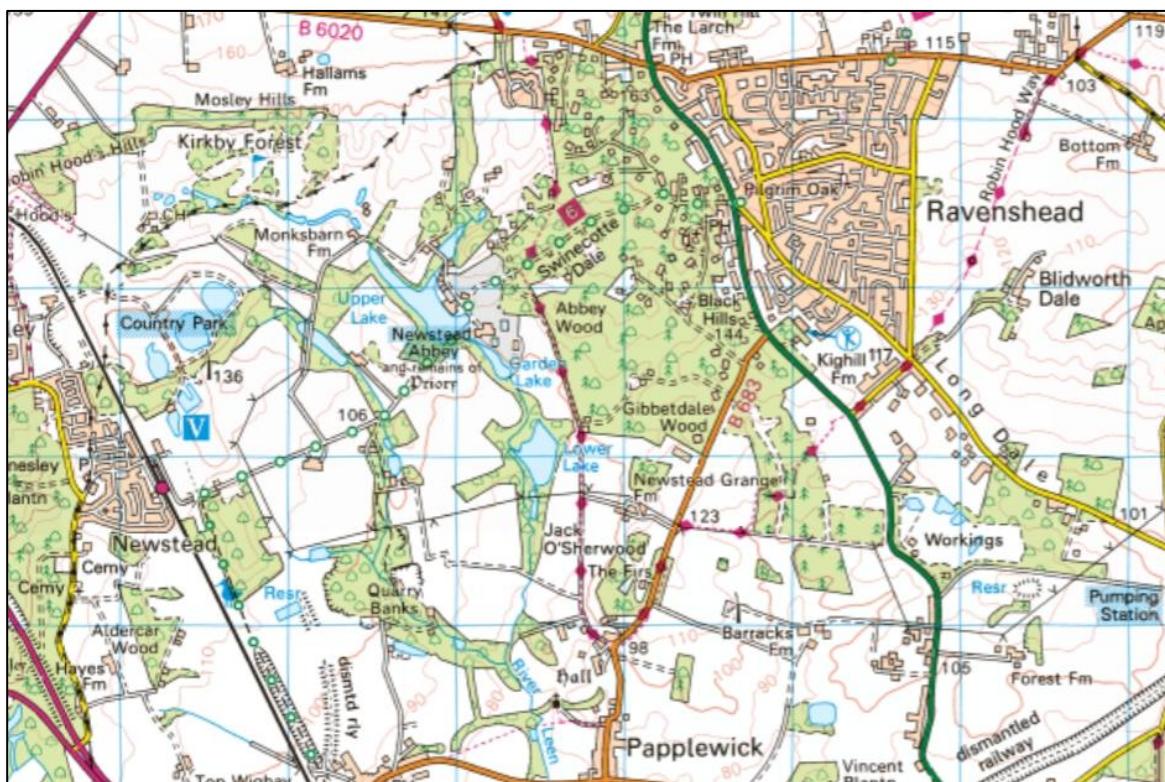
Old Plan of the former Newstead Abbey (black) and surrounding landscaped Gardens

Location

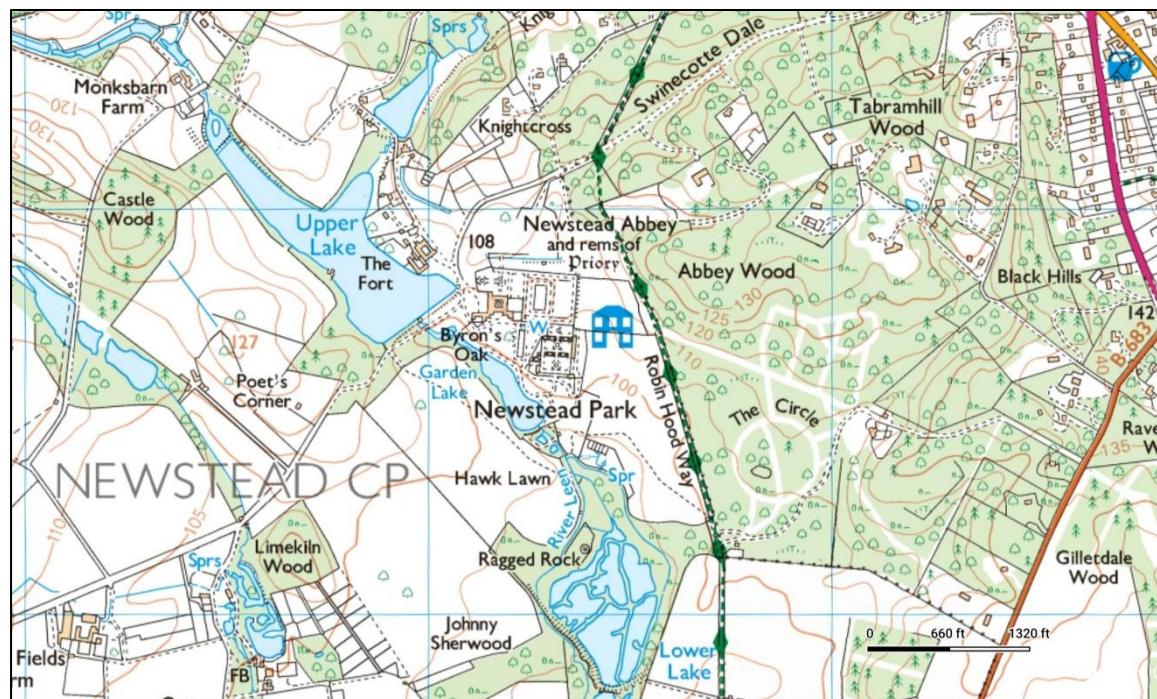
Newstead is situated at Ravenshead in Nottinghamshire. A long sweeping private road known as Swinecotte Dale leads for around 1.5 miles from gates on the A60 through woodland. The Robin Hood Way walking route runs north-south through Newstead Park.

The main dowsing research area is situated on the edge of the woodland known as Abbey Wood, to the west of the Abbey site and close to where the Robin Hood Way passes through the park.

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Extract from OS Landranger Map 120 of Nottinghamshire



Extract from OS Explorer Map 270 of Nottinghamshire

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Links to Mave Calvert's Research

One of the aims of this research project is to investigate Mave Calvert's ideas about how the energies of trees, water, earth energies, blind spring networks and landscape pentagrams may be connected and how they are all affected by the Solar Noon and mid-afternoon transition periods as well as sound-based stimuli. We will try to prove or disprove some of these ideas and hopefully find other things as well.

Below are several links to articles on Mave's Sherwood Dowser website and a video on the BSD YouTube channel that give an overview of her ideas and research. You may choose to look at them if you want some background on what we will be looking for. Equally, you may prefer not to look at them prior to doing the dowsing so as not to influence your own findings.

1) This article talks about the energy lines that I have found connecting trees and how they behave when I have played music to them and observed them during the Solar Noon transition period:

[14. THE OLD STRAIGHT BEACON TREE TRACKS | The Sherwood Dowser](#)

2) This article gives an overview of what I have found to happen during the solar transition period and the mid-afternoon transition period. It also links this to trees:

[15. THE SOLAR TRANSITION EFFECT | The Sherwood Dowser](#)

3) This video on the BSD YouTube channel is the third in a series of three entitled "The Landscape Speaks." It outlines my ideas about how trees, earth energy vortices, energy lines, the underground water in blind spring networks and the energies associated with landscape pentagrams are all linked:

[THE LANDSCAPE SPEAKS PART 3 - Elementals in the Landscape](#)