

CITATION

RAMMER CLEUGH SITE OF SPECIAL SCIENTIFIC INTEREST

East Lothian

Site code: 1327

NATIONAL GRID REFERENCE: NT 638717

OS 1:50,000 SHEET NO: Landranger series 67
1:25,000 SHEET NO: Explorer series 351

AREA: 481.99 hectares

NOTIFIED NATURAL FEATURES

Geological : **Quaternary geology and geomorphology** : **Quaternary of Scotland**
Biological : **Woodlands** : **Upland oak woodland**

DESCRIPTION:

Rammer Cleugh is located 2km south-east of Stenton village, on the north-east side of the Lammermuir Hills. It is an important botanical site for its ancient woodland interest and as a geomorphological site for an assemblage of glacial meltwater channels and kame terraces.

The key geological interest centres on the variety of types of channel and their interrelationships - the spectacular Rammer Cleugh itself probably formed subglacially showing subglacial chutes, ice marginal benches and small marginal and submarginal channels. Additional interest includes the esker on the floor of Rammer Cleugh.

Rammer and Deuchrie Woods are almost pure stands of sessile oak and are representative examples of a habitat type now scarce in upland East Lothian.

NOTIFICATION HISTORY

First notified under the 1949 Act: 1952 (as part of Pressmennan SSSI)
Re-notified under the 1981 Act: 30 April 1984 (with a reduction of 296.3 ha).
Notification reviewed under the 2004 Act: 05 March 2010

REMARKS

Measured area of site corrected from 499.27 hectares