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**Monument Record  
Form**

**Location**

Dun, Allt Sworail, south  
of Swordle

**ACA Monument  
Number:**

**553692**

**HER Ref No  
/ Canmore**

**Record Date**

28.01.17

**Monument Type**

Dun

**What it's made of**

Stone

**Surveyors:**

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**Dimensions in Metres:**

Length

Width

Height

Diameter

23.5m

14m

**Monument Condition:**

5 = Very Good

1 = Very Poor

**Grid reference**

NGR

Easting

Northing

Accuracy (m):

Height OD

(local NGR is NM)

NM

55310

69233

3m

86m

**Detailed description, further notes, observations – continued on next page**

RCAHMS describes it as, “On the summit of a rocky knoll situated in broken rising ground 1.1km SSE of Swordle farmhouse, there is a dun measuring 15.2m by 9.1m internally. The wall has been heavily robbed of its facing stones to provide material for the nearby turf-and-stone dykes, and a small rectangular enclosure and a modern cairn have been built on top of it at the N end. Despite this disturbance, however, the lowest course of the outer face is still visible in many places, and at one point on the NW a short stretch of the inner face also survives, indicating that the wall had a thickness of at least 2.5m. [Continued below....

**Present land use**

Knoll in forestry

**Past land use**

Open grazing

**Present vegetation cover**

Grass, heather, bracken

**Nearby monuments or associated features**

**Topography**

Knolls and narrow glens

**Nearby, associated or incorporated natural features**

**Date:** Don't Know / Prehistoric /  
Early Historic / Mediaeval / Post-  
mediaeval / Post-Clearance / 19<sup>th</sup> C, etc:

Not Known

**Reason for interpretation**

**Confidence**

**in date:**

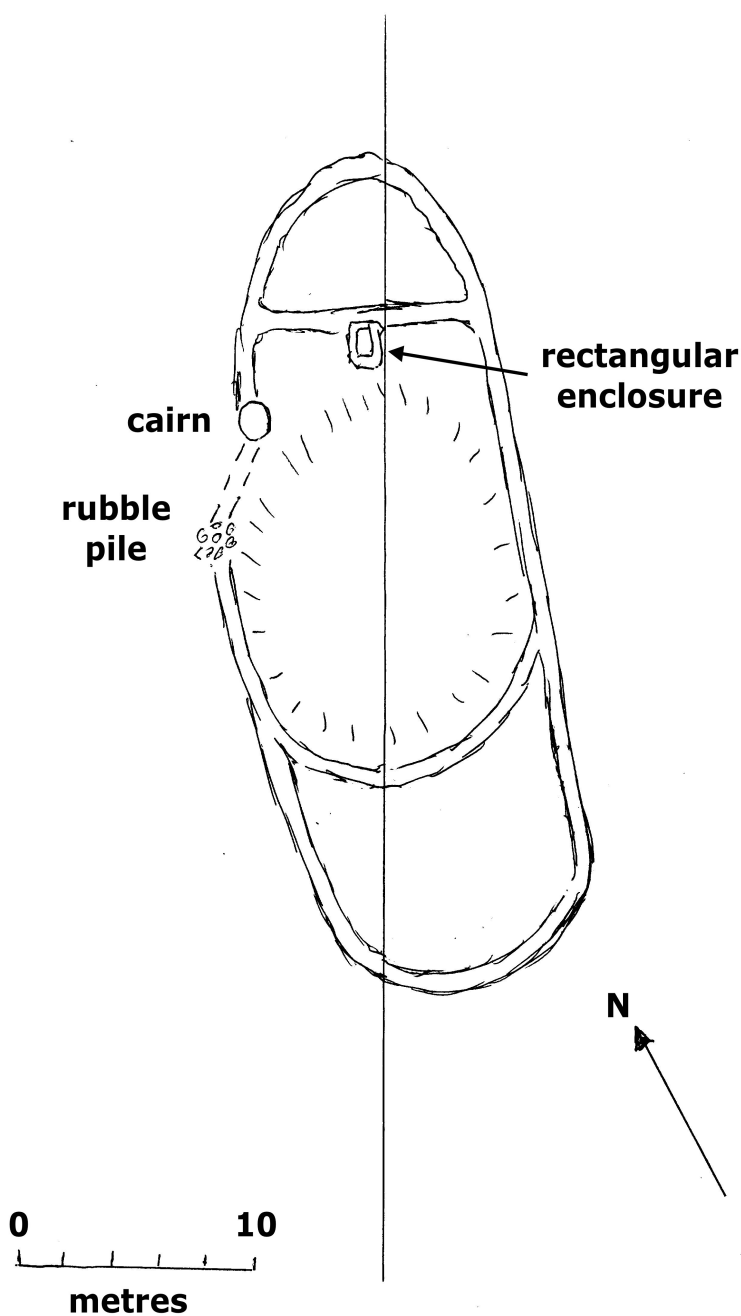
5 = High

1 = Low

“A considerable quantity of core material remains, standing to an average height of about 0.5m. The position of the entrance is uncertain, but it was probably either on the NNE or SSW. No name is known locally.”

We found the structure to be considerably larger, 23.5m x 14m, with outer and inner walls at the NNE and SSW ends. The central area formed a distinct basin which was circular in outline, diameter ~14m. The rectangular enclosure's exterior measures ~1.5m x 1.5m and is open to the NNE.

This map is a rough sketch map:







Above: approaching the dun from the north. Below: the east wall







Above: east wall and central depression. Below: rectangular enclosure in foreground and cairn.

