

Where was the Battle of Brunanburh fought?

As there is no modern place known as Brunanburh, we don't know exactly where the Battle of Brunanburh took place, but historians can gather some clues from the *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*.

Brunanburh – we know that a *burh* was a fortified town. These were sometimes built on the sites of old Roman or Celtic forts.

Weondun – we know that Brunanburh was built on, or near, a 'holy hill'.

Water access – we know that the Viking and British forces fled to a river or to the coast as they were 'chased into the night' and escaped on their boats.

Dingsmere – we are told that the fleeing forces escaped onto their boats at a place called Dingsmere. Some historians think this is named after a Viking council (a 'ping' pronounced 'thing') that was held near marshland (a 'mere' can refer to a sea, lake or marsh).



	Modern Name	Hills	River routes to the sea	Other features
1	Lanchester	✓	1. Close to the River Browney, a tributary of the River Wear. 2. 8 miles from a place called Tantobie on the River Derwent, a tributary of the River Tyne.	The Roman fort of Langoricium on Dere Street.
2	Burnley	✓	The River Brun flows into the River Cadler, a tributary of the River Ribble.	
3	Bromborough		The River Mersey.	Close to the Irish Sea.
4	Brinsworth	✓	The River Rother flows into the River Don, which is a tributary of the River Humber.	A Roman fort on Icknield Street. Close to Tinsley on the River Don.
5	Barnburgh	✓	The River Dearne is a tributary of the River Don, which flows into the River Humber.	
6	Burgwallis	✓	7 miles away from the River Don.	

Using the evidence provided and tools like Google Maps, OS Maps or UK Atlases, where do you think that Brunanburh was?

Try to explain your answer as fully as possible, referring to the evidence in your answer to support your opinion.