

# Battle of Bosworth Field

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Part of the <a href="#">Wars of the Roses</a>	
<b>Date</b>	22 August 1485; 539 years ago
<b>Location</b>	In the area of <a href="#">Market Bosworth</a> in <a href="#">Leicestershire, England</a> <a href="#">52.60°N 1.41°W</a>
<b>Result</b>	Decisive Lancastrian victory
Belligerents	
King <a href="#">Richard III of England</a> , <a href="#">House of York</a>	<a href="#">Henry Tudor</a> , <a href="#">Lancastrians</a> French <a href="#">Mercenaries</a>
Commanders and leaders	
<a href="#">Richard III of England</a> †	<a href="#">Henry VII of England</a> <a href="#">Earl of Oxford</a>
<a href="#">Philibert de Chandée</a>	
Strength	
6,000 <sup><a href="#">[1]</a></sup>	5,000

Illustration of Richard III at the battle

The **Battle of Bosworth** or **Bosworth Field** was an important [battle](#) during the [Wars of the Roses](#) in [15th century England](#). It was fought on 22 August 1485 between the [Yorkist King Richard III](#), the last of the [Plantagenet dynasty](#), and the [Lancastrian](#) [[[Henry VII of England](#)|[Henry Tudor](#)]], who wanted to become king. It ended in the [defeat](#) and death of Richard and the beginning of the [Tudor dynasty](#). Historically, the battle is thought to have marked the end of the Wars of the Roses, although smaller battles were fought in the years that followed as Yorkists unsuccessfully tried to become king again.

The place of the battle is not precisely known. Memorials have been built in some of the possible locations.

## Shakespearian dramatization

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The Battle of Bosworth is an important part of [William Shakespeare](#)'s play *[Richard III](#)*. The action of the play ends with this battle.

# Notes

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1. <sup>↑</sup> Richard III had 15,500 men, but [Lord Stanley](#) with 4,000 and his brother, [Sir William Stanley](#) with 2,500 betrayed him, and [Henry Percy](#), Earl of Northumberland with 3,000 did not join the king.

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## Further reading

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- Jones, Michael (2014-03-27). *Bosworth 1485: Psychology of a Battle*. John Murray Press. ISBN 978-1-84854-909-8.
- Foard, Glenn; Curry, Anne (2013-08-22). *Bosworth 1485: A Battlefield Rediscovered*. Oxbow Books. ISBN 978-1-78297-173-3. - The archaeology of the battle
- Ingram, Mike (2019). *Richard III and the Battle of Bosworth*. Helion. ISBN 978-1-912866-50-2. - Analysis of the battle by a military expert

## Other websites

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- [Bosworth Battlefield visitor info](#)
- [Richard III Society, American Branch Archived](#) 2013-02-09 at the [Wayback Machine](#) with maps, photos, articles presenting several competing theories situating the battle
- [The Battle of Bosworth Archived](#) 2010-05-07 at the [Wayback Machine](#)
- [Bosworth Roll Call Archived](#) 2006-12-31 at the [Wayback Machine](#) Officers there on the day.

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1. <sup>↑</sup> Mackinder, Richard (2022-01-30). *Bosworth: The Archaeology of the Battlefield*. Pen and Sword Military. ISBN 978-1-3990-1053-5.

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