**Camp 171** **(& 175?) - Camp A, Knowsley Park, Prescott, Lancashire**

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| **Prisoner of War Camps (1939 – 1948) - Project report by Roger J.C. Thomas - English Heritage 2003** | | | | | | | |
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| **Location:**  **Before the camp:** Parkland  **Pow Camp:** Recorded as having mixed collaborator and non-collaborator Italian pows towards end of 1944, and ardent fascists during 1945 up to September.  Memories of a girl living nearby – *“I remember vividly the camps.* [There was an internment camp and a pow camp]. *The P.O.W camp was on Georgie’s field and we would go over to the camps and mock them. They used to march everywhere. We would also see the Italians and the Germans who we would see walking about and my mother used to have two of them from the Internment camp over for tea every Sunday. The Italian was called Joseph and he was very handsome and I forget the Germans name but the Italian was after my sister. The Italian, I remember, brought a huge piece of cheese for my mother which was a feast for us because of the rations. My mother used to say that if it was her son in a foreign country she would hope that some mother would do the same for her lad. Joseph and the German invited us all back to their camp where we watched them perform in a cabaret show and we loved it*.” (By ‘Dot’ in Unlocking Knowsley’s Hidden Gems).  **After the camp:** Part works for reservoir / part Knowsley Safari Park  **Further Information:** |  |
| Ordnance Survey 1958 |