

MAP I Abbotsbury Castle Hillfort

Suggested start point: Abbotsbury village ●
Walk Distance: 8.25km / 5 miles
 Up out of the picturesque, monastic village of Abbotsbury via a small holloway and past Abbotsbury Ironstone and Upper Greensand exposures, climbing to the ridge with stunning views over the Jurassic Coast and along to Abbotsbury Castle, an Iron Age hillfort, down along a path following the parish boundary and along the coast, passing close to St Catherine's Chapel and back into the village.
Facilities: Pubs, cafes and public toilets in Abbotsbury.
Public Transport: The X53 between Bridport and Weymouth stops in Abbotsbury and runs hourly in summer (less frequently October - April).
 Timetables: www.jurassiccoasterbus.co.uk
 0333 014 3490 (Mon - Sat 7am - 7pm, Sun 7am - 6pm)
 Further information:
www.southdorsetridgeway.org.uk

LEGEND

- Round barrow
- ◻ Limekiln
- ⚡ Quarry or Pit
- 🌲 Woodland or Coppice
- Parish boundary
- - - Public footpath or bridleway
- - - Walk route

The colours on this map approximately indicate the type and age of the rock below ground - look out for features or changes in the landscape

CHALK
 Formed approximately 90 - 100 million years ago

UPPER GREENSAND
 Formed approximately 100 - 113 million years ago

GAULT CLAY
 Formed approximately 113 million years ago

KIMMERIDGE CLAY
 Formed approximately 148 - 157 million years ago

ABBOTSBURY IRONSTONE
 Formed approximately 157 million years ago

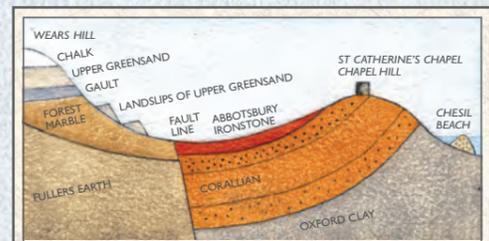
CORALLIAN GROUP includes layers of clay and mud
 Formed approximately 157 - 163 million years ago

OXFORD CLAY
 Formed approximately 157 - 163 million years ago

FOREST MARBLE
 Formed approximately 165 million years ago

FROME CLAY
 Formed approximately 165 million years ago

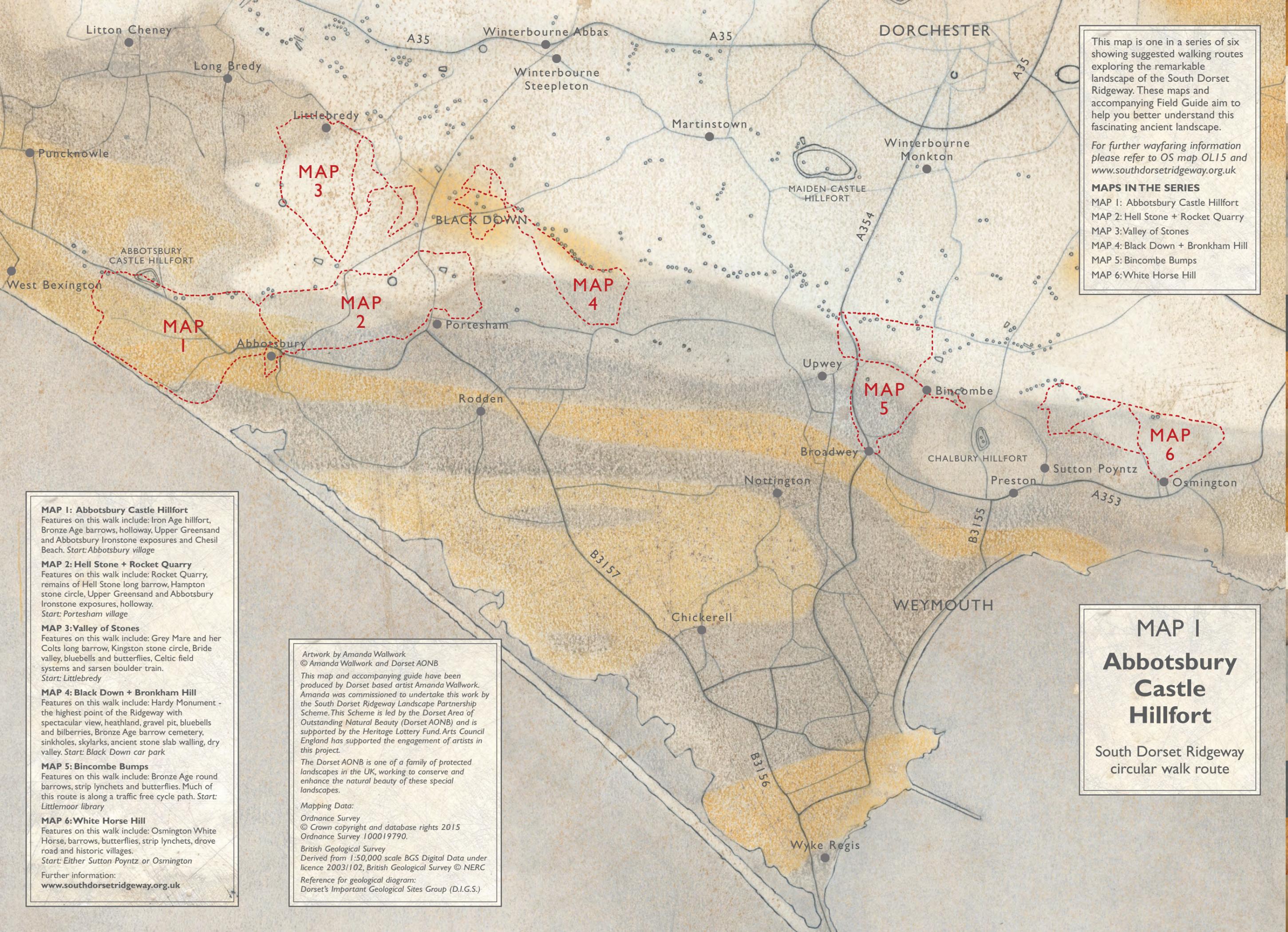
FULLERS EARTH CLAY
 Formed approximately 168 million years ago



Cross section between Wears Hill and St Catherine's Chapel, Abbotsbury, showing the Abbotsbury Fault line where earth movements have altered the sequence of rock layers.

SCALE
0.25 mile

Field names
 The field names on this map are taken from Tithes maps and manuscripts that were produced following the 1836 Tithes Commutation Act. These recorded the names of all owners and occupiers of land in the parish that were liable to tithes - a tax of one tenth of everything they produced.



This map is one in a series of six showing suggested walking routes exploring the remarkable landscape of the South Dorset Ridgeway. These maps and accompanying Field Guide aim to help you better understand this fascinating ancient landscape.

For further wayfaring information please refer to OS map OL15 and www.southdorsetridgeway.org.uk

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MAP 1: Abbotsbury Castle Hillfort
 Features on this walk include: Iron Age hillfort, Bronze Age barrows, holloway, Upper Greensand and Abbotsbury Ironstone exposures and Chesil Beach. Start: Abbotsbury village

MAP 2: Hell Stone + Rocket Quarry
 Features on this walk include: Rocket Quarry, remains of Hell Stone long barrow, Hampton stone circle, Upper Greensand and Abbotsbury Ironstone exposures, holloway. Start: Portesham village

MAP 3: Valley of Stones
 Features on this walk include: Grey Mare and her Colts long barrow, Kingston stone circle, Bride valley, bluebells and butterflies, Celtic field systems and sarsen boulder train. Start: Littlebredy

MAP 4: Black Down + Bronkham Hill
 Features on this walk include: Hardy Monument - the highest point of the Ridgeway with spectacular view, heathland, gravel pit, bluebells and bilberries, Bronze Age barrow cemetery, sinkholes, skylarks, ancient stone slab walling, dry valley. Start: Black Down car park

MAP 5: Bincombe Bumps
 Features on this walk include: Bronze Age round barrows, strip lynchets and butterflies. Much of this route is along a traffic free cycle path. Start: Littlemoor library

MAP 6: White Horse Hill
 Features on this walk include: Osmington White Horse, barrows, butterflies, strip lynchets, drove road and historic villages. Start: Either Sutton Poyntz or Osmington

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MAP 1
Abbotsbury Castle Hillfort
 South Dorset Ridgeway circular walk route