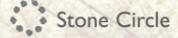
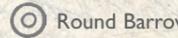
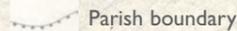
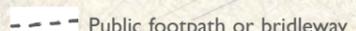
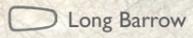
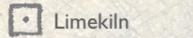


MAP 3 Valley of Stones

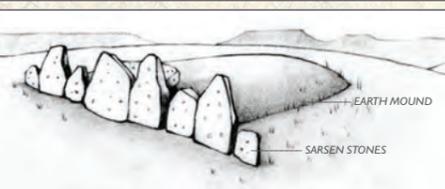
LEGEND

-  Stone Circle
-  Round Barrow
-  Quarry or Pit
-  Parish boundary
-  Public footpath or bridleway
-  Walk route
-  Long Barrow
-  Limekiln
-  Woodland or Coppice

Field names
The field names on this map are taken from Tithe maps and manuscripts that were produced following the 1836 Tithe 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.

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

-  **GRAVEL**
Deposited approximately 42 million years ago
-  **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
-  **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



Grey Mare and her Colts - Neolithic Chambered long barrow
Long barrows were built as communal tombs and in use around 5500 - 4500 years ago. Some, like this example originally had stone built chambers. They appear to have been used for a few hundred years before being sealed. The illustration is based on an 18th century engraving giving an idea of how it may have looked then.

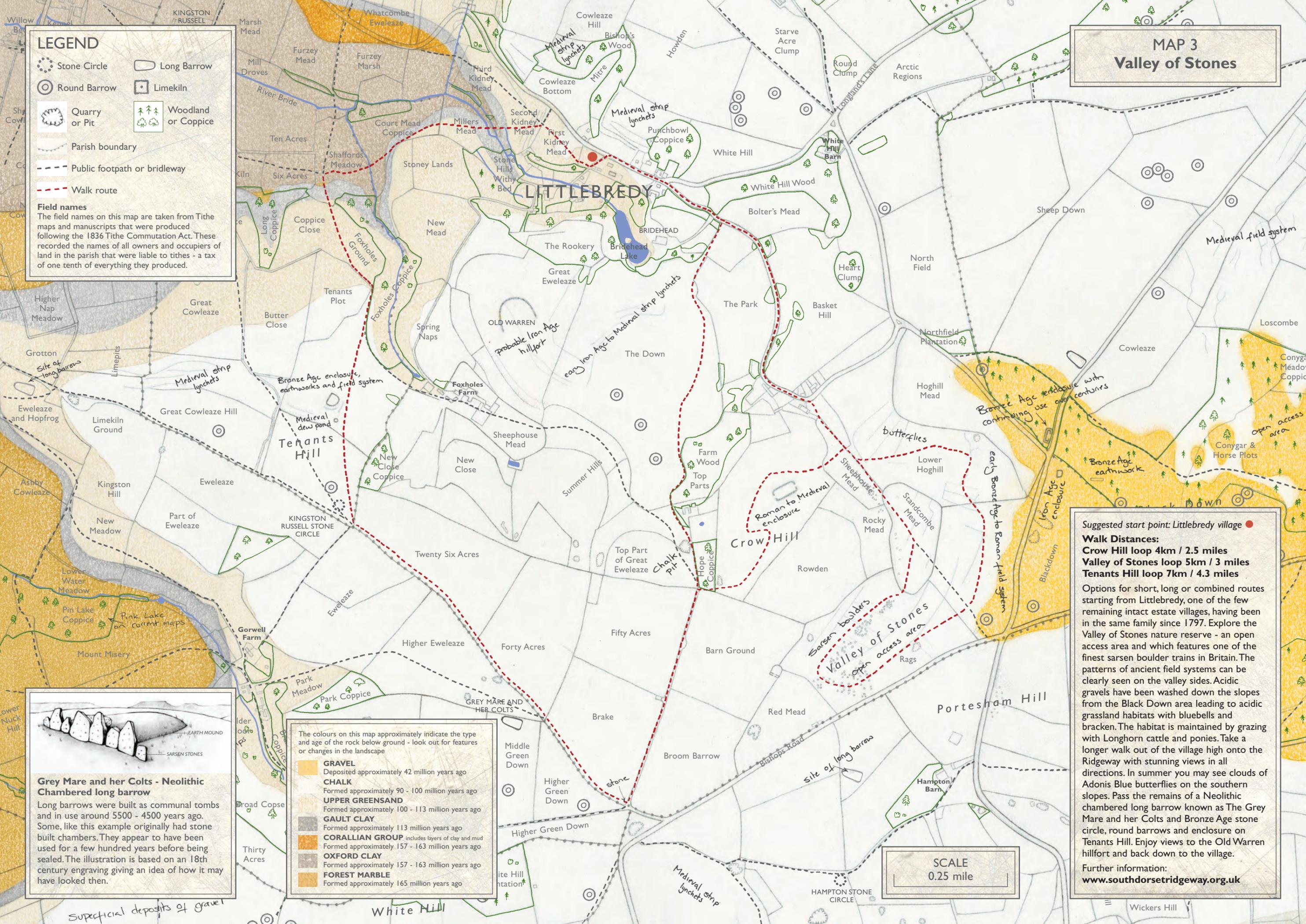
Suggested start point: Littlebredy village ●

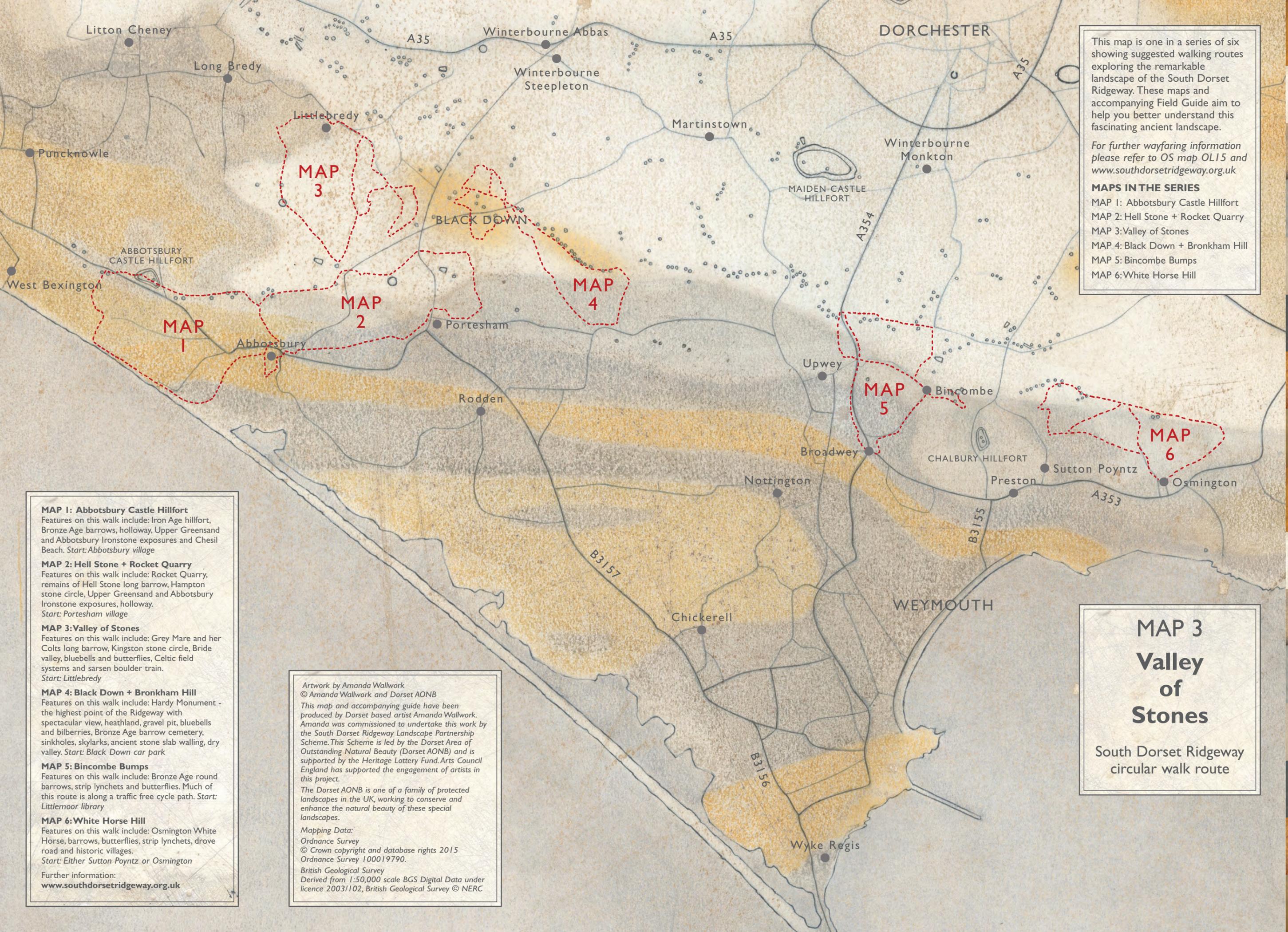
Walk Distances:
Crow Hill loop 4km / 2.5 miles
Valley of Stones loop 5km / 3 miles
Tenants Hill loop 7km / 4.3 miles

Options for short, long or combined routes starting from Littlebredy, one of the few remaining intact estate villages, having been in the same family since 1797. Explore the Valley of Stones nature reserve - an open access area and which features one of the finest sarsen boulder trains in Britain. The patterns of ancient field systems can be clearly seen on the valley sides. Acidic gravels have been washed down the slopes from the Black Down area leading to acidic grassland habitats with bluebells and bracken. The habitat is maintained by grazing with Longhorn cattle and ponies. Take a longer walk out of the village high onto the Ridgeway with stunning views in all directions. In summer you may see clouds of Adonis Blue butterflies on the southern slopes. Pass the remains of a Neolithic chambered long barrow known as The Grey Mare and her Colts and Bronze Age stone circle, round barrows and enclosure on Tenants Hill. Enjoy views to the Old Warren hillfort and back down to the village.

Further information:
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SCALE
0.25 mile





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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 3
Valley of Stones

South Dorset Ridgeway circular walk route