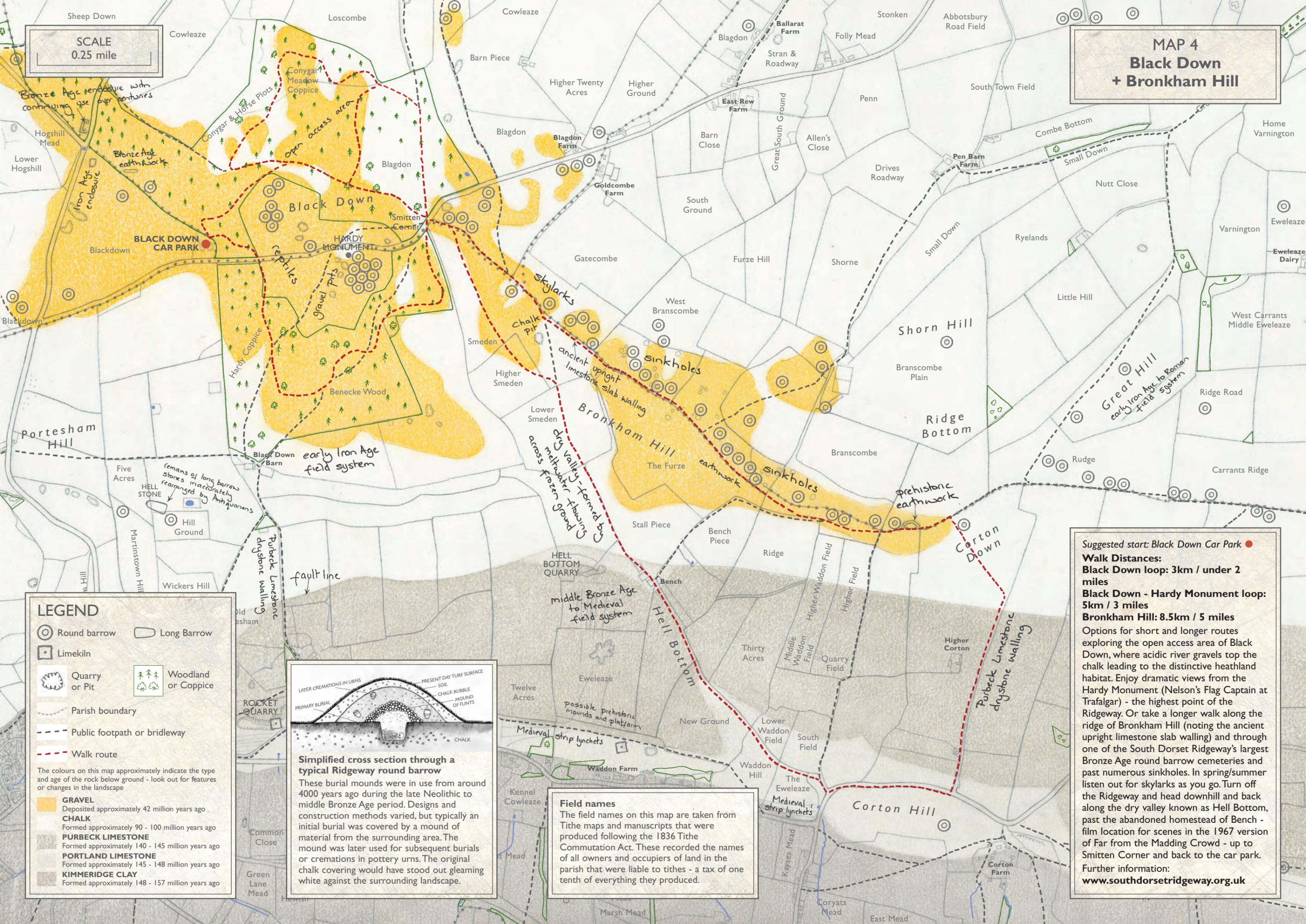


MAP 4
Black Down
+ Bronkham Hill

SCALE
0.25 mile

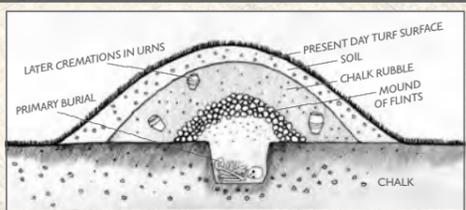


LEGEND

- Round barrow
- Long 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

- GRAVEL**
Deposited approximately 42 million years ago
- CHALK**
Formed approximately 90 - 100 million years ago
- PURBECK LIMESTONE**
Formed approximately 140 - 145 million years ago
- PORTLAND LIMESTONE**
Formed approximately 145 - 148 million years ago
- KIMMERIDGE CLAY**
Formed approximately 148 - 157 million years ago



Simplified cross section through a typical Ridgeway round barrow
These burial mounds were in use from around 4000 years ago during the late Neolithic to middle Bronze Age period. Designs and construction methods varied, but typically an initial burial was covered by a mound of material from the surrounding area. The mound was later used for subsequent burials or cremations in pottery urns. The original chalk covering would have stood out gleaming white against the surrounding landscape.

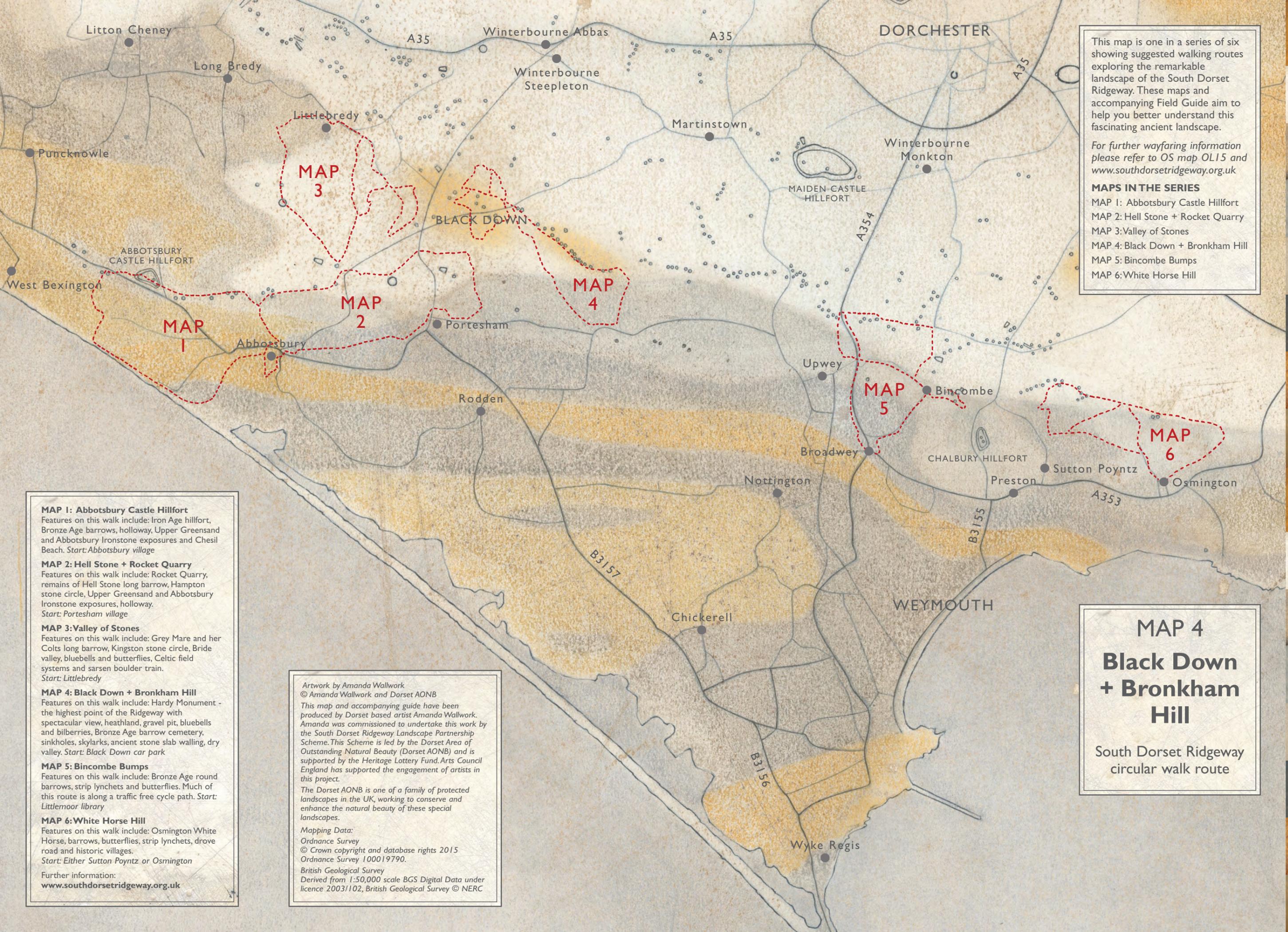
Field names
The field names on this map are taken from Tithe maps and manuscripts that were produced following the 1836 Tithe Commutation Act. These recorded the names of all owners and occupiers of land in the parish that were liable to tithes - a tax of one tenth of everything they produced.

Suggested start: Black Down Car Park ●

Walk Distances:
Black Down loop: 3km / under 2 miles
Black Down - Hardy Monument loop: 5km / 3 miles
Bronkham Hill: 8.5km / 5 miles

Options for short and longer routes exploring the open access area of Black Down, where acidic river gravels top the chalk leading to the distinctive heathland habitat. Enjoy dramatic views from the Hardy Monument (Nelson's Flag Captain at Trafalgar) - the highest point of the Ridgeway. Or take a longer walk along the ridge of Bronkham Hill (noting the ancient upright limestone slab walling) and through one of the South Dorset Ridgeway's largest Bronze Age round barrow cemeteries and past numerous sinkholes. In spring/summer listen out for skylarks as you go. Turn off the Ridgeway and head downhill and back along the dry valley known as Hell Bottom, past the abandoned homestead of Bench - film location for scenes in the 1967 version of Far from the Madding Crowd - up to Smitten Corner and back to the car park.

Further information:
www.southdorsetridgeway.org.uk



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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Black Down + Bronkham Hill
 South Dorset Ridgeway circular walk route