

Suggested start point: Littlemoor library ●

Distance: 9.5km / 6 miles

We recommend this route as a bike ride taking advantage of the traffic free cycle network alongside the Weymouth Relief Road, however it's good as a walking route too.

From Littlemoor, head in the direction of the Jurassic Roundabout and the new cycle path. Note the sculpture at the roundabout featuring unusual shaped stones known as 'doggers' found during excavations for the new road. The sides of the road are carefully managed for wildflowers - in turn home to a host of butterflies. Up and along the Ridgeway, past the site of the Viking mass grave and numerous Bronze Age round barrows. Take the track down to Bincombe where you can access the path up to Bincombe Bumps, a substantial group of barrows visible for miles around.

Facilities: Shops etc at Littlemoor, Upwey and Broadwey.

Public Transport: No. 2 to Littlemoor, No. 10 to Upwey, for details visit travelinesw.com

Find out more:
www.southdorsetridgeway.org.uk

LEGEND

○ Round Barrow □ Long Barrow

▬ Bank Barrow ■ Limekiln

⚡ Quarry or Pit 🌳 Woodland or Coppice

--- Parish boundary

--- Public footpath or bridleway

--- Walk route (off road)

--- Traffic free cycle / walk route

--- Quiet road cycle / 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

UPPER GREENSAND
Formed approximately 100 - 113 million years ago

GAULT CLAY
Formed approximately 113 million years ago

WEALDON GROUP
Formed approximately 126 - 145 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

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

OXFORD CLAY FORMATION
Formed approximately 157 - 163 million years ago

KELLAWAYS FORMATION Mud and Sandstone
Formed approximately 164 - 166 million years ago

CORNBRASH
Formed approximately 164 - 168 million years ago

Field names

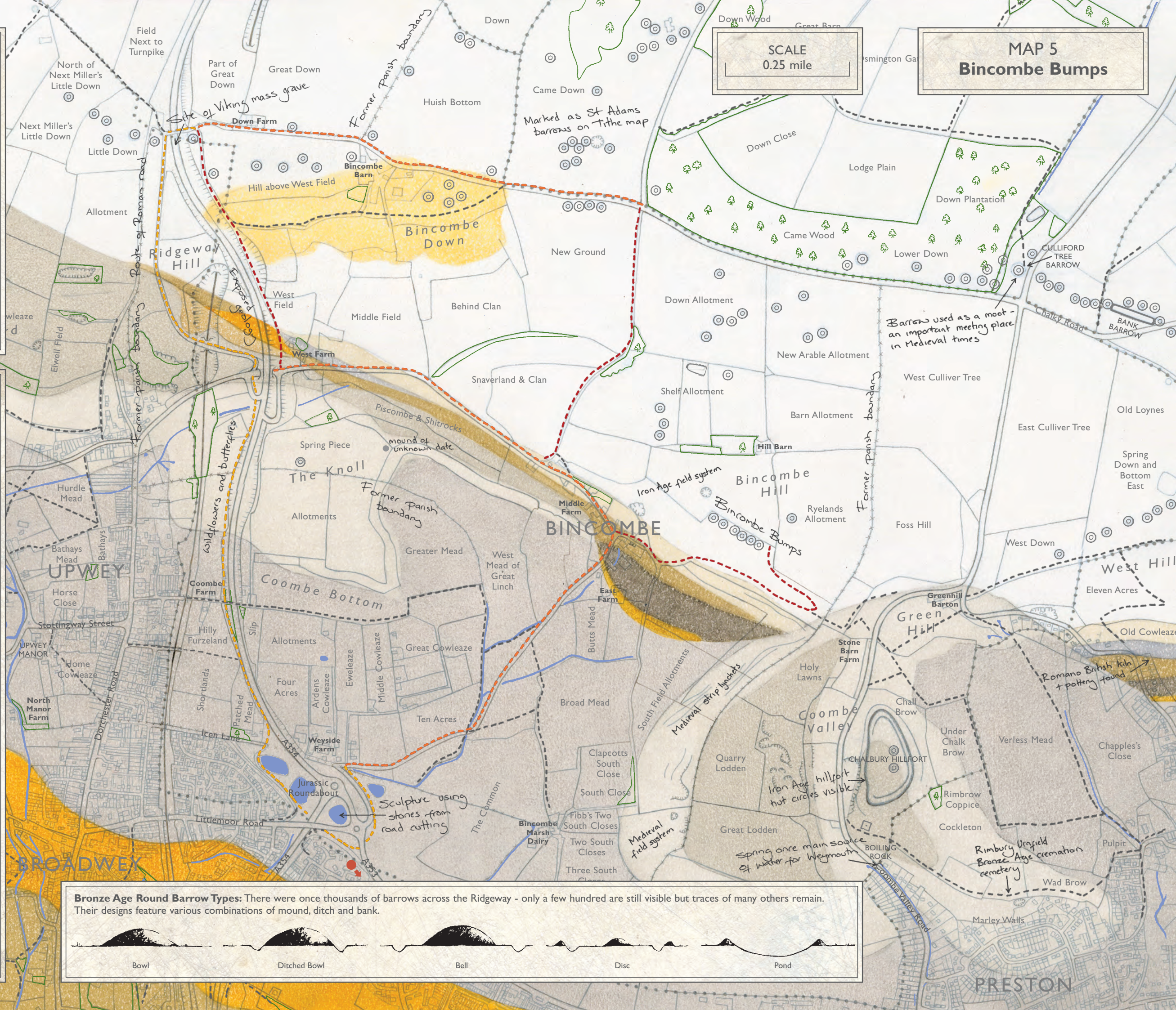
The field names on this map are taken from Tithe maps and manuscripts that were produced following the 1836 Tithe Commutation Act. These recorded the names of all owners and occupiers of land in the parish that were liable to tithes - a tax of one tenth of everything they produced.

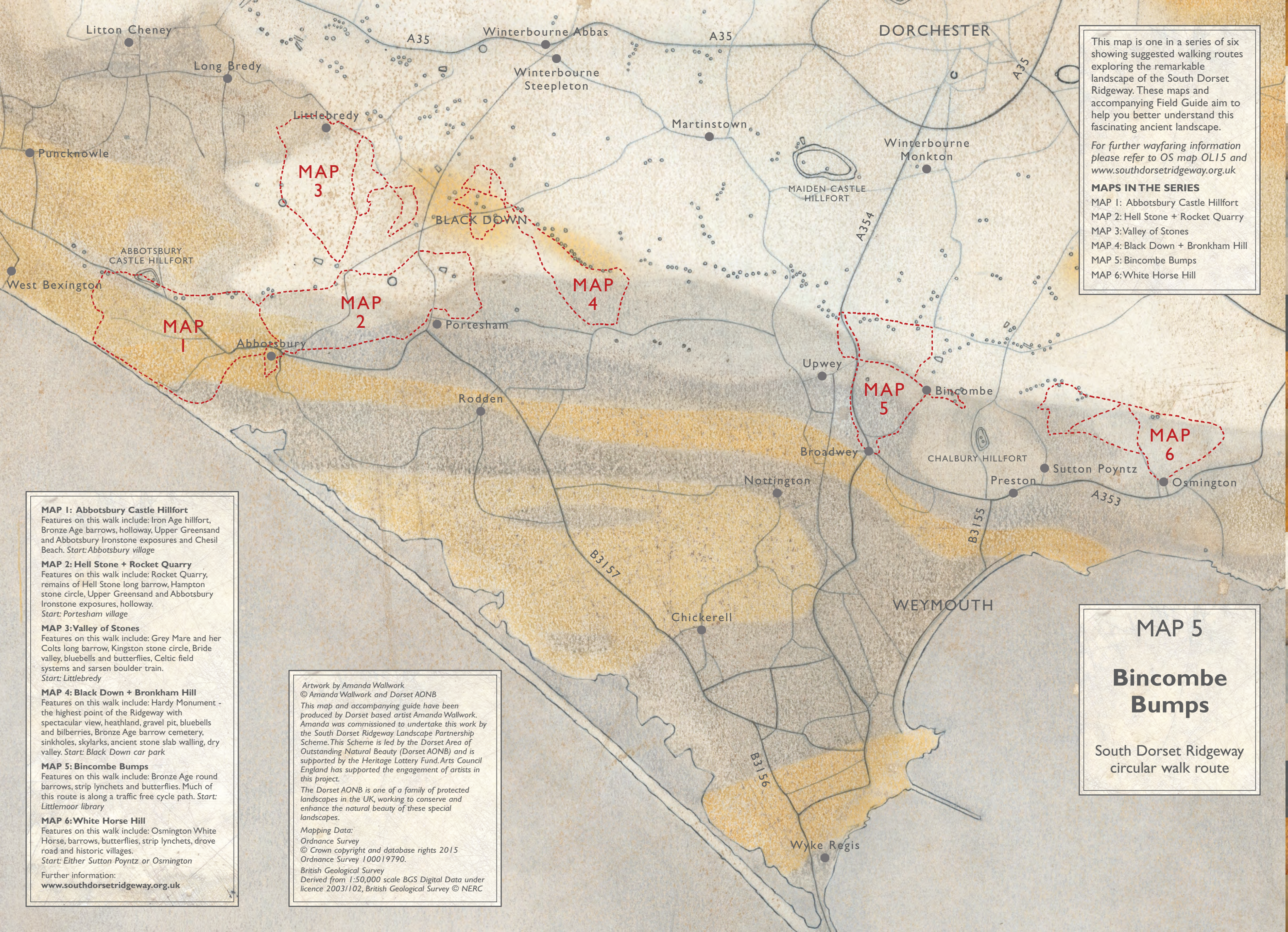
Bronze Age Round Barrow Types: There were once thousands of barrows across the Ridgeway - only a few hundred are still visible but traces of many others remain. Their designs feature various combinations of mound, ditch and bank.



SCALE
0.25 mile

MAP 5 Bincombe Bumps





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*
Further information:
www.southdorsetridgeway.org.uk

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MAP 5

Bincombe Bumps

South Dorset Ridgeway circular walk route