

## Route 2 (diversion): Chalbury Hill (25 minutes)

*There is a STILE, so unsuitable for wheeled vehicles.*

To visit the Iron Age Hillfort from point [E]: Turn RIGHT and walk down the road – with care! Use the slight embankment on the right if possible, to avoid cars, but beware if the grass is long - there are dips and holes!

Do not enter the first (larger) quarry but continue a little further to a smaller quarry on the LEFT. (Small 'walking man' sign at entrance.) Turn in and then keep RIGHT to pass through gate and join concrete track upwards. (There is often a large puddle in front of the gate. You can avoid this by diverting left just before it, but this path is steep and narrow.)

As you approach another gate (Good views to Portland and Bowleaze) turn LEFT uphill and onto the top of hill. You can walk around and across to discover remains of Iron Age hut circles, but return to the same gateway.

Either go back to the road and continue downhill to Littlemoor Road, or through gate on LEFT and onto grass/concrete track above houses. Through another gate and past Boiling Rock (covered) Reservoir (Weymouth's original water supply) on left.

Through another gate and keep ahead along top of field, with inland views to Sutton Poyntz and 'White Horse'. Though a gateway, then diagonally down to stile to left of the red house ahead. Over stile into short narrow path and on between fences. (This can be very muddy, with running water!) Join Puddledock Lane (and Route 1) at [F].

### Sutton Poyntz:

*To visit Sutton Poyntz millpond (a tourist spot) and The Springhead from F: follow Puddledock Lane to LEFT. At end of lane turn LEFT onto road; keep RIGHT at fork.*

## Chalbury Hill

People were living here during the Bronze Age and on (from about 500 BC) into the Iron Age. It was still inhabited when the Romans invaded 2,000 years ago. Chalbury Hill is one of the earliest Iron Age hillforts in Britain. Hut circles can still be identified on the top of the hill. When trouble was around these farmers probably retreated to the safety of the larger Maiden Castle.

### The Melancholy Hussar

The author Thomas Hardy told the true tale of Phyllis, a Bincombe girl who was infatuated by a soldier serving in the York Hussars. However, she was already engaged, so when he tried to desert and return home to Germany she did not join him. Sadly, she then discovered that her fiancée had married another girl. Her secret lover was captured and shot, and was buried in Bincombe churchyard on 30th June, 1801. She, too, is buried there.

### The Rimbury Urnfield

This site is world-famous. During ploughing 150 years ago many pottery bowls were discovered in this field below Chalbury Hill. They were burial urns containing cremated human ashes, placed here during the middle Bronze Age (between 1,600 and 1,100 BC). A similar site is at Deverel near Bere Regis. This pottery is now called Deverel-Rimbury ware.



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### Route 1: Bincombe Bumps and Preston (7 km; 4 1/2 miles; Approx 2 hours)

Bicycles and buggies can reach the Bincombe Bumps (six barrows on the skyline), but with considerable effort!

Turn LEFT by the library [A], onto the A353 and cross road. At the roundabout [B] keep RIGHT, then sharp right at Icen Farm. Continue along lane to Bincombe (where road bears sharp left, by East Farm) [C] – turn RIGHT here onto rough track past Bincombe Church. Ahead through gate then LEFT at fingerpost (“Osmington”). Continue uphill on rough track, passing quarry on left. As you approach farm gate [D] look back to left to see track up to Bincombe Bumps. (Divert up to see extensive views to sea. A good picnic spot!)

Through pedestrian gate to left of farm gate and continue ahead by wall and through next gate, then LEFT downhill and SHARP RIGHT to join Coombe Valley Road by hut. [E]

Cross road to RIGHTHAND stile. Head diagonally across this field, towards left edge of Chalbury Hill. Through gateway in hedge. (Can be wet.) Continue ahead towards Preston village. Through gateway into Rimbury Urnfield, below Boiling Rock Reservoir to right.

Keep fence on left and follow it SHARP LEFT and through gate; stay on hard track. Bear RIGHT and through gate to join Puddledock Lane (stone surface with large potholes.) [F] [See: SUTTON POYNTZ panel.]

From [F] turn RIGHT, join tarmac road and keep ahead into Seven Acres Road. LEFT at end, then RIGHT into Maunsell Avenue. Continue ahead and turn LEFT into footpath when you meet Telford Close. Join Preston Road. RIGHT to Chalbury Roundabout and bear RIGHT onto Littlemoor Road back to Littlemoor.