



## BINCOMBE BUMPS

BINCOMBE BUMPS sit on top of a hill overlooking Preston, Upwey and Littlemoor near Weymouth.

They are a cluster of 6 Bronze Age (2600BC to 1600BC) burial mounds and were formed from the white chalk. At one time, before they were covered in grass, they would have looked very distinctive in the landscape.

The Old English meaning of Bincombe is '*the valley where beans grow*' Bin (Bean) + Combe (Cumb)

Legend tells us that if you put your ear to the ground at the bumps at midday you may hear the music of the fairies.

Bincombe Hill is reputed to be the site where the Grand Old Duke of York, the favourite son of King George III, marched his 10,000 men. Today this is told as a popular children's nursery rhyme.

Near to Bincombe in June 2009 while excavating in preparation for the Weymouth Relief Road, archaeologists discovered a mass grave containing the remains of 54 dismembered skeletons, and 51 skulls in a pile within a disused Roman quarry. It was discovered that they were all young Scandinavian Viking men killed in a gruesome manner.

## ABOUT THE PROJECT

In collaboration with Bincombe Primary School and The Young Graduate Heritage workers of Dorset Youth Association, Artsreach has devised this interactive geocache trail at Bincombe Bumps taking you on a historic journey back to the Bronze Age.

Find out more at  
[www.artsreach.co.uk](http://www.artsreach.co.uk)  
[www.dorsetyouth.com](http://www.dorsetyouth.com)



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Photographs and design by Rachel Dunford

# BINCOMBE BUMPS GEOCACHE TRAIL

LITTLEMOOR, WEYMOUTH



A great outdoor activity  
for all the family!





## WHAT IS A GEOCACHE?

Geocache' is derived from 'geo' meaning earth and 'cache' meaning hidden treasure. It is an outdoor adventure combining the use of technology.

Geocaches are often containers with a logbook and treasure. They are hidden in plain sight but well camouflaged.

Once you have found the geocache you can sign the logbook, take some treasure from the box but leave something in its place. Then hide the box again in its original location.

You can share your photos and stories online at [www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)

Obtain a free online membership with [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com) where you will find lots of information about geocaching and also where you can find a 'cache'. Then all you will need is a GPS device or GPS-enabled mobile phone so that you can navigate to the cache.

Please note that Bincombe is a steep hill walk on easy to follow well-marked tracks. It is NOT easily accessible for wheelchair users or push chairs.

Look out for the Common Blue Butterfly on the grassland

The Old English meaning of Came Wood is 'Wood belonging to the Abbey of Caen' in France

"Oh, the Grand Old Duke of York, He had ten thousand men. He marched them up to the top of the hill, and he marched them down again!"

Folklore stories tell us that if you put your ear close to the ground at midday you can hear the music of the fairies

## FAIRY ROUTE

Begin at Chapel Lane, pass Coombe Farm, situated on the west side of the A354.

Go straight across the farm bridge and through the gate onto the bridle-path. Follow the track until you reach a break in the trees.

Turn left across the ditch and continue ahead. Turn left to join Icen Lane and continue to Bincombe.

Turn right at East Farm, there will be a Post Box on the wall. Pass Bincombe Church on your right and continue along the South West Coast Path.

At the end of the track double back on yourself and begin to sprinkle your fairy dust up to Bincombe Bumps.

## SOLDIERS ROUTE

Begin your walk at Upwey and follow Dorchester Road, underneath the A354. Proceed along Icen Lane to Bincombe. Please note there is no footpath on this lane. Bear left at East Farm, there will be a Post Box on the wall. Pass Bincombe Church on your right and continue along the track which is the South West Coast Path. Continue following the track and at the end double back on yourself and march left-right left-right uphill to Bincombe Bumps.



N50°	39.340	W 002°	26.400
N50°	39.430	W 002°	26.400
N50°	39.330	W 002°	26.270
N50°	39.574	W 002°	26.659

Use these GPS coordinates to locate the cache

