

Route 2: The Roman Temple & Jordan Hill, returning via Chalbury roundabout (4 miles; Approx 1 hour 45 minutes)

Just before reaching "The Lookout" café turn RIGHT at signpost [E] and up short track to the Roman Temple. (The stile here blocks bicycle access, so cyclists follow alternative routes to return to Chalbury roundabout avoiding main road.) Continue ahead over field to gate; then turn LEFT and ahead to gap in fence [F]. Through fence and RIGHT down steep path between field and gardens to re-join outward route at [C].

### Jordan Hill Roman Temple

These metre-thick foundation walls of a small temple date from the end of the Roman occupation of Britain in the 4th century AD.

In the south-east corner (near the present entrance gate) was discovered a shaft around four metres deep. At the bottom were found two urns, a spearhead and a sword, in a stone chamber (cist). Above this cist were 16 layers of ash and charcoal, each containing the remains of a bird and a coin, and separated from the next layer by roofing stones.

Why these pagan (Celtic) offerings were being made so late in the Roman occupation of the British Isles is not known, as Christianity was already becoming established in Britain by the 4th century AD.

Outside the temple in the field beyond it were found the remains of over 80 burials. Nearby was also discovered a hoard of 4,000 bronze coins.

The site is now owned by English Heritage.

Route 1 starts at the shoppers' car park on the A353 (Littlemoor Road) at Littlemoor.

### Travel

There is an hourly train service to Upwey Station from Weymouth, or Dorchester and stations to the north. Footpaths and roads lead from the station to Littlemoor. (See 'Walking Littlemoor' map.)

The Number 2 bus service from Weymouth terminates at Littlemoor.

The number 31 bus service between Weymouth, Dorchester and Axminster travels past Littlemoor Shopping Centre along Littlemoor Road.

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### Bowleaze

The soft cliffs at Bowleaze are quite quickly falling into the sea.

The Lookout café was once the 'clubhouse' of a putting green that has now been partially lost to the sea.

The Spanish-style Riviera Hotel was built in the 1940's, and in the 1950's it became Pontin's second holiday camp in Britain. Today it has gone a little more up-market!

## The Lookout Café (Bowleaze Coveyay)

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## Littlemoor

Circular routes to explore the Weymouth countryside

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Preston  
&  
Overcombe





**Route 1: Furzey Cliff and Lodmoor  
(5 miles; Approx 1 hour 45 minutes)**

Turn **RIGHT** by the library [A] and follow Littlemoor Road to Chalbury Roundabout. Keep **RIGHT**, down Preston Road and cross over at crossing just before Wyke Oliver Road [B]. Follow tarmac path ahead into close and continue ahead to other end of close. Keep ahead into footpath and continue through bollards. (Unmade path to right is the return for Route 2.) Cross end of Maple Close and ahead into Forehill Close. At end of close, dip under single wire to enter field. Turn **LEFT** and follow around field keeping hedge on left. (Keep to left of mast.) Continue onto stone path and reach road at Bowleaze Coveaway [D].

Turn **RIGHT** and uphill along road. At top of hill is a fingerpost to Jordan Hill Roman Temple (remains), [E]. Continue on road past "The Lookout" café and downhill to Overcombe Corner (public Toilets) [G]. Turn **RIGHT** onto Preston Road; cross road and continue to right, then **LEFT** into Heron Close and car park. Turn **RIGHT**, to end of car park and up short gravel slope. Keep **LEFT** of play area [H], to Southdown Avenue.

Turn **LEFT** and continue into cul-de-sac ahead when road bends right. Continue to very end (with views on left over the RSPB reserve), then onto gravel path. When this bears sharp left [J], turn **RIGHT** over ditch and enter field. Do not follow hard path but keep to right of fence and uphill, bearing left to stay near fence. (Good views to sea and along coast.)

Follow path ahead through gateways in three hedges and over the crest of the Southdown Ridge. Then diagonally over field, with views to the Ridgeway. Through gateway in next hedge, then ahead downhill to Louviers Road [K]. Follow road **LEFT** to car park.

**Key**

- Route 1
- ⋯ Route 2
- Road
- Footpath/Bridleway
- Alternative cycle routes
- Gradient (Arrows point downhill)
- ← low   ⇐ medium   ⇐⇐ steep

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