

What's new at The Megalithic Portal

www.megalithic.co.uk

by Andy Burnham, May 2011

I thought I'd write this brief guide to what's new if you haven't visited us yet at www.megalithic.co.uk or are a lapsed member, in the hope of tempting you to visit and perhaps contribute some information to our rapidly expanding site. I've also included some older features, see to the right for how each feature looks on our pages.

Site Pages

These are the core of our site, we have one for each ancient site location.

Internal links are for navigating to an overview map, and to listings of other sites in the region of the same type.

External links include photos, description and links to maps, aerial views and other useful locations on the web. One new one addition here is to search Scotland's Places for information on the site, this is a multiple search from the historic environment records, including including images from the Canmore database. (Scotland only of course)

Images that our contributors have submitted, together with a caption. Click on the image to see the full size version in our gallery and leave comments

Street View

In March 2010 Google added coverage of 95% of the UK's roads to its Street View service. The images are very clear and our contributors lost no time in seeking out more images of the ancient sites could be seen from the roadside. I have been amazed by the results, we now have over 600 locations found in England, over 500 in Scotland and Wales and several hundred elsewhere in the world too. You can still join in the search.

For sites where we don't yet have photos, our software searches the web via **Geograph**, **Panoramio** and **Flickr** for images of the immediate location. The images that come up are not always of the site in question but usually give a good idea of the character of the area. Normally it will stop when it finds images from one of these sources, to avoid excess clutter, but click on the link "View all information for this site" to turn everything on at once.

On page **Ordnance Survey maps** at 1:50,000 Landranger scale thanks to the Ordnance Survey's open data initiative

The screenshot shows a detailed site page for 'Deerleap Stones'. At the top, it includes site metadata: 'Submitted by hamish on Friday, 26 March 2004. Page Views: 3961'. It lists the site name, country (England), county (Somerset), type (Standing Stones), nearest town (Wells), nearest village (Westbury-sub-Mendip), map reference (ST518486), Landranger map number (182), latitude (51.234536N), longitude (2.69176W), and condition/access/accuracy details. Below this are 'Internal Links' and 'External Links' represented by icons. The main content area features four photo submissions, each with a thumbnail image and a caption. The first photo shows a standing stone in a field. The second is a landscape view. The third shows a close-up of a stone. The fourth shows two stones in a field. Each caption includes the submitter's name and a description of the site. A red warning line states: 'Do not use the above information on other web sites or publications without permission of the contributor.' Below the photos is a 'Google Street View' section with a map interface. Underneath are 'Nearby Images from Geograph Britain and Ireland' and 'Nearby Images from Panoramio', each with a row of small image thumbnails and a disclaimer. The bottom section is 'Nearby Images from Flickr' with another row of thumbnails and a disclaimer. At the very bottom is an 'Ordnance Survey map' showing the site's location in the Westbury-sub-Mendip area, with labels for 'Westbury-sub-Mendip', 'Ebbor Gorge', and 'Cain Way'.

Map of nearby sites

These have icons to show the types of site nearby, with red, green and grey colour coding:

Red = We have a photo of the site
 Green = No photo (please take one for us!)
 Grey = Destroyed site (photos also welcome)

The orange bubble indicates You are Here

Click on one of these icons to show the name of the site. Click on the text link that pops up to go to that site page.

Nearby sites

In the following links * = Image available
[Pop-up a map of these sites](#)
[Turn off the embedded Yahoo! Map and other distractions](#)
[Pop-up a Google Map of these sites](#)
[Turn on all information for this site](#)

- 1.6km E 105° **Badger Hole (Somerset)** Cave or Rock Shelter (S753244795)
- 1.6km SE 113° **Woolsey Hole Caves Museum** Museum (S75314777)
- 1.7km E 188° **Woolsey Hole Caves** * Cave or Rock Shelter (S7533478)
- 2.0km NW 319° **Westbury Sub Mendips** Cave or Rock Shelter (S753855036)
- 3.5km NE 63° **Fair Lady Well** Holy Well or Sacred Spring (S754515079)
- 3.6km NE 46° **Boddy Nine Barrows** * Barrow Cemetery (S7538516)
- 4.0km NE 44° **Bashon Hill Barrows** * Barrow Cemetery (S7539520)
- 4.0km N 339° **Cheddar Head Stone Circle** (S7509525)
- 4.3km E 79° **Down Cottage Henge** * Henge (S75359489)
- 4.4km E 77° **Butter's Lodge Inn Barrow** Round Barrow(s) (S7559501)
- 4.4km SE 117° **St Andrew's Well (Wells)** * Holy Well or Sacred Spring (S7552458)
- 4.4km NE 40° **Boddy Circles 5** Henge (S7539525)
- 4.5km E 89° **Ben Hill Longbarrow** * Long Barrow (S7563487)
- 4.7km NE 39° **Boddy Circles 4** * Henge (S7540528)
- 5.0km NE 39° **Boddy Circles 3** * Henge (S7541530)
- 5.4km NE 36° **Boddy Circles Unfinished 3** * Henge (S7541535)
- 5.7km S 162° **Harrop's Hill** * Ancient Trackway (S7529430)
- 5.8km NE 28° **Boal Farm Cist** * Cup and Ring marks / Rock Art (S7537541)
- 7.3km NW 303° **Soldier's Hope** Cave or Rock Shelter (S7468539)
- 7.4km NW 302° **Cheddar Caves Museum** Museum (S7466539)
- 7.4km NW 302° **Down Cottage (Cheddar)** * Cave or Rock Shelter (S7466539)
- 7.5km NW 304° **Sun Hole** Cave or Rock Shelter (S7467541)
- 7.5km N 12° **Ferndale Farm** * Modern Stone Circle / Monolith (S752865606)
- 7.6km NW 300° **Furn Jock's Cave** Cave or Rock Shelter (S7463538)
- 8.3km SW 206° **Glastonbury Lake Village** * Ancient Village or Settlement (S7493407)

- Search the web for [Deerleap Stones](#) with Google.
- Search the web for [Deerleap Stones Standing Stones](#) with Google.
- Try a Google search for images of [Deerleap Stones](#).
- **New**: Google Scholar search for references to [Deerleap Stones](#).

Send your Comment

"Deerleap Stones" | [Configure](#) | 2 comments

Threshold

Comments are owned by the poster. We aren't responsible for their content.

Re: Deerleap Stones (Score: 0)
 by Anonymous on Tuesday, 14 March 2006 (IP: 81.151.209.4)

"Many Somerset villages have 'Lippietts' or leap gates an early form of cattle grid dividing lowland and upland grazings still known as Deer Leap, and two stone pillars in a field mark the place where the gate separated village and common: the Lippietts, the agile deer could leap from one side to another, the cattle and sheep were confined." This extract talk The Mendip Hills. A Threatened Landscape. I have also read that these gates made it difficult for the deer to return to villages to sample the deer without having to trespass in the king's forest.

Some **controls** to adjust the amount shown on the page

Text listing of **nearby sites**, with locations. This is a useful feature when you print out the page to use with a GPS, sat nav and map while in the field.

Site Visit logs – create a personal log of sites you have visited, or would like to visit and these display on the page and on your log sheet. You can also export your logs to a spreadsheet. This feature will be expanded to allow you to view tours of related sites and create your own.

(The links to the site visit logs appear in the right-hand side bar so you can't see them in the image)

Comments from visitors, we hope you will leave some yourself

Another new feature is a selection of feeds via **RSS** for latest news stories, comments and gallery images.

You can also follow updates on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/megportal>
 We also have a **Facebook** page to keep in touch.

Look for the **Social Media** box in the right-hand site bar (again not shown above). From here you can use the Facebook 'like' button, also 'tweet' pages, e-mail links them to a friend or follow one of our RSS syndication channels.

Other new developments will be an improved site-wide 'Megalith Map' to cover the whole of Europe and elsewhere in the world.

Improved Search box
powered by Google

Geographic search

You can put UK grid refs, UK postcodes, US zip codes and German zip codes into the main search box to get a list of sites close to where you are.

Site Filtering

We now have so many listings that it can get quite confusing in some areas, so you can now filter our search and browse listings by Access, Condition and Ambience ratings from 1 to 5. A primary use of this is to show sites that have disabled access (Access = 5) but there are many combinations you can put in such as to look for the very best locations for a flying visit to an area.

World wide coverage

As well as our very detailed coverage of ancient sites in the UK, megalithomania has also gripped Germany, where we now have 'blanket' coverage of some areas of the country.

Enthusiasts in many other countries have also contributed site locations and images and our coverage is growing fast in France, The Netherlands, Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Japan, South Korea, the Middle East and the USA.

Site icons

Scroll down the page, and click on Next Matches to browse through all the sites in this region. 50 sites per page are shown. As you go the map will update to show the locations of the next page of sites.

Megalithic Portal Map Search

search word: Search <- Leave Search box blank to browse or type a specific

Germany All Pages
Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania All Site Types All Dates

NEW: Filter by site ratings, including disabled access.
Not all sites yet have the number ratings, please help us by contributing them.
Filter sites to show:
All Condition ratings All Ambience ratings Access > 4 Update

show Street View sites only

Germany: Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

Narrow down your selection by Type of Site.

Search Results

Grambitz Long Barrow in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
Posted on Wednesday, 03 September 2008 Condition: 2, Ambience: 3, Access: 5, Accuracy: 5 (No Comments)

Zülow-Stralendorf Long Barrow in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
Posted on Wednesday, 28 November 2007 Condition: 4, Ambience: 3, Access: 5, Accuracy: 5 (No Comments)

Mollzow (2) Chambered Tomb in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania
Posted on Thursday, 07 December 2006 Condition: 1, Ambience: 2, Access: 5 (No Comments)

Site Type Selection

- Artificial Mound 58
- Burial Chamber (Dolmen) 10
- Chambered Tomb 433
- Cun and Ring mounds / Block Art 5
- Long Barrow 9
- Modern Stone Circle / Moorish 1
- Museum 1
- Natural Stone / Erratic / Other Natural Feature 1
- Passage Grave 1
- Promontory Fort / Cliff Geog 1
- Round Barrow(s) 22
- Standing Stones 1
- Stone Circle 11

Ritual and Domestic Life in Prehistoric Europe, Bradley

Most popular pages in this category

- Burwitz
- Hamberge Schalenstein
- Zülow-Stralendorf
- Baredow (2)
- Vin
- Großswald-Hilseparah
- Lohmen-Niedchenstein
- Friedrichsmuseum-Groß Boden
- Mecklenburg (3)
- Debel (2)
- Grambitz
- Debel (1)
- Lienen (8)
- Wohlsow
- Nieditz 5
- Großbusch
- Großbusch (1)
- Stuer (2)
- Lienen (7)
- Mollzow (2)
- Mentlin
- Moritzhausen Grabhugel
- Moritzhausener Berge Grabhugel
- Derze (3)
- Derze (2)

Download raw data

Click here to download this data (Right click, choose 'Save as' and rename to .csv)

This download feature is currently being piloted and we will improve the format following your feedback.

It is currently limited to 50 lines of data but we will shortly be offering a subscription service to make our full database available for download.

Contact Andy to register for more information.

The Megalithic Portal **www.megalithic.co.uk** costs a significant amount to keep running. The site requires its own dedicated server and database server to run on amongst other ongoing connection and upgrade expenses. You can show your support by joining up as a member of our independent, non-profit making Megalithic Portal Society. **Membership is just £10 per year.**

Some benefits of membership are:

- * Unlock full length GPS / Sat Nav data downloads
- * A 10% discount off all items in our online shop
- * Removal most of the on page ads when you are logged in
- * Access to our members' only discussion forum
- * Full voting rights as member of the Megalithic Portal Society

You can join online at www.megalithic.co.uk, and pay by credit, debit card or Paypal or fill out a paper membership form.

