Brimham Rocks Feature Location Activity

Use your Smart Phone or GPS device to find these rocks and views.

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Click or tap a location hot-spot to display where it is on Google Maps. Satellite view is best.

If you have the ‘Location’ service running on your smartphone and depending on how good your GPS reception is, Google Maps will show to a fair approximation where you’re standing.

Scroll down to the pages with photographs, geo-coordinates and tips.
How to find the rocks and views

The geo-coordinates of each feature are shown which you can use with your GPS device.

On a smartphone or tablet, tapping the geo-coordinate links will bring up Google Maps showing where the photo was taken, and if you have the location service running with good GPS reception it will also show where you’re standing. Satellite view is best.

Tips

- GPS doesn't need a phone signal and it isn't affected by clouds, but trees and foliage that obscure the sky will reduce or block the signal.
- It’s usually best to give GPS a few minutes to settle. If your location on Google Maps doesn’t move as you walk, stand and wait a bit for it to catch up with where you are.
- Unless you have offline maps, Google Maps will need a mobile phone signal. It’s fine in most parts of the site, but depending on your network you might find it poor or non-existent in the bottom car park, but quickly improving as you head up the site.

1. **Surprise View**
   Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.07821,-1.68536
   
   Not much of surprise, there are many fabulous views over the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

2. **Oak Tree Rock**
   Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.07931,-1.68513
   
   Now this is a surprise, an oak tree apparently growing out of a rock. It looks as though it’s been there for a good number of years.
3. **Smartie Tube**  
Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.07963,-1.68520

How was this tube formed? Perhaps a large fallen tree was covered by the sediments that became the Brimham sandstone more than 300 million years ago.

4. **Eagle Rock**  
Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.08045,-1.68526

There are plenty of interesting geological features to see and ponder about in the rocks below the Eagle.

5. **Lovers’ Leap**  
Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.08006,-1.68728

Definitely NOT for leaping off, but climbers particularly enjoy taking on the challenge here.

6. **Dancing Bear**  
Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.08085,-1.68690

A dancing bear or a begging dog perhaps? What do you think this formation looks like?
7. Druids’ Writing Desk
Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.08182,-1.68726

Before the natural geological erosion processes that formed Brimham Rocks were understood, some people thought that Druids carved them. It would have taken a very long time!

9. Rocking Stones
Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.08132,-1.68486

Clamber on to these, spread your legs and sway from side to side to see how you can rock these massive blocks.

8. Idol
Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.08213,-1.68646

An extraordinary balancing act which has been holding steady for the last 10,000 years or so.

10. Flowerpot
Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.08061,-1.68423

A picturesque example of wind, rain and ice erosion. It’s right by the main track and so very easy to find.
11. Castle Rocks
Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.08032, -1.68475

Do these remind you of great Norman castles too, with their towers and turrets reaching upwards?

12. Blacksmith’s Anvil
Geo-coordinates linked to Google Maps: 54.07936, -1.68413

You’ll easily find the Anvil, right beside the main track down from the visitor centre, and silhouetted against the distant horizon. Yet another beautiful view of Nidderdale

Walking at Brimham

Ordnance Survey Explorer 298 map covers Brimham and its surrounds, showing the many footpaths and routes that can be explored. You can find the walks below on the walking pages of the Brimham Rocks website https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/brimham-rocks.

Circular walk of the rocks. (1.3 miles)
Fields and Fell Beck. (2.8 miles)
Brimham boundary walk. (3.3 miles)
Moorland and meadows. (4.5 miles)
Pastures and panoramas walk (5.8 miles)
In the footsteps of the monks.(7.5 miles)
Pateley Bridge circular or walk and ride. (8.4 miles or fewer with rides)