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Maiden Castle is maintained by English Heritage and is open all year. At the site there is a large car park with information boards regarding the history of this extraordinary monument. As you climb the hill, the sheer size of the place and the huge effort it must have taken to build it, cannot fail to impress! Museums View our interactive map of Museums in Britain for details of local galleries and museums. Anglo-Saxon Sites in Britain Explore our interactive map of Anglo-Saxon Sites in Britain for nearby sites. Castles in England Try our interactive map of Castles in England to browse our hu Maiden Castle contains much evidence of the bloody battle that took place there. When mass graves were excavated at Maiden Castle near Dorchester during the 1930s, a skeleton with a Roman ballista bolt lodged in its spine was unearthed. The skeleton is now housed in Dorset County Museum, which displays many of the objects found at Maiden Castle. The eastern part of the hill fort remained in use for the first few decades of the Roman occupation. Many first century Roman artefacts have been found near to the east entrance and in the centre of the hill fort. Maiden Castle is located off the A354, 2 miles south of Dorchester, it is now in the care of English heritage and is open all year round with free entrance to the public.