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What's on offer to the visitor.

Haytor Down has attracted visitors for many years and they continue to come in their numbers, what does Haytor Down have to offer people?

Well first of all its extremely accessible, from here, where we are now, you can see the road going up the hill and we've got several car parks, we've got an information centre open during the main season, we've got toilets, but you just literally cross the road and you're straight onto open moorland and within a ten minute stroll you're at the base of Haytor Rocks. But what lies beyond, there is the intriguing bit, it's a fascinating area and like much of open moorland on Dartmoor Haytor Down has an evidence of a long history of diverse human use; so if you go for a walk just over this area, round that corner or over the summit there you're going to come across evidence of prehistoric boundaries and settlements, you're going to come across medieval ridge and furrow workings and medieval abandonment, you're going to come across medieval and later tin workings, and very extensive and dramatic 19th and 20th century granite working, which is a very significant feature of the area, fantastic geological and wildlife interest and also this combination of the fact that the land is still being used very much for farming - you're going to come across ponies, cattle and sheep, and of course visitors.