

HOD HILL (Dorset)

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Hod Hill is a multi-enclosed hillfort situated in Dorset between the rivers Stown and Iwerne on the chalk uplands (Richmond 1968, 1-4). The hillfort lies in the Stour Valley and is adjacent to Hambledon hill (Richmond 1968, 1). Hod Hill contains two entrances with one opening to the southwest and the other towards the northeast (Steepleton Gate) (Richmond 1968, 4). Evidence suggests the subsistence system of the Iron Age occupants of the site consists of both animal husbandry and agriculture (Richmond 1968). In addition, the excavations recovered eight human remains occurrences consisting of seven inhumations and one disarticulated bone. The contextual evidence of one of the inhumations buried at Steepleton Gate indicates the burial occurred just prior to renovations for the entrance (Richmond 1968, 16). G. Bunting, D. Verity and I. W. Cornwall conducted the osteological analysis of the skeletal assemblage from Hod Hill (1968).