

Gratissimum – A Welcome to Families

It is good that you have come!

This was a Roman greeting of friendship that we extend to you all today and welcome you to this extraordinary and fascinating place called Badbury Rings.

On first impression, it may not tell you much about itself, apart from that there's a hill with some deep trenches around it and mounds of piled up soil, all covered in grass, trees and bushes!

Ok, so it may be a great place to run around free and enjoy its wonderful views and surrounding countryside – just breathing the air. However, that's only half of the story. You may have heard or read that this was an Iron Age hill fort, that the Romans had come and attacked it and that it's been here for ever.

Fine. Wow. Doesn't mean a lot cos I can't see or imagine it, can I?
Or, perhaps. Could I?

It's up to you, The real secret is to let your imagination take over and look in and discover its hidden magic. Think 'out of the box'. Perhaps you could plan a visit to sit on the eastern ramparts at sunset, or on a moonlit night when the land is bathed in silvery light, or even a misty early morning when the ancients are said to walk. There are lots of quiet places away from the visitors' constant pathways, where birdsong and the open sky above you provide little havens of tranquillity and reflection.

The real Badbury and its secrets are there, if you give them the chance to find you.
Are you ready?

