

Dowsing Yellowmead Down Stone Rings

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Dowsing subtle earth energies at stone circles is always interesting, so it was with some anticipation I walked towards Yellowmead Down stone rings, which required some remote dowsing to find them. When the January mist cleared a little, I counted at least eight tors visible from the rings, making it a stunning location.



Image of the Yellowmead stone circles from Google Earth

One could not accurately describe the rings as concentric but they are as good as. The rings dowsed as early Bronze Age, and dowsing told me they had not been built as a cairn. My experience of dowsing stone circles led me to expect a blind spring present near the centre with water lines running beneath each stone with accompanying earth energies, with male or female polarities, often resulting in a geometric pattern within the circle.





I was surprised to find this was not the case with the rings. I found no underground water courses across the site. There were, however, three strong female earth energy currents running south to north, west to east and south west to north east. They crossed (the node point), to the south west of the centre of the middle ring. No male earth energy was present within the middle ring.

It was a different story in the three outer rings. Within each of the three pathways, two lines of female energy were present, one on each side of the path running clockwise, whilst between these two, a male line was running anti clockwise. When I asked to be shown where to enter the ring it was from the north, and the rod indicated to walk on the inside female line, in the clockwise direction of flow. As I walked around following the rod and was nearly at the point I entered the ring, it turned to direct me into the second circle, onto the inside female current, and this was repeated in the next ring at the same place (on the north side), and yet again to enter the inner ring where the energy spiral curled three times towards the node point near the centre.



I asked where I should exit the inner circle and was shown a point to the south, with the rod swinging to direct me in an anti-clockwise direction in the middle of the path on the male energy current. I followed the male current around each ring crossing into the next ring at the same point. Although the physical structure of this site is concentric rings, energetically it seems to work as a spiral.

Whilst standing at the node point near the centre of the inner ring, I asked which way I should face to gain maximum benefit from these energies. My rod turned to the north. It struck me we weren't too far away from the winter solstice, so I asked which way to face if this was the summer solstice, the rod swung south, then east for the spring equinox and west for the autumn equinox.



Perhaps it was no coincidence that our ancient ancestors chose this powerful spot to build their rings, where the earth energy currents were aligned with the cardinal directions. It is well documented that sacred sites around the world going back millennia have been located on these subtle energies. With some imagination we can speculate on the intentions built into the design and location of these rings but they will remain one of the many mysteries of Dartmoor's ancient sites. Today, one can enjoy it as a fascinating energetic spiral labyrinth, a meditative walk in both directions, within an awe-inspiring landscape.

