WHAT MYSTERIES LIE BENEATH STONEHENGE ?

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Stonehenge is located on Salisbury Plain, 85 miles west of London. Using the atlas, find the latitude/longitude of London, capital city of the United Kingdom. 52ºN,0º

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The larger stones on the outer circle are sarsen stones from 19 miles north of Stonehenge. The 80 smaller stones inside the circle are bluestones weighing between 4 and 8 tons. They came to the site from 170 miles away in North Wales. How did the bluestones arrive at the Stonehenge site?

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The builders may have floated the stones on rafts for 250 miles, then pulled them overland by teams of men and oxen or rolled them on logs along the south coast of Wales, crossing the Avon River near Bristol before heading southeast to the Salisbury Plain.

Alternately, the stones may have come by boat around Land's End and along the south coast of England before heading up the Avon River and finally overland to Stonehenge.

Find the latitude/longitude for Land's End on the map.

50ºN,6Wº

The ancient stone circle of Stonehenge evolved nearly 5,000 years ago between 3000 B.C.E. and 1600 B.C.E.

The stones are aligned in astronomically important ways.

WHY? **NO ONE KNOWS!**

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Night time only enhances the mystery of Stonehenge!

Was it predominantly ------

A temple?

A parliament?

A graveyard?

A healing place?

People were buried here, but was that its predominant function?

Burial Mounds at Stonehenge
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This heel stone is a single large block of sarsen stone which stands 80 yards outside the Stonehenge earthwork. The heel stone aligns with the rising sun on the summer solstice. This alignment makes it clear that whoever built Stonehenge had precise astronomical knowledge of the path of the sun. Could the heel stone have been used as some sort of calendar?

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Stonehenge Hidden Landscapes Project

This four-year research project used ground-penetrating radars and GPS guided magnetometers to produce a 3-D map of a four-square-mile area.

Vince Gaffney, the archaeologist from Newcastle, England, whose latest research effort was the Stonehenge Hidden Landscape Project said, "The results are astonishing!"

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Buried evidence of more than 15 previously unknown monuments: henges, barrows, ditches, and pits were found. Gaffney says this suggests a scale of activity around Stonehenge far beyond what was previously suspected.

Nobody has put a spade in the ground to verify the new findings that were detected below the surface, but Gaffney says that knowledge of the area has absolutely been transformed by this survey.

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Stonehenge, which means “The Place Of Hanging Stones”, will never be the same again!

Legend of the Dancing Giants

One day giants were dancing and circling around on Salisbury Plain. Suddenly, they were frozen and turned into stone while holding hands and standing in a circle. That's how Stonehenge came to be!

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