

## **Sefton Coast (Formby Point)**

In 2007 Professor Matthew Bennett was given access to a series of plaster casts held in the private collection of Gordon Roberts. These casts were scanned and permission granted for the data to be used as a comparative data set. This data is supplemented here by data collected during several field visits between 2007 and 2013 including those as part of the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC; NE/H004246/1). Selected publications using this data include:

Bennett MR, Harris JWK, Richmond BG, Braun DR, Mbuu E, Kiura P, et al (2009) Early Hominin Foot Morphology Based on 1.5 Million Year Old Footprints from Ileret, Kenya. *Science* 323:1197-1201

Morse SA, Bennett MR, Gonzalez S, Huddart D (2010) Techniques for verifying human footprints: reappraisal of pre-Clovis footprints in Central Mexico. *Quat Sci Rev* 29(19): 2571-2578

Bennett MR and Morse SA (2014). *Human Footprints: Fossilised Locomotion?* Springer.

The scans were made using a Konica-Minolta VI900 optical laser scanner mounted on a tripod. Data was captured within Polygon Editing Tool and rectified to the orthogonal plane in Rapidform 2006 before being exported as ASC files. This data should be acknowledged to Matthew Bennett, Gordon Roberts and Sarita A. Morse. All the tracks included are single prints left by different individuals.

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