

## Earliest times to 1066

<u>Time</u>	<u>held by</u>	<u>key events</u>
Mesolithic (up to 4000BC)	scanty finds route?	
Neolithic (up to 2500BC)	scanty finds	
Bronze Age (up to 750BC)	scanty early finds some late metal work in west Rossendale	
Iron Age (up to AD79)	some evidence of clearance and agriculture, esp in Cowpe	55BC: Julius Caesar invaded Britain
	Land held by the Briganti	AD 47, 55-6 and 69-70: Briganti revolts against Roman occupation
Roman (AD79-410)	little evidence	
Saxon (AD 410-1066)	variously held by Northumbria and Mercia	C7th: conversion to Christianity
	C9th: Insecurely subject to Danelaw	AD793 onward: Viking raids
	C10th: under Norse control	C10th: Norse raids from the west
1066	Edward the Confessor	Battle of Hastings