



Out of Africa. Discovered in May, 2013 and destroyed by wave action a few weeks later, these are the oldest human footprints outside of Africa. These footprints were laid down about 850,000 years ago. The Happisburgh footprints were created by five individuals, apparently adults and children alike, walking along mudflats in an estuary of the Thames River. The largest of the

footprints was from by a 5 foot 9 inch male who would wear an American size 9 shoe today. The hominins were probably foraging for shellfish. It is unclear which hominin species made these footprints because no hominin bones of this age have been found in Britain. The closest contemporaneous hominin fossils are from *Homo antecessor* from Atapuerca, Spain.

HUMANS MOVED OUT OF AFRICA INTO ASIA ABOUT 1.8 MILLION YEARS AGO, BUT POPULATIONS IN ASIA AND EUROPE DIDN'T TAKE HOLD AND RESULT IN SUCCESSFUL COLONIZATION UNTIL ABOUT 600,000 YEARS AGO.

