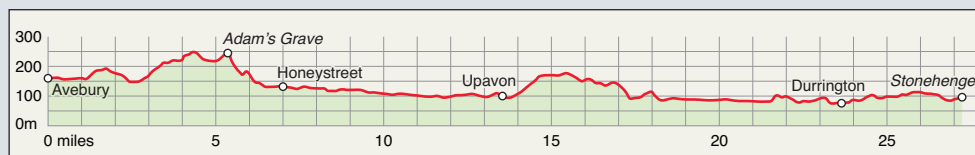


## PRACTICAL INFORMATION



● **Terrain** Sustained and sometimes steep ascents and descents, mainly on grass paths and rough tracks. Can be muddy in places. Short stretches on generally quiet lanes.

● **Difficulty** Challenging

● **Directions & GPS\*** 004.pdf, 004.gpx, 004.kml at <https://trailblazer-guides.com/press>

\* See p10-11 for more information on downloads

## ROUTE OVERVIEW

26.9 miles (43.3km)

A walk of big skies and mystical landscapes, punctuated by pretty little villages. Make sure you're equipped for all weathers and check the forecast before you set off as Salisbury Plain is very exposed with little or no shelter from sun or rain.

## Avebury to Upavon

13.4 miles (21.6km)

● **Time** 5hrs 30mins actual walking time ● **Total ascent** 401m / 1320ft

● **Map** OS Explorer 157 Marlborough & Savernake Forest; 130 Salisbury & Stonehenge

Soon after Avebury you pick up the Ridgeway national trail for a short distance, well signposted with an acorn symbol. You reach East Kennet after **2.6 miles** before heading to Adam's Grave, a Neolithic burial mound, reached in **2.7 miles**, then descending to Alton Barnes (**1.4 miles**) and Honeystreet (**0.4 miles**). From here the route follows the White Horse Trail beside the Kennet and Avon Canal, leaving it for Woodborough (**1.5 miles**) along a mix of lanes, tracks and footpaths via Bottlesford (**0.7 miles**) and Charlton St Peter (**2.4 miles**) to reach Upavon after **1.7 miles**.

## PILGRIMAGE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Avebury Stone Circle** ([english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/avebury/](http://english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/avebury/) SN8 1RF).
- Climb to the summit of **Adam's Grave**, a Neolithic long barrow.
- Follow the valley of the River Avon through a string of peaceful villages, and have a picnic on the riverbank.
- Explore **Woodhenge** ([english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/woodhenge/](http://english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/woodhenge/)) before your final approach along the ceremonial Avenue to the climax: **Stonehenge** ([english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stonehenge/](http://english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stonehenge/); 9.30am-5pm winter, to 8pm summer; entry by timed ticket, must be booked in advance). To make your way home, catch the Stonehenge Tour bus ([thestonehenge-tour.info](http://thestonehenge-tour.info), last bus 4pm winter, 7pm summer) to Salisbury railway station.

## Upavon to Stonehenge

● **Time** 5hrs 30mins actual walking time

● **Total ascent** 525m / 1425ft

● **Map** OS Explorer 130 Salisbury & Stonehenge

Climb from Upavon to the fringes of Salisbury Plain and skirt it before a long gentle descent to the Avon Valley, and a string of riverside villages, reaching Enford in **4.5 miles**, Combe in **0.9 miles**, Netheravon in **1.4 miles** before climbing gently to reach Woodhenge in **4.3 miles** and Stonehenge in **2.4 miles**.

## Day walk options

Either leg of this route would make a good one-day walk.

● **By public transport** To reach Avebury stone circle take the train to Swindon and a bus or taxi from there to Avebury. Upavon is accessible by bus or taxi from Swindon or Salisbury. There is a regular shuttle bus from Stonehenge to the railway station at Salisbury.

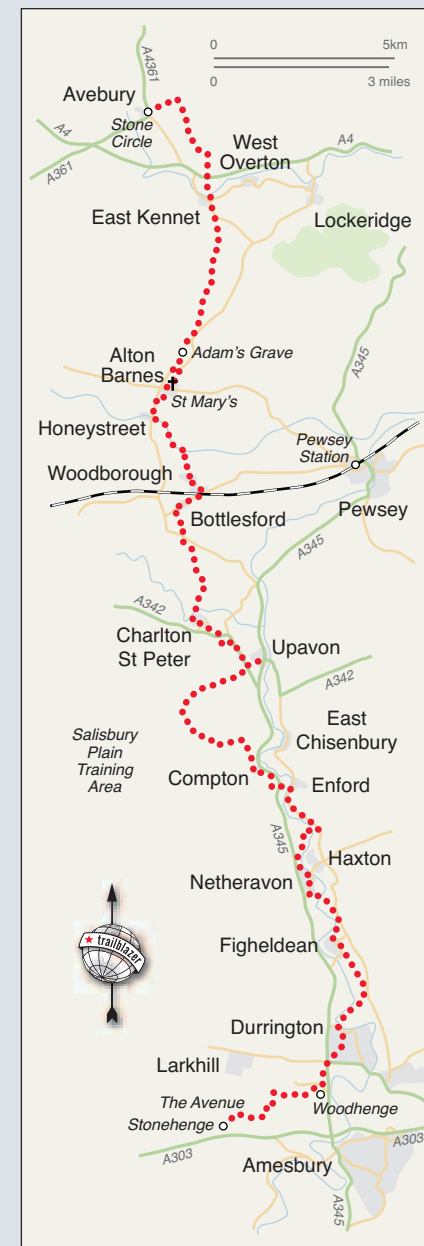
● **Taxi option** 24/7 Swindon Taxis (☎ 01793-469247, [247swindontaxis.co.uk](http://247swindontaxis.co.uk))

## Where to eat or stay along the way

● **Swindon** Stay at the *Great Western Hotel*, Swindon (☎ 01793-694997, [thegwhotelswindon.co.uk](http://thegwhotelswindon.co.uk), 73 Station Rd) opposite the railway station, then take a **bus** or **taxi** to Avebury the next morning.

● **Honeystreet** Have **lunch** beside the Kennet and Avon Canal at either *The Barge* pub (☎ 01672-851222, [thebargainnhoneystreet.co.uk](http://thebargainnhoneystreet.co.uk); Mon-Sat noon-3pm & 5.30-8pm; Sun noon-4.30pm), or the *Honeystreet Mill Café* (☎ 01672-851853, [honeystreetmillcafe.co.uk](http://honeystreetmillcafe.co.uk); Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-5pm).

● **Upavon** Stay at *The Antelope*, a lovely village inn (☎ 01980-630025, [antelopeupavon.co.uk](http://antelopeupavon.co.uk), 3 High St). Before you set off the next day buy your packed lunch ingredients from **Londis** on the High St, for a picnic on the riverbank.



			<b>Walk 4: Avebury to Stonehenge</b>
<b>Distance from start</b>	<b>Distance from last direction</b>	<b>OS Refs</b>	<b>Direction</b>
0	0	SU 10228 69961	Walk east out of Avebury along Herepath, also known as Green Street, up to Manor Farm
0.6mile/1km	0.6mile/1km	SU 11123 70269	Turn right onto track after Manor Farm and continue until you reach the Ridge Way.
1.7mile/2.8km	1.1mile/1.8km	SU 11900 68761	Bear right onto the Ridge Way long distance path. We follow this path, with a minor diversion, all the way to Alton Priors and the path is well signposted with an acorn symbol
2.2miles/3.5km	770yds/700m	SU 11877 68066	Cross A4.
2.4miles/3.9km	440yds/400m	SU 11986 67700	Bear slight left then immediately right across a footbridge over the River Kennet to pick up lane towards East Kennet.
2.5miles/4.1km	220yds/200m		Where a lane joins from the left, keep straight on.
2.6miles/4.2km	110yds/100m	SU 11964 67397	Bear left into wider lane through East Kennet and continue on through the village.
2.8miles/4.5km	330yds/300m	SU 12072 67128	As you reach the outskirts of East Kennet, take track on right signposted Manor Farm. Pass through the farm and ignore the track branching left.
3miles/4.8km	330yds/300m	SU 12121 66768	Just as the track bears right to descend to barns, take the narrower track that continues straight on.
3.1miles/5km	220yds/200m		Look out for a less distinct footpath that bears left off the track at this point, climbing over grass, the landscape sloping sharply downhill from left to right. A long, sustained climb follows up and over the downs.
4.3miles/6.9km	1.2miles/1.9km		At approximately the highest point, another ancient route Wansdyke crosses left and right, and your path descends towards a lane passing New Town.
4.9miles/7.9km	0.6mile/1km	SU 11564 63837	Just before the lane, turn right on a path signposted as a permissive footpath lane, and head for highest point: the hilltop burial mound known as Adam's Grave.

5.3miles/8.5km	660yds/600m	SU 11235 63392	Reach summit of Adam's Grave, then continue to grassy track descending far side.
5.6miles/9.1km	660yds/600m		Go through gate and down steps through scrubby bushes to lane.
5.7miles/9.2km	110yds/100m	SU 10960 62855	Turn left onto lane and continue along for 100m.
5.8miles/9.4km	220yds/200m	SU 11192 62910	Turn right on to Ridge Way track. Although OS maps show this path running straight on to Alton Priors, it in fact takes a right-angle turn right, then right-angles left to reach a junction of two lanes.
6.4miles/10.3km	0.7mile/1.1km	SU 10815 62357	Where the path meets the lanes, take Browns Lane straight ahead.
6.5miles/10.4km	110yds/100m	SU 10706 62200	Just before the lane swings right, take the footpath to your left, then turn right almost immediately to take a stone-lined path across the field towards St Mary's, Alton Barnes.
6.6miles/10.7km	330yds/300m	SU 10744 62013	Turn left for St Mary's, Alton Barnes, right to continue along route to Alton Barnes and on to the T-junction.
6.8miles/10.9km	220yds/200m	SU 10513 62042	Turn left at this junction on the edge of Alton Barnes and cross over, following this lane to Honeystreet.
7.1miles/11.4km	550yds/500m	SU 10412 61552	Arrive at Honeystreet. The Honeystreet Mill Cafe is on the right before the bridge over the Kennet and Avon Canal, the Barge pub off to the right after the bridge. To continue walk, double back under bridge to reach towpath and turn right along canal (so the canal is on your left) up to the next bridge.
8miles/12.9km	550yds/500m	SU 11365 60683	Leave towpath, turning right at bridge, taking the track (Church Farm Ln) between hedges for Woodborough.
8.5miles/13.6km	770yds/700m	SU 11405 59952	In Woodborough village, bear right on Church Farm Ln, then turn left almost immediately onto Church Rd.
8.6miles/13.8km	220yds/200m	SU 11405 59952	At T-junction where Church Rd meets Smithy Ln, turn left and cross over. Follow lane to railway bridge.
8.9miles/14.4km	660yds/600m	SU 11816 59497	Cross bridge and take lane on right for Bottlesford, continuing through village.
9.3miles/15km	660yds/600m		The Seven Stars, Bottlesford, is on your right.

9.5miles/15.3km	330yds/300m	SU 11008 59043	Leave lane by track after the last house on the left. Keep straight on to skirt woods on your left.
9.8miles/15.8km	550yds/500m	SU 11302 58628	Bear right, then as the woods end take the indistinct footpath over grass that leaves the track to the left.
10miles/16.1km	330yds/300m	SU 11222 58370	Reach Hilcott and turn left onto lane for 100m to the village hall.
10.1miles/16.2km	110yds/100m	SU 11275 58336	Turn right off lane onto track and continue past houses to T-junction of tracks.
10.2miles/16.3km	110yds/100m	SU 11220 58231	Turn left at T-junction of tracks and pass Hilcott Farm along to next track junction.
10.4miles/16.7km	440yds/400m	SU 11531 57957	Turn right at T-junction of tracks and continue between fields until you reach a sign for the White Horse Trail.
11miles/17.7km	0.6mile/1km	SU 11842 57006	Turn right at T-junction of tracks onto White Horse Trail, then almost immediately bear left at Y-junction. Continue along as you reach the River Avon.
11.5miles/18.6km	990yds/900m		Pass to the left of Charlton Manor and continue to Friday Ln on the outskirts of Charlton St Peter.
11.6miles/18.7km	110yds/100m	SU 11535 56134	Turn left onto Friday Ln, cross the River Avon (just a narrow stream at this point) and follow the lane round to the left.
11.7miles/18.9km	220yds/200m	SU 11535 56134	In Charlton St Peter, turn right before church. This is still Friday Ln.
11.9miles/19.1km	330yds/300m	SU 11738 55920	Just after leaving Charlton St Peter, take the footpath signposted left across a field. Head for bottom right-hand corner, beside the A342. <i><b>Note:</b> if the path has not been reinstated after crop planting, an alternative is to continue down lane to A342 then turn left and walk along verge. Take great care!</i>
12.2miles/19.7km	660yds/600m	SU 12290 55620	Cross A342 and continue straight on through yard to Rushall Drove.
12.4miles/20km	330yds/300m	SU 12382 55363	Turn left into Rushall Drove and continue along to A342.

12.6miles/20.3km	330yds/300m	SU 12612 55476	Turn right at A342 and use Permissive Path along field-edge. until you reach the steps down to A342 leading to Upavon.
13.1miles/21.1km	880yds/800m	SU 13024 54862	If staying overnight at The Antelope, Upavon, take steps down to A342 and cross over, taking Devizes Rd downhill for Upavon. If not, skip the following two directions <i>in italics</i> . Instead, turn right at this point into a lane, passing Widdington Shoot and climbing up onto the fringes of Salisbury Plain.
13.4miles/21.6km	550yds/500m		<i>Arrive in Upavon. The Antelope, a suggested overnight stop, is on your left as you reach village centre. Retrace your steps up to the A342.</i>
13.8miles/22.2km	660yds/600m	SU 13026 54823	<i>Cross A342 and take the lane opposite, passing Widdington Shoot and climbing up onto the fringes of Salisbury Plain.</i>
15.2miles/24.4km	220yds/200m	SU 11237 53699	Turn left where the lane meets track at T-junction. Ahead is the restricted area used by the Army. Our route runs alongside it.
15.6miles/25.1km	770yds/700m	SU 11531 53053	Leave track to follow Byway signs diagonally left across grass, following faint path to descent into a shallow valley running off to your left. Aim for the Field Barn you can see in the dip ahead of you, alongside a track.
16.1miles/25.9km	880yds/800m	SU 12156 52673	Pass to the right of the Field Barn and then turn left onto track.
16.5miles/26.6km	770yds/700m	SU 12937 52784	At West Chisenbury Farm, turn right at the junction of tracks.
16.7miles/26.9km	330yds/300m	SU 13061 52526	Where track bends left, continue straight ahead on path towards Compton Farm.
17miles/27.4km	550yds/500m		At Compton Farm, ignore the Byway sign pointing left and continue straight on through the yard, then cross field to grassy track beyond line of trees.
17.1miles/27.6km	220yds/200m	SU 13224 51917	Turn left onto grassy track which curves right, climbing a gentle hillside to pass Lower Farm Buildings.
17.5miles/28.2km	660yds/600m		Ignore lane to left and go straight on.
17.6miles/28.4km	220yds/200m	SU 13700 51484	Where the track you are on meets Enford Hill at a sharp bend, turn left, taking a path under power lines, over field and descending through trees to reach the A345.

17.8miles/28.7km	330yds/300m	SU 13936 51552	Cross A345 and take Enford Hill straight ahead to Enford.
18miles/29km	330yds/300m	SU 14216 51480	After crossing River Avon, at the junction turn right onto Long St.
18.1miles/29.1km	110yds/100m		Enford's pub, The Swan, is on the left. Continue towards the village of Coombe.
18.9miles/30.5km	660yds/600m	SU 14988 50366	After passing through the centre of Coombe, just before Coombe Lane joins from the left take the footpath to the right, crossing the River Avon via a footbridge and reaching a lane in the hamlet of Fifeld.
19.2miles/30.9km	440yds/400m	SU 14602 50360	Turn left to follow the lane until it starts to bend right.
19.3miles/31km	110yds/100m	SU 14562 50292	Take the footpath to the left of the lane, which crosses another lane and runs over meadows, the River Avon to your left.
19.9miles/32km	0.6mile/1km	SU 14616 49159	On the outskirts of Netheravon the path reaches Mill Rd. Bear left and follow Mill Rd into Netheravon.
20.1miles/32.4km	440yds/400m	SU 14767 49086	Where Mill Rd meets High St, turn right and continue on through the village.
20.4miles/32.9km	550ydsd/500m	SU 14715 48577	Where it meets Lower Road, bear left to stay on High Street and follow the road across the River Avon.
20.7miles/33.3km	440yds/400m	SU 15077 48504	On other side of river, where the road bends left, take the footpath on your right, crossing meadows and passing to the right of a sewage treatment works until the footpath reaches a lane.
21.1miles/34km	770yds/700m	SU 15468 48023	Turn right onto the lane and continue to the Y-junction.
21.2miles/34.2km	220yds/200m	SU 15404 47635	At the Y-junction, bear right into High St, then almost immediately take the footpath that leaves the lane to the left, climbing a wooded bank between the two forks of the Y and continue on to Figheldean.
21.6miles/34.7km	550yds/500m	SU 15347 47408	At the junction of paths alongside allotments, turn right then almost immediately left by a bench.

21.7miles/34.9km	220yds/200m	SU 15473 47324	When the footpath reaches Pollen Ln in Figheldean, go straight across and continue along the footpath and past a sports field to Ablington.
22miles/35.4km	550yds/500m	SU 15790 46838	In Ablington, when the path meets a lane, cross over and continue straight on along footpaths and tracks, ignoring any turns to right or left until you reach houses near Brigmerston Corner.
22.7miles/36.6km	0.8mile/1.2km	SU 16222 45786	When the path meets Church Rd close to Brigmerston Corner, turn left and follow Church Rd to the hamlet of Brigmerston.
22.9miles/36.9km	330yds/300m	SU 16004 45576	In Brigmerston, where Church Rd right-angles left, continue straight on. Keep to the right of the Private sign, and take the gate in front of house, then pick your way between fences across pasture.
23miles/37.1km	220yds/200m		When the path divides, take the right fork and cross a stream, heading for the kissing gate diagonally right on the far side of the pasture.
23.4miles/37.7km	660yds/600m	SU 15547 44977	Turn right and take the footbridge over the River Avon.
23.5miles/37.8km	110yds/100m	SU 15535 44958	When the footpath joins Hackthorne Rd, bear left along it towards Durrington to the road junction.
23.6miles/37.9km	110yds/100m	SU 15645 44857	At the junction take the right fork before All Saints church onto High St.
23.8miles/38.3km	440yds/400m	SU 15614 44431	Take the right fork at the Y-junction by the Sainsbury Local to take Stonehenge Rd and continue along to the roundabout.
24.2miles/38.9km	660yds/600m	SU 15172 44004	At the roundabout cross over Larkhill Rd and bear slight left to take the next exit, Countess Rd, A345.
24.3miles/39.1km	220yds/200m	SU 15146 43842	Take the path that leaves Countess Rd on the right, behind a large road sign, and emerges onto a former road.
24.6miles/39.6km	550yds/500m	SU 15101 43435	When the former road reaches the junction with Fargo Rd, turn right. Woodhenge is here on the left. To continue, take the footpath immediately after Woodhenge and walk diagonally left across Cuckoo Stone Field.

25miles/40.2km	660yds/600m	SU 14572 43084	On the far side of Cuckoo Stone Field, turn right onto the track.
25.2miles/40.5km	330yds/300m	SU 14326 43135	Where the main path bears gently right, take the smaller path to the left, to pass to the left of a housing estate, with open grassland to your left.
25.5miles/41.1km	660yds/600m	SU 13746 43221	At the junction with a chalk track passing right and left, turn left to follow it, with a belt of trees to your right and pasture to your left.
25.8miles/41.5km	440yds/400m	SU 13706 42830	After passing the belt of trees turn right, leaving the chalk track for a less distinct one over pasture, and crossing to the left of Old King Barrows.
25.9miles/41.6km	110yds/100m		Follow this path as it turns right-angle left.
26miles/42km	440yds/400m	SU 13474 42496	Turn right onto The Avenue for the final approach to Stonehenge. Follow the faint path, tacking slight-right over meadows to take the gateway into a second field.
26.6miles/42.8km	660yds/600m		Follow The Avenue as it turns 45 degrees left to reach Stonehenge.
26.9miles/43.3km	550yds/500m	SU 12307 42243	Arrive at Stonehenge. At the fence surrounding the monument, turn right for the entrance to the site. If you have purchased a timed ticket you will be able to enter. If not, you will have to take the road to the visitor centre.