

Wiltshire Museum - Saturday 16 May 2020 – Event Details

Stonehenge Landscape Walk

A guided tour of the amazing collections of the Wiltshire Museum, followed by a guided walk from Durrington Walls to Stonehenge. This full day tour is led by Museum Director, David Dawson.

*The afternoon walk takes approximately 3.5 hours, and starts at Durrington Walls and Woodhenge, close to the River Avon. The route passes the Cuckoo Stone, a megalithic standing stone, before following the Apple Track – a WWI light railway. The route then passes the prehistoric Cursus, before passing the Bronze Age barrows of Kings Barrow ridge. **The walk does not include a visit to the monument itself.** Please contact us for more information.*

Please note that stout footwear, protective clothing to suit the prevailing weather conditions and reasonable mobility will be required for the walk in the afternoon. Lunch is provided but please bring your own snacks and water bottles to carry on the walk (especially during hot weather).

COST: £40 (£35 WANHS members). Booking essential. No dogs.

Thank you for booking your place on this special Museum tour and landscape walk, led by Museum Director, David Dawson.

Programme

1. Museum Tour and lunch

The day begins at 10.30am with a visit to the Wiltshire Museum.

The Museum tells 500,000 years of Wiltshire's story in a modern gallery featuring high quality graphics and leading-edge reconstructions. On display are dozens of spectacular treasures dating to the time of Stonehenge and worn by people who worshipped inside the stone circle.

On arrival you will be offered tea or coffee, before being given a special tour of the award-winning Prehistory Galleries by the Museum Director. You will then be able to explore the rest of the Museum before a light lunch at about 12.30pm.

The Museum is situated on Long Street in Devizes – a short walk from the town centre and the bus stops in the Market Place. There are buses to Devizes from stations at Swindon, Chippenham and Westbury. If you are coming by car then you may use our car park at the rear of the Museum. The postcode for Satnav is SN10 1NS. There is a small lane alongside the Museum and the car park is to the left and is marked 'Private'. Please leave your registration number at reception. Our car park has limited capacity and we may need to ask you to move your car to maximise space before we leave for our walk.

At about 1.15pm we shall depart for Woodhenge. You are welcome to use your own vehicle, or we can car-share if that is convenient.

2. Afternoon Walk

We will meet at Woodhenge at 2pm and the walk to Stonehenge (just over three miles) will take approximately 3.5 hours. Woodhenge is located just off the A345, to the north of Amesbury and the A303 – please see map below.

We will start at Durrington Walls and Woodhenge, close to the River Avon. The route passes the Cuckoo Stone, a megalithic standing stone, before following the Apple Track - a WWI light railway. The route then passes the prehistoric Cursus, before passing the Bronze Age barrows of Kings Barrow ridge. The route then follows the Avenue - the Neolithic ceremonial route that leads to Stonehenge following the line of the solstice. We expect to arrive at Stonehenge by about 5.30pm. There are no toilets or refreshment facilities on the route.

Once we have arrived at Stonehenge itself, you will have three options:

1. Visit Stonehenge. This is free for English Heritage and National Trust members, but is not included in the cost of this event. If you are not a member, then you should book your visit online from the English Heritage website (www.english-heritage.org.uk/stonehenge) and you should choose a timed ticket for about 5.30pm. After your visit you can then take the English Heritage shuttle bus to the Stonehenge Visitor Centre to meet the rest of the group.
2. Continue with our walk to the Cursus barrows and the western end of the cursus, before continuing to the Stonehenge Visitor Centre (passing the Cursus barrows, the Monarch of the Plan barrow and the site of the WWI airfield). This is an additional 1.5 miles and will take approximately 45 minutes. We should arrive at the Visitor Centre by 6.15pm.
3. Take the English Heritage shuttle bus to the Stonehenge Visitor Centre and enjoy a well-earned snack and cup of tea.

We will do our best to make sure that you enjoy your day. Please remember that some of those on the walk may need to return to Devizes before a long journey home. We will be making more than one journey from the Stonehenge Visitor Centre to Durrington Walls (which should take 10 – 15 minutes) and this will give some flexibility during the day.

Any Queries?

Please let us know if you have any queries. Please email david.dawson@wiltshiremuseum.org.uk or telephone the Museum on 01380 727369. On the day (for example, if you are delayed on your journey), then please call David on 07931 583354 and leave a message if he is unable to answer the phone.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Museum and the Stonehenge landscape.

David Dawson
Director, Wiltshire Museum

BOOKING, CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

Cancellation and Refund Policy:

- More than 14 days before the event - full refund (less any administration fees)
- Between 14 days and 5 days – 50% refund.
- Less than 5 days - no refund (unless we can resell the ticket).
- However, if we have a waiting list, or are able to sell your ticket, then we will issue a full refund, less any administration fees. We have a number of fixed costs, and cannot afford to run events at a loss.

Disclaimer:

No responsibility can be accepted by WANHS for accidents or injury sustained during the course of any event arranged by the Society. Events, lectures, outings and workshops can be cancelled at short notice.

Parking at Woodhenge

The car park next to Woodhenge is quite small and will often be full. Please be considerate to other visitors to Woodhenge and Durrington Walls by using the long-stay area a short distance away.



Stonehenge landscape

Key sites in the Stonehenge landscape.

