

Stonehenge Landscape Walk

An afternoon tour led by Museum Director, David Dawson.



Event Details - Wednesday 21 September 2022

The afternoon walk takes approximately 4.5 hours, and includes Durrington Walls and Woodhenge, close to the River Avon. The route also passes the Cuckoo Stone, a megalithic standing stone, before following the Apple Track – a WWI light railway. We then reach the Western end of the prehistoric Cursus, before passing the Bronze Age barrows of Kings Barrow ridge. We follow the Avenue to Stonehenge and then make our way to the Stonehenge Visitor Centre.

The walk does not include a visit to the monument itself. Please contact us for more information.

Please note: stout footwear, protective clothing to suit the prevailing weather conditions, and reasonable mobility will be required.

Lunch is NOT provided and please bring your own snacks and water bottles to carry on the walk (especially during hot weather).

A full risk assessment has been carried out and any Covid-19 regulations will be followed.

COST: £20 (£15 WANHS members). Booking essential. No dogs.

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

Programme

We will meet on the side road outside the Stonehenge Inn at Durrington (SP4 8BN) to begin our walk at 1.30 pm (see map below). The walk to Stonehenge and the Visitor Centre is just over four miles. You may wish to have lunch at the Stonehenge Inn (<https://www.thestonehengeinn.co.uk/>), aiming to be there around 12.30 pm.

We will begin by walking through Durrington Walls and on to Woodhenge, close to the River Avon. The route then passes the Cuckoo Stone, a megalithic standing stone, before following the Apple Track - a WWI light railway. The route passes the prehistoric Cursus, the Bronze Age barrows of Kings Barrow ridge and continues along the Avenue - the Neolithic ceremonial route that leads to Stonehenge following the line of the solstice.

We expect to arrive at Stonehenge at around 5.30 pm or 6pm.

There are no toilets or refreshment facilities on the route. Please bring your own snacks and water bottles (especially during hot weather).

Once we have arrived at Stonehenge itself, you will have two 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 after 5.30 pm. 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 5.45 pm.

After visiting the Cursus barrows, David will return to Durrington to collect his car, and he will then 'ferry' drivers back from the Stonehenge Visitor Centre back to the Stonehenge Inn. You will then be able to pick up your car and collect other members of your party from the Stonehenge Visitor Centre. This may take a while to organise, so please leave plenty of time at the end of the day.

We will do our best to make sure that you enjoy your day. Please remember that some of those on the walk may have 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 we may need to prioritise those people.

Any Queries?

Please let us know if you have any queries. 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 showing you 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 Durrington

Park along a small lane off the A345, immediately in front of the Stonehenge Inn (SP4 8BN). Please do not use the Stonehenge Inn car park as it will be in use by their customers.



Stonehenge landscape

Key sites in the Stonehenge landscape.

