

Stonehenge Landscape Walk

An afternoon tour led by Museum Director, David Dawson.



Event Details

An afternoon walk led by Wiltshire Museum Director, David Dawson, taking approximately 4.5 hours, and including 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 as we arrive at the Visitor Centre after the time of last admission to the monument.

Please note:

- *stout footwear, protective clothing to suit the prevailing weather conditions, and reasonable mobility will be required.*
- *The route is approximately 4 miles, and we will be on our feet for over four hours (but with some rest stops!).*
- *There are no toilets or refreshment facilities on the route.*
- *Lunch is NOT provided - please bring your own snacks and water bottles (especially during hot weather).*

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

Programme

The walk

Meet on the side road outside the *Stonehenge Inn* at Durrington (SP4 8BN) to begin our walk at 1.30 pm (*Please do not use the Stonehenge Inn car park - see map below for details of parking*).

- You may wish to have lunch first at the Stonehenge Inn (<https://www.thestonehengeinn.co.uk/>), but give yourself plenty of time (perhaps aiming to be there around 12.30 pm).

We will then walk through Durrington Walls and on to Woodhenge, close to the River Avon. We then pass 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 will then continue the walk to the Cursus barrows and the western end of the cursus, before continuing to the Stonehenge Visitor Centre (passing the Monarch of the Plain 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 Stonehenge Visitor Centre around 6pm..

Transport

We will organise car-sharing, where possible, once at Durrington Walls. One person may be asked to arrive early to enable us to leave one car at the Stonehenge Visitor Centre. We will then be able to 'ferry' drivers back from the Stonehenge Visitor Centre to the *Stonehenge Inn*.

- You will then be able to pick up your car and collect other members of your party. This takes time to organise, so please leave plenty of time at the end of the day, particularly if you have any other engagements after the walk.
- 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?

We will do our best to make sure that you enjoy your day, but 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 me on 07931 583354. Leave a message if I am 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.

