

Salisbury Plain Explorer



WILTSHIRE TOURISM

Cycle the range from Westbury White Horse to the Pewsey Vale. From tanks to wild orchids, explore this unique cycle route around the Imber and Larkhill military ranges. Combine with Avon & Wylde Valley Explorers for a spectacular three-day circular navigation of South Wiltshire.

The ride

1 Start

Facing the main station entrance, turn L and then R at the end. Pass under a bridge and turn L through a pair of white metal bollards. Follow the path into the new housing estate. At the crossroads turn R up to the main road. Turn L at the roundabout and R at the next T-junction heading to Westbury. After 1 mile fork L following a cycleway sign to Upton Scudamore. After 1/2 mile cross busy road with care (A350).

2 3.2km/ 2 miles

In Upton Scudamore, at the T-

junction by Church, turn R and then R at crossroads by phone box. Cross bridge over A350 and take second R turning down a no-through road. After 50yds fork R down hill on a tarmac road. At end of tarmac section pick up Imber Range Perimeter Path (IRPP) signs, go straight on. After 2 miles come to a crossroads by the entrance to Westbury Quarry.

3 8.5km/5 1/4 miles

With quarry entrance behind you, head straight on towards Westbury White Horse car park and lookout. At T-junction, past the car park,

turn R and then first L following the IRPP signs. After 2 miles, at T-junction, turn R and stay on the main perimeter road with 'Military Firing Range - Keep Out' signs on the R (IRPP take different route). At the next junction turn L and after 150yds R along unsigned byway (tarmac road). After 1 mile, at T-junction, turn R and pick up IRPP signs once again. Follow the signs and the main road for 5 1/4 miles all the way to Gore Cross.

4 24km/ 15 miles

At the crossroads with the A360, head straight on signed C.O.T.E.C

Lavington. Continue on for 9 miles keeping to the perimeter byway (marked with danger signs to R) all the way past Vedette Post VP11 and VP12 to VP13 Casterley Camp.

5 38.5km/ 24 miles

At Casterley Camp Turn L and head down hill into Upavon. Turn L (Caution: blind junction) and next R and follow road around to the L through the village. After 1 1/2 miles cross over roundabout by the Woodbridge Inn heading for Woodborough. After 2 miles take first R in Hilcot to Bottlesford. Follow 'Quiet Lane' waymarking, turning L and then R over railway bridge by Woodborough Garden Centre, all the way to Pewsey. After 3 1/2 miles fork R by cemetery and over bridge towards the village centre. After 1/2 mile, at the T-junction with the main road, turn R for the shops or L and next L up to Pewsey train station.

IS THIS RIDE FOR YOU?

Terrain Minor urban roads, mostly quiet lanes and byways, mostly level riding

Suitable for Occasional and regular cyclists

PLANNING

Start/Parking Warminster Station ST 887453

Nearest towns Warminster, Westbury and Devizes

Refreshments Stock up in Warminster and Westbury, as there are

no refreshment stops en-route until the Pewsey Vale. Off-route options include pubs and shops in Market Lavington and Urchfont.

Public toilets Warminster, Westbury and pubs along the way

COMMENTS & OPTIONS

Cycle hire available in Warminster

MAPS Ordnance Survey Explorer 130, Salisbury & Stonehenge;



Explorer 143, Warminster & Trowbridge

ACCOMMODATION

If you would like to find somewhere to stay in Wiltshire, please go to www.visitwiltshire.co.uk Where to Stay.

