

MWW website directions – stage 4, Upton Scudamore to Bratton

Maps: OS Landranger 183, OS Explorer 143

Distance: 4.9 miles (7.8 km)

West to east

With your back to the Angel Inn, walk down the road in front of you. After 200m cross the A350 and bear L down the slip road to the A350. Just before reaching it, take a metalled no through road to the R. Stay on this as it climbs quite steeply up to the top of Upton Cow Down and continue on it as it becomes the Imber Range Perimeter Path with firing ranges/restricted areas on your R. On arriving at a crossroads by the entrance to a disused quarry on the R, turn L downhill. Take the stile on the R after 100m and head half L directly downhill. At the line of trees/bushes at the bottom, turn R along a well used track to the Westbury White Horse, crossing a couple of stiles en route. Follow the path along the ridge above the White Horse with car park to R. When the path splits, take the left hand fork, which soon becomes a well-defined track, and follow this round to the R beneath Bratton Camp hill-fort. After approx. 350m, go through the kissing gate and continue on the path downhill, which soon leads to a stile. Continue on this path, soon branching L and more steeply downhill on the right hand edge of a field. Cross over the metalled road, the B3098, at the bottom, and stay on the lane as it bends sharply to the R and enters the village of Bratton, soon arriving at a T junction.

If terminating in Bratton, turn R at this T junction and walk uphill to the B3098. The Duke pub is to the L along the B3098

East to west

If starting in Bratton, turn down road off B3098 signposted Steeple Ashton, West Ashton and Trowbridge. Take the first road on the L, which is Lower Westbury Road.

If continuing from last stage, turn R into Lower Westbury Road just after passing Court House on the R. After a few minutes, stay on this road as it bends sharply L, ignoring the “no through road” straight ahead. Head uphill to meet and cross the B3098. Proceed uphill along a field edge with hedge to L, bending to the R towards a stile near the top. Continue along the path beyond to a kissing gate, emerging on the crest of the Downs beneath Bratton Camp hill-fort. Go straight ahead along the ridge above the Westbury White Horse, with car park to L, to a kissing gate. Turn R after this to pass a trig point and cross another stile. On almost reaching a wooded area, look for a stile at the top of the hill to your L. Cross over this and turn L up the metalled road beyond.

Turn R at the crossroads at the top, past the entrance to a disused quarry on the L, and follow this road for 2 ½ miles along the Imber Range Perimeter Path, with firing ranges/restricted areas to L, then quite steeply downhill from Upton Cow Down, until it emerges onto the slip road from the A350 to the village of Upton Scudamore. Follow this road as it sweeps up to and over the A350, soon arriving at the Angel Inn in the village.