

Woodford Valley



WILTSHIRE TOURISM

Explore the Lower Avon valley taking Old Sarum and Great Durnford on the way back to Middle Woodford.

The walk

1 Start
Turn R out of the car park and head south through the village. The footpath ends in the middle of the village. Continue along the main road out of the village. After 500 yds you will see a footpath signed up a track to the R. Pass over a stile and walk across the field following the top fence.

2 1.2km/ ¾ mile
Pass through a metal gate, cross over a road and a stile and follow the fence line on the L. Pass over two more stiles with a wooden fence on your R. Where the wooden fence ends, continue straight on across an open field, marked only by the line of the path. Cross over a

farm track and continue on to the far hedge. Turn R along the new hedge and after 50 yds, turn L and drop down and across the main road. Follow the earth track opposite past 'Bays' house.

3 2.5km/ 1½ miles
Turn L over a stile and then R along the field parallel with the stream. Cross over two more stiles turning L and then R and head up towards a white gate leading to a private road. Turn L onto the tarmac private road towards the big house. Follow the road around to the R and then L by a barn. Pass the manor house on your L and through a white door in the wall ahead. Continue across the main

road leading up to Keepers Cottage. At the intersection with a bridlway you have the option to turn R and follow the track (4km out & return) to Old Sarum castle.

4 4.3km/ 2½ miles
Afterwards turn L and head up hill. After ½ mile the track narrows to a path through a small section of wood and crosses over the Monarch's Way. On emerging from the wood, continue north along the fence line. After ½ mile cross a farm track and continue north with the fence on your L. After ¼ mile the path meets a concrete road, turn L and follow it all the way to the main road.

5 7.2km/ 4½ miles
On the road turn R and first L down to Great Durnford. At the T-junction turn L towards the Black Horse Inn. 50 yds past the pub turn R down a driveway and follow the path past the mill and over the river.

6 9km/ 5½ miles
Turn L after the footbridge and up through the trees onto a grass bridlway. At a T-junction, carry straight on and after 50 yds turn R up towards the main

road. Turn L in the village towards the Barge Inn.

7 10.5km/ 6½ miles
Afterwards, without crossing the river, head south following signs for Heale gardens and Middle Woodford. After ½ mile you have the option to turn L into the private road that leads to Heale house and gardens or continue straight on along the public footpath back to the start.



IS THIS WALK FOR YOU?

Terrain Field paths, quiet lanes, grass bridlways and tracks

Stiles 5
Suitable for Regular walkers

PLANNING

Start/Parking
Middle Woodford recreation car park SU121363

Nearest town Salisbury

Refreshments Bridge Inn (open all day, riverside beer garden & cream teas) or Heale Gardens (tea room, shop and nursery), Upper Woodford. Black Horse Inn (food & beer garden), Great Durnford.

Wheatsheaf Inn (food all day), Lower Woodford

Public toilets The pubs above

Public transport

Bus No.1 Salisbury to Amesbury via the Woodford Valley runs 3 times per day

MAPS

Ordnance Survey Landranger 184, Salisbury & The Plain. Explorer 130, Salisbury & Stonehenge

ACCOMMODATION

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