

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 and two flag poles 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 some 150m and head half L directly downhill. Turn R here along the escarpment, with trees initially to L, then fence. Go through a gap into another field, then through a metal kissing gate at the end of this. Continue up a slope to a bench with a plinth giving information on what can be seen just beyond it. The White Horse can be clearly seen to the R. A bit further on, pass a White Horse information board, then two more benches. The White Horse car park is up to your R. There are some superb views from here on a good day. Go through the gate to the R and walk all the way along the northern ramparts of Bratton Camp, which is an Iron Age hill fort, with the top of the White Horse initially to your L. When you reach a gate after approx. 500m, do not go through it but turn R with fence to your L. On reaching a stile to a tarmac road (which is Castle Road, from the White Horse car park to Bratton) cross the stile and turn L down the road.

After 200m, take a narrow bridleway to the L and downhill. At a fork, go R, and follow the path down hill along the R hand side of a field. On arriving at the B3098, cross it and continue down the tarmac road on the other side. Soon turn R at a sharp bend, along Lower Westbury Road. After 650m, arrive at a T junction with another tarmac road (Court Lane).

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 along Lower Westbury Road for 650m, then turn sharp L uphill (signposted Westbury) to arrive at the B3098. Cross this and walk up the L hand edge of the field beyond. The path narrows after the field and continues uphill. At a fork, bear L, and soon arrive at the tarmac road from Bratton to the White Horse car park. Turn R on this road, still going uphill, for 200m, then bear R off the road to a stile. Follow the fence round to R after crossing this. At a kissing gate some 30m further on, turn L and walk along the northern ramparts of Bratton Hill, which is an Iron-Age hill fort. Go past the White Horse beneath and to the R, and through a gate into an open area containing two benches in front of the car park. From here there are fine views over the vale below.

Facing the view, turn left and walk along the path at the top of the escarpment. Pass a bench, an information board, another bench, a plinth giving information on what can be seen, then a third bench. Drop down to a metal kissing gate hiding in the bushes. Follow the fence to right into the next field to a cross path which comes up steeply from the right 700m from the White Horse. (Turn right to descend to Westbury). Go half left uphill to another metal kissing gate onto a tarmac road. Turn left uphill. At the junction at the top, by the entrance to a now defunct quarry, turn right onto a wide track. This is the Imber Range Perimeter Path (IRPP).

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.