

# UPPER WOODFORD VALLEY



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Explore some of Wiltshire's finest villages and inns, delight in the natural beauty and crystal clear waters of the River Avon. Go the added mile and enjoy stunning views of Stonehenge from the tumuli at Normanton Down.

## The walk

### 1 Start

Leaving the Bridge Inn on your L, walk north through the village. After 200 yds turn R along a gravel track in front of a large tree. Follow the footpath sign and at the T-junction turn L and after 50 yds, at the next T-junction, carry straight on parallel to the river along a grass track.

### 2 1.3km/¾ mile

Just 25 yds past a footpath on the L, the track enters a small wood and descends towards the river. Turn R and double-back over a small footbridge and follow the path beside a mill house and weir. A gravel track leads on to the main road.

### 3 1.7km/1 mile

Turn L through Great Durnford passing the Black Horse Inn on the L. At the end of the village, the road bends sharply R uphill. After ½ mile, turn L past a wooden fence on the L. Walk up the wooded track until reaching no entry signs. At this point, the path narrows and forks R through bushes and a gate. Continue along the field margin northward until you reach a large pair of metal gates.

### 4 4.4km/2¾ miles

Pass through the swing gate and fork L downhill. With the fence and river on your L, follow the field margin around and down towards

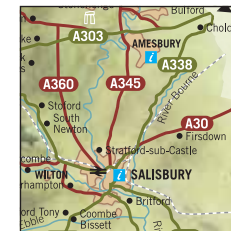
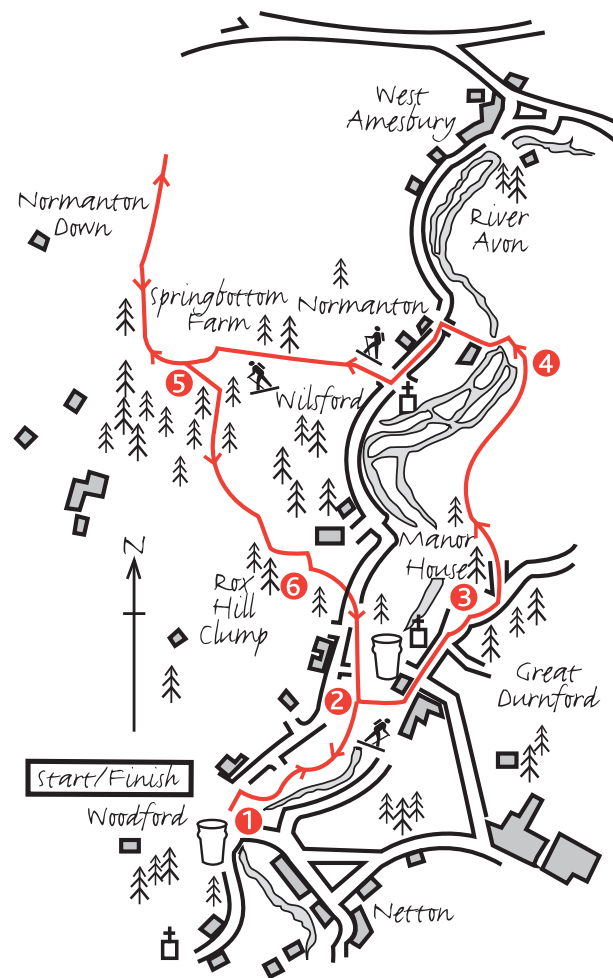
the river. After 300 yds turn L over a waymarked wooden footbridge. Follow the footpath over two small bridges, along a fence line and thatched wall past a large house and gardens. Turn L on to the road and head towards Wilsford. After ¼ mile turn R up a private road (footpath only) signed Springbottom Farm. At a T-junction just past the farmhouse, the farm road joins a byway. At this point you have the option to carry on up past the farm buildings, following the byway north to Stonehenge or turn L back towards the valley. The byway north bends around to the R and after 1 mile you will reach The Stonehenge Estate (Normanton

Down). From here you can explore the ancient burial mounds and enjoy fabulous views of the stones. Afterwards head back to the farm and take the byway south.

### 5 8.8km/5½ miles

The byway gives way to sealed road at a T-junction, turn R up a footpath towards woodland. The footpath bends up to the

L through the edge of the wood and over a stile. After ¼ mile pass a small tumulus on the L. Exit the field via a stile and cross over the main road down a brideway to the R of a large house. The brideway meets the footpath you started out on just above the first footbridge. Don't cross the river. Take the footpath back to the start.



## IS THIS WALK FOR YOU?

**Terrain:** Field paths, quiet lanes, grass, bridleways and tracks  
**Stiles:** 2  
**Suitable for:** Average walkers

## PLANNING

**Start/Parking:** Upper Woodford SU124373. Park along roadside or at the local pub (please ask Landlord first)

**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.  
**Public toilets:** None. But toilets can be found at the facilities mentioned above

**Public transport:** Bus No.1 Salisbury to Amesbury via Woodford Valley offers a very limited service For further details contact Traveline, tel 0871 200 2233

## MAPS

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

## ACCOMMODATION

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