

# WOODFORD VALLEY



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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. 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 over a third stile and then R and head up towards a white gate leading to a private road. Turn L onto the tarmac private road towards Little Durnford Manor. Cross over the bridge and follow the road around to the R and then L by a barn. Pass the manor house on your L, watching out for the camel and alpacas in the fields to your R, and

pass through a white door in the wall ahead. Continue across the main road leading up to Keepers Cottage. At the intersection with a bridleway 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.

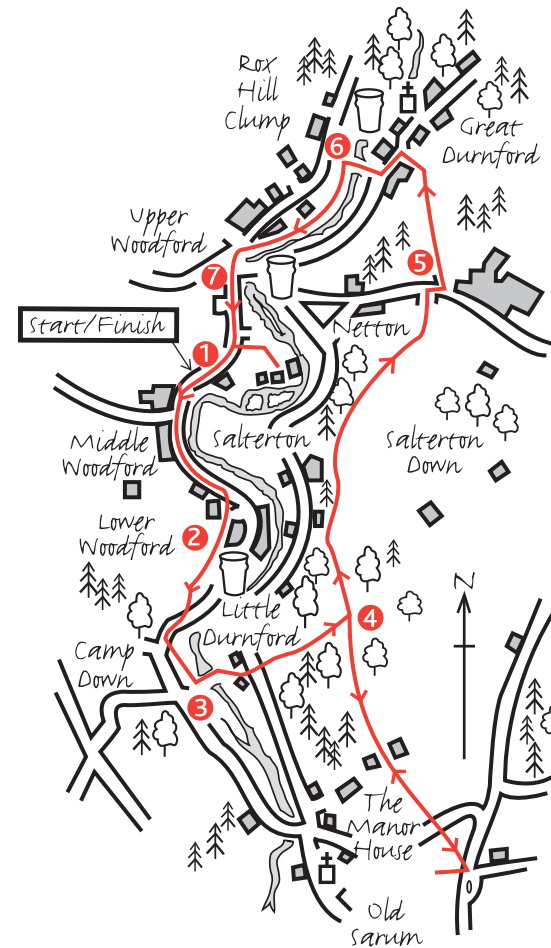
### 6 9km/5½ miles

After the footbridges, climb the slope through the trees and turn L onto a grass bridleway. 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 Bridge 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 footpath by the road, back to the start.



## IS THIS WALK FOR YOU?

**Terrain:** Field paths, quiet lanes, grass bridleways and tracks  
**Stiles:** 8  
**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:** None. But toilets can be found at the facilities mentioned above  
**Public transport:** Bus No.1 Salisbury to Amesbury via the 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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