

Trek26 Stonehenge



Activity: Trek Grade:  (Demanding) Duration: 1 day

Join us for a beautiful, diverse and demanding trek which takes in the stunning chalk downs and woodlands of southern Wiltshire. Dotted with ancient earth-works and burial mounds, this is an historic landscape dominated by the world-famous stone circle of Stonehenge.

This is a tough event over the rolling downs and steep valleys that lie between Salisbury and Stonehenge. At 26 miles, it provides an enormous challenge for walkers and a huge sense of achievement! A more moderate half distance option is also available.

DETAILED ITINERARY

We meet early for registration and a briefing, and set off! Our challenging day starts at the foot of Old Sarum, an impressive Iron Age hillfort to the north of Salisbury. We can see Salisbury Cathedral ahead of us – at 404ft, the spire is the highest in the UK – and we head towards it on a well-used footpath. A long drag then takes us uphill onto an old ridge commanding great views over the surrounding farmland; we follow this ridge for some miles before dropping down steeply to ancient woodland, where a Roman Road cuts through the beech and oak trees; there are tales of ghostly Roman soldiers seen here!

More steep dips and climbs follow as we cross the chalk valleys, then come to more gently rolling farmland dotted with earthworks and burial mounds. There is very little flat on this route, but the steepest hills are behind us! It's not long before we enjoy the views across to Stonehenge and the flat backdrop of Salisbury Plain. Then heading south, we cross the River Avon and walk roughly parallel to it through farmland and small villages, enjoying the views of a very traditional rural England. A gradual uphill track then brings us back through farmland; we can see the distinctive steep circular banks of Old Sarum ahead of us, and we walk round part of the outer ring back to our start point.

Those joining the half marathon distance will meet near the mid-way point (a transfer is available) to register and warm up, before walking all the way to the finish.

There will be refreshments at the end and time to relax before saying our farewells.

Trek approx 26 miles / 13 miles

Breakfast Bap and Packed Lunch included

*Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons
should local conditions dictate.*

CHALLENGE GRADING

Our trips are graded from Challenging (Grade 1) to Extreme (Grade 5).

This trek is graded **Demanding (2)**. Main challenges lie in the long strenuous distance on undulating terrain.

Many factors influence the Challenge Grading, such as terrain, distances, climate, altitude, living conditions, etc. The grade reflects the overall trip; some sections will feel more challenging than others. Unusual weather conditions also have a significant impact, and not all people are tested by the same aspects.

Our grading levels are intended as a guide, but span a broad spectrum; trips within the same grade will still vary in the level of challenge provided.



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