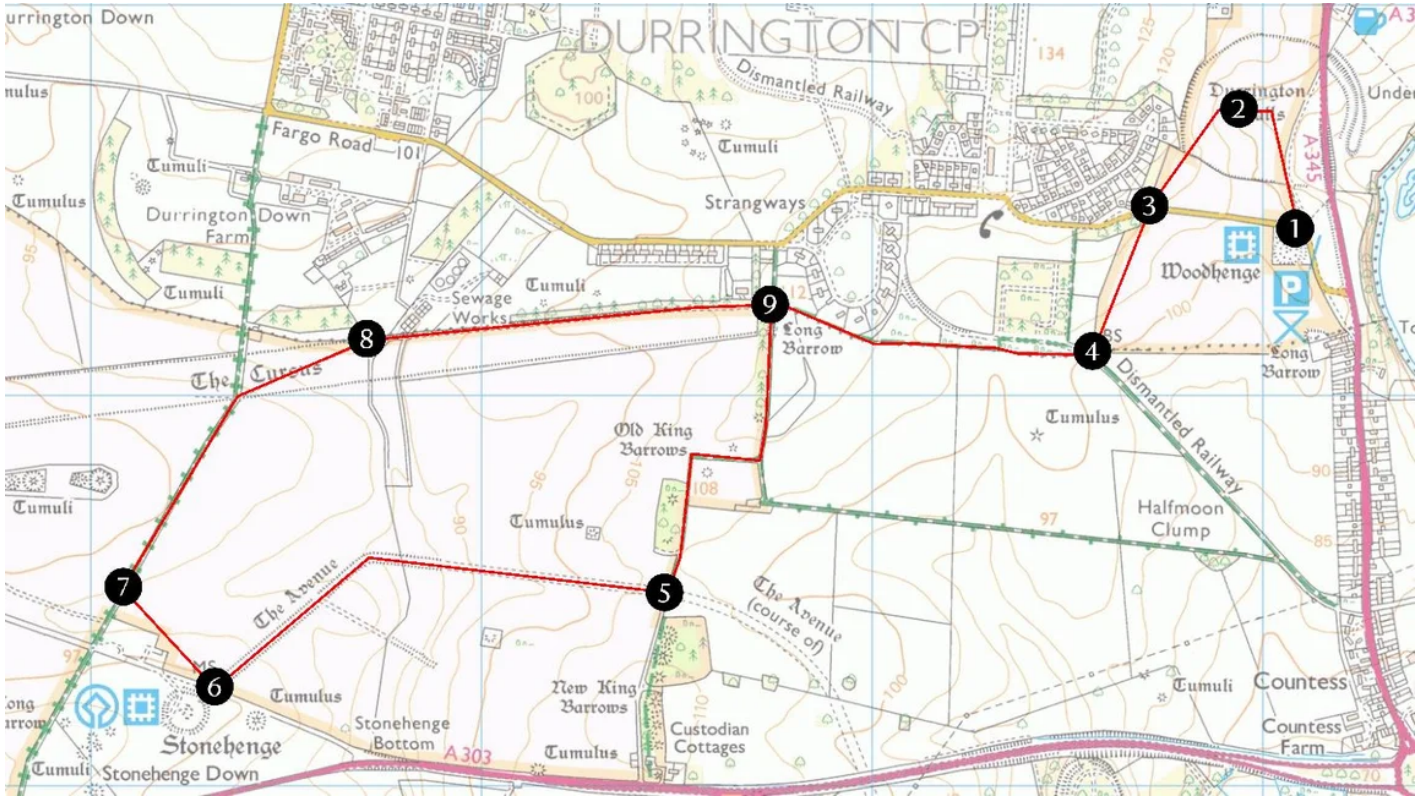


WILTSHIRE

Durrington Walls to Stonehenge walk

This circular walk explores three major prehistoric monuments, Durrington Walls, the Stonehenge Avenue and the Cursus, all at the heart of this World Heritage Site. Along the way, take in inspiring views across the beautiful Wiltshire landscape, and look out for wildlife including hares, deer, birds and butterflies.



Information

Address: Durrington Walls, Woodhenge, Wiltshire SP4 7AR

OS map: Explorer 130

Activity: Walking

Challenging: The route is on hard tracks and gently sloping downs. For further details, see Terrain section.

Not suitable for dogs: Only assistance dogs are allowed on this walk. There is no access for dog walkers to fields with sheep on National Trust land in the Stonehenge Landscape.

Full trail: Miles: 5 (km: 8)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 2 hours 15 mins - 2 hours 30 mins

Terrain

This walk follows hard tracks and gently sloping downs, as well as open access land along rights of way, with pedestrian gates. Surfaces can be uneven, with potholes or long tussocky grass.

Total steps: 9

Start point: Durrington Walls, Woodhenge, Wiltshire, grid ref SU151084342

1. Start your walk at Woodhenge. Go through the pedestrian gate opposite and into the field. Continue downhill into the centre of Durrington Walls.
2. You are now standing inside Durrington Walls. After exploring this ancient monument, turn left and walk up the slope towards the corner of the field where you'll find a gate.
3. Go through the gate, cross the road and through another gate. Walk past the Cuckoo Stone – a former standing stone that was a focus for Bronze Age cremation burials – and continue onwards to the other end of the field, keeping to the right.
4. Go through the gate and turn right, following the track until you meet a crossroads of footpaths. Turn left along the gravel bridleway until you see a sign saying 'King Barrows', then turn right. Follow the footpath round past the woods and you'll see a pedestrian gate on your right.
5. Go through the gate. You are now on the course of the Stonehenge Avenue. Head down the valley, known as Stonehenge Bottom, and through the gate. Just before the interpretation panel, turn left, uphill, towards Stonehenge. If you look carefully you can see the banks of the original 4,300-year-old pathway either side of you. If you have collected your ticket from the Stonehenge visitor centre, continue to the monument.
6. Once you're ready to move on, head towards the byway north of Stonehenge.
7. Follow the byway north until you reach the bottom of the valley. Go through the gate on your right and walk up the hill, keeping the fence on your left. You are now walking along the Stonehenge Cursus, a 5,500-year-old Neolithic enclosure that stretches for over 1.7 miles.
8. Continue along the Cursus until you reach the end of the field.

9. Go through the gate at the end of the field. You have now reached the crossroads you came to after Step 4. From here, retrace the route to Durrington Walls by following Steps 3 to 1 in reverse.

End point: Durrington Walls, Woodhenge, Wiltshire, grid ref SU1510843423
