

Marathon Walk Stonehenge



Duration: 1 days

Join us on our rural marathon walk, taking in the world-famous sights of Stonehenge and Salisbury Cathedral as we trace a 26-mile route through the Wiltshire countryside.

This challenging day sees us setting off early from our atmospheric event hub, and takes us first through the market Town of Salisbury with its iconic Cathedral before heading into the rolling hills of Wiltshire. Wooded Valleys give way to the open expanse of Salisbury Plain as we approach the world-famous stone circle of Stonehenge. More valleys and woodland see us return to our start point and the completion of this fantastic challenge.

This is a tough event over the rolling downs and steep valleys that lie between Salisbury and Stonehenge and back. At 26 miles, it provides an enormous challenge for walkers but a huge sense of achievement!

There is also a half-distance option.

Marathon Walk Stonehenge Start Time: 6.30am registration for a 7-7.30am start

Half Marathon Walk Stonehenge Start Time: 9.00am registration for a 10-10.30am start

Start/finish Hub: TBC

Approximate Finish Time: Anytime between 2.30pm and 6.30pm

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Marathon Walk Stonehenge

We meet early for registration and a briefing, and set off! Our challenging day starts near 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.

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

Trek approx 26 miles

Packed Lunch included

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Experienced Discover Adventure leaders and support staff throughout to manage the event safely and enjoyably
- Pre-trip support and dedicated trip co-ordinators, on hand to answer questions and offer advice on kit and training
- Water stops with refreshments (fruit, sweets and cereal bars)
- Packed lunch
- Finishers Medal and glass of bubbles
- Overview Map and route information
- Discover Adventure Passenger Portal

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- Travel insurance (optional)
- Personal items such as water bottle, soft drinks, preferential snacks and souvenirs
- Transport to and from the event
- Parking
- Entry to any optional sites of activities
- Any applicable surcharges as per Terms and Conditions

GRADE | ORANGE

Trips are graded Yellow, Orange or Red, in increasing level of challenge. This trip lies within the **ORANGE** range.



The grade is determined by factors such as terrain, distance, climate, altitude, etc. Each colour grade has a **spectrum** which reflects the difficulty of these factors; trip duration, accommodation and living conditions (see icon) are also taken into account.

[Trip grading explained](#)



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Please note: This document was downloaded on 6 Jul 2022, and the challenge is subject to change.