

Stonehenge World Heritage Site

The world famous prehistoric monument of Stonehenge serves as a fantastic reminder of an ancient civilisation that settled in this area some 5000 years ago, but the site also contains many more ancient monuments and prehistoric sites – some older than Stonehenge itself. Stonehenge monument has easy access for the disabled, audio tour, hearing loop and Braille guide.

T: 0870 3331181 www.english-heritage.org.uk/stonehenge

Nearby Durrington Walls is the largest henge in the UK and Woodhenge is one of many timber circles similar in design to Stonehenge that have been found in the area. Closer to the stones is the Curvis, a 3km long earthwork whose original purpose remains a mystery. Throughout the area there are numerous ancient burial mounds that mark the graves of important Bronze Age individuals. The entire area of 26km² was inscribed as a World Heritage Site in 1986, in a co-listing with nearby Avebury.

Many of the surrounding monuments are in National Trust open access land, whilst the rest of the World Heritage Site is accessible along footpaths and bridleways. The National Trust offer guided tours of the area (booking required).

T: 01980 664780 www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stonehengelandscape



Bonnymead Park

An ideal spot to enjoy a picnic, for children to let off steam and a great place for exploring the River Avon as it meanders through Amesbury. It also serves as an ideal starting point for those wishing to discover the beautiful Woodford Valley and Stonehenge World Heritage Site.

The play park has a variety of swings, roundabouts, as well as a space net, skate park and multi-sports court. Refer to map for location.

St. Mary & St. Melor Church

This charming parish church was dedicated to St. Mary and St. Melor, a Breton saint. It is Amesbury's oldest surviving building – the nave dates back to early 12th century; east of it, the crossing, transepts and chancel are early 13th century. Two Saxon crossheads, predating the existing building, were found on site, which are on display inside the church. Church is open daily May – September.

Fly Fishing on the River Avon

Enjoy a day fishing on the serene River Avon in Amesbury. A day ticket will cost approximately £3.00. Fishing season circa mid June to mid March.

Day tickets purchasable from: Hills Cycles & Fishing Tackle, Smithfield St. Amesbury
T: 01980 622705

Walks and bicycle rides

Amesbury provides a perfect base to explore the surrounding countryside and around the World Heritage Site and Woodford Valley. A comprehensive network of footpaths, bridleways and National Trust open access land provide enjoyable settings for walks and cycle rides throughout the year. Despite the large military presence on Salisbury Plain, numerous rights of way exist to allow you to explore this wonderful area of uncultivated chalk downland.

NT Estate Office T: 01980 664780
Salisbury Plain T: 01980 674763

Stonehenge Golf Centre

This centre offers a quality 9 Hole Pitch and Putt (Par 3) Course, a 16 Bay floodlit and heated Driving Range, recently opened Mini (Crazy) Golf Course, Putting Green and Practice areas in a beautiful well kept setting.

There is a residential Coaching Professional available for a variety of lessons and advice for golfers of all abilities. Clubs are available for hire. Light refreshments available.

T: 01980 652300 E: drm30golf@aol.com

Attractions in and around Amesbury

Welcome to Amesbury, the home of Stonehenge.

Amesbury is steeped in culture and history, set in beautiful rural Wiltshire on the banks of the River Avon and is home to one of the world's finest Heritage Sites, Stonehenge.

The town is surrounded by ancient landscape and was founded in 979 when the original Abbey was established.

Fly Fishing at Avon Springs

Avon Springs Fishing Lakes offer a choice of both river and pond fishing at their well stocked fishery alongside the picturesque River Avon. The three and five acre lakes have an abundance of insect life; both are chalk stream fed, gin clear and stocked daily with brown and rainbow trout from 2lb to doubles.

Alternatively you can fish on a stretch of the Upper Chalk Stream Avon stocked with Brown Trout, the majority of which are the original Avon brown. Also a good head of Grayling up to 2lb is available in the season.

T: 01980 653557 M: 07774 801401
www.fishingfly.co.uk

High Post Golf Club

This award winning Golf Club welcomes visitors to play the course that has some of the finest golfing turf anywhere in the UK. The club has hosted numerous prestigious National and International Amateur events, and golfing champion Peter Alliss has rated the 9th hole in his dream 18 holes of golf. Twilight green fees and memberships are available. Enjoy the club's hospitality after your game. Please check availability well in advance.

T: 01722 782356 www.highpostgolfclub.co.uk

Cholderton Charlie's Farm

Cholderton Rare Breeds Farm and Rabbit World offer a fun, countryside adventure for all of the family. The Farm boasts many different rare breeds, in addition to the infamous "Pork Stakes" pig racing, tractor rides, nature trail, the chance to stroke and feed the animals and much, much more!

T: 01980 629438
www.choldertoncharliesfarm.co.uk

Heale House and Gardens

Heale House is set within eight acres of beautiful garden, adjacent to the tranquil River Avon at Middle Woodford, just South of Amesbury. Much of the house is unchanged since King Charles II hid here during the Civil War in 1651, and lies on the route of the Monarchs Way National Trail that traces his flight across the south. The coffee shop allows you to enjoy refreshments whilst overlooking the beautiful Avon valley.

Open: February to October - Wednesday to Sunday and Bank Holidays.
T: 01722 782504 www.healegarden.co.uk

Old Sarum

The great earthwork of Old Sarum stands near Salisbury on the edge of Wiltshire's chalk plains. Its mighty ramparts were raised in about 500 BC by Iron Age people, and later occupied by the Romans, the Saxons and, most importantly, the Normans. The site is most famous as the location where William the Conqueror paid off his troops in 1070 and, in 1086, where he summoned all the great landowners of England to swear an oath of loyalty. Guided tours available.

T: 01722 335398 www.english-heritage.org.uk/oldsarum

Great Bustard Group

The Great Bustard is a magnificent bird that, until 1832, was native to the British Isles and was particularly common on Salisbury Plain. The Great Bustard is the heaviest flying species of bird.

The UK reintroduction was licensed in 2003 and the first of ten annual releases began in 2004. Enjoying a guided tour of the GBC release site is a sure way of seeing a Great Bustard and a perfect opportunity to enjoy the spectacular scenery and wildlife of Salisbury Plain.

By prior arrangement T: 07817 971 327 www.greatbustard.com

Skydiving at Netheravon

For those looking for an exhilarating experience, why not put yourself on Cloud Nine and book a skydive at nearby Netheravon Parachute Centre? Enjoy the unrestricted view of the vast rolling chalk downs, seemingly endless arable fields, and wild grassland. Fly your canopy to a soft touchdown, after enjoying a breathtaking view of Salisbury Plain.

Feel free to contact us for more details, and speak to one of our instructors.

T: 07747 114602 E: rickriggery@aol.com

Salisbury City

Only 8 miles south of Amesbury is the beautiful medieval city of Salisbury, the cathedral boasts Britain's tallest spire. Inside the Cathedral is the best preserved original Magna Carta (1215) and the oldest working clock in Europe. Salisbury is a delightful historical city with a vibrant, modern culture and a lively heart.

Museum of Army Flying

Historic helicopters, aeroplanes, kites and gliders, dioramas, exhibits and displays, all telling the story of "soldiers in the air" from late 19th century balloons to the present day and attack helicopters. Plus simulator, 1940's House, Rifle Ranges, Children's Centre, Gift Shop, Cinema, Licensed Café with airfield views, Picnic Area and Plenty of Parking! On the A343, between Andover and Salisbury; right next door to a busy working airfield!

T: 01264 784421 www.flyingmuseum.org.uk

Thruxton Circuit

Thruxton Circuit is the fastest racetrack in the UK. Visits from all the top UK championships and a racing school with the largest fleet of supercars in Europe, make it a great place to visit. Alongside the main circuit is the UK's premier outdoor kart and 4x4 centre.

T: 01264 882222 www.thruxtonracing.co.uk

Larkhill Point to Point

Fun for all of the family...enjoy a day horse racing at the Larkhill Point to Point race course. Meetings take place January to May. The course is found just northwest of Amesbury on Salisbury Plain, easily reached off the A303 or A345.

www.pointtopoint.co.uk

Longleat

Longleat is a wonderland of attractions just waiting to be explored! The star of BBC's hugely popular Animal Park series invites you to discover some of the world's most magnificent animals in the UK's first Safari Park. Get lost in the Longleat Hedge Maze, voyage on the Safari Boats, journey on the Longleat Railway, discover the treasures and priceless heirlooms within Longleat House and much much more! Open daily Easter to end of October.

T: 01985 844400 www.longleat.co.uk

Avebury Stone Circles

Avebury rivals Stonehenge as the largest, most impressive and complex prehistoric site in Britain. Built and altered over many centuries from about 2850 BC to 2200 BC, it now appears as a huge circular bank and ditch, enclosing an area of 28.5 acres (11.5 hectares), including part of Avebury village. Within this 'henge' ditch is an inner circle of great standing stones, enclosing two more stone circles, each with a central feature.

Avebury Stone Circle, West Kennet Avenue and Long Barrow, The Sanctuary and Windmill Hill are managed by The National Trust on behalf of English Heritage.

T: 01672 539250
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/avebury



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