

Salisbury – The Walking Friendly City

Salisbury is compact and easy to get around on foot. While walking one can appreciate its many historic buildings and enjoy the rivers, water meadows and parks. The rivers are of international importance and home to an abundance of wildlife. A short walk from the city centre takes you into the countryside to enjoy Salisbury's landscape setting with views over the city. You can visit Old Sarum or relax in meadows of wildflowers and listen to skylarks.

Get Walking in Salisbury

Use this map to explore the city and its surroundings on foot. Follow the green routes to discover pleasant walks into the city to work, to shop or to find safe routes to school. Most routes are buggy and wheelchair accessible.

Choose the shorter Doorstep Walks to explore the city or a take a brisk lunchtime breath of fresh air.

Build up your fitness by following the longer routes into the surrounding countryside.

Why Walk?



Walking your way to health

Walking is considered the best form of physical exercise and is a fantastic mood enhancer. It reduces the risk of heart disease, helps to prevent diabetes, osteoporosis, obesity and much, much more. It's also fun, free and accessible.

Walking to school

Children who walk, arrive at school more alert and ready to learn. Active children become active adults so giving long term health benefits.

Use the map to find the best routes to your school.

Help children to get to know their local area and learn pedestrian skills so that when they start walking alone they are better prepared.

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Pick up a copy of this map and general enquiries:

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The Council House, Bourne Hill www.wiltshire.gov.uk
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Salisbury Information Centre 01722 342860
Fish Row www.salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk
Salisbury SP1 1EJ visitorinfo@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk

Useful website for local accommodation and attractions
www.visitsalisbury.com

Report pavement, lighting and rights of way problems:

MyWilts can be used as a way to report non-urgent issues to Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council Highways 0300 456 0105
www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywilts-online-reporting

Service to aid people with walking difficulties get about in Salisbury City Centre:

Salisbury Shopmobility 01722 328068
Maltings Car Park shopmobility@salisburycitycouncil.gov.uk
Malthouse Lane
Salisbury SP2 7TL
Open: Mon-Sat 9.30am – 5pm by appointment only

Harnham, Cathedral and Britford Walks

Start point: Guildhall Square for all walks

Walk 1a: Town Path, Harnham, Cathedral Close – 2 miles

See: Gardens, 'Constable's views', watermeadows, historic buildings

- 1 Walk along the south side of the **Market Square**, go between buildings to the **Poultry Cross** and turn R. Cross the High St into Bridge St then turn L beside the river. Turn R over Crane Bridge, cross the road and take the path beside the **River Avon** through **Queen Elizabeth Gardens**. Cross a footbridge, turn L and follow the path to another bridge over the **River Nadder** signed **Town Path**.
- 2 Follow the path across watermeadows to reach the **Old Mill Hotel**. Turn L into the recreation ground by the river and walk diagonally R to reach Harnham Rd, turn L and walk along the main road.
- 3 Turn L down Harnham Rd, cross **St Nicholas Bridge** and turn L into De Vaux Place * to enter the **Cathedral Close** through the **Harnham Gate**. Take the footpath past the west front of the Cathedral to the **High Street Gate** to return to the City Centre.
[* For a longer walk follow directions for Walk 1b]

Walk 1b: Churchill Gardens, St Ann Street, Cathedral Close Walks 1a and 1b – 3 miles

- 1 From * in section 3 of Walk 1a continue along St Nicholas Rd, before the roundabout cross over to path opposite, walk to the river and under the road bridge into **Churchill Gardens**. Go past the Sea Cadet HQ and follow the path by the river. After crossing a stream go R to reach Southampton Rd, then L to cross at the pedestrian crossing, to Wiltshire College.
- 2 Turn R, and walk round to the back of the building to a footpath through **St Martin's churchyard**. Walk along St Martin's Church St then take the ramp to the underpass. On emerging from this, turn L up the slope to reach **St Ann St**, with its many historic buildings.
- 3 Keep on the left hand pavement to Exeter St, use the pedestrian crossings to enter the **Cathedral Close** through **St Ann's Gate**. Walk along North Walk and turn R to the **High Street Gate** to return to the City Centre.

Walk 1c: Churchfield's, Broken Bridges, Town Path – 3.5 miles
See: Tranquil riverside, Cathedral views, rural meadows

- 1 Follow section 1 of walk 1(a). Continue on footpath signed Churchfields to Mill Rd, turn L into Churchfields Rd and L again into Stevenson Rd. Look out for a grass path on the L leading to the river. Follow this beautiful stretch of the **River Nadder**, the path can be muddy in wet weather.
- 2 When you reach the Canoe Club building on the riverbank leave the river and walk along the road, turn L onto Brunel Rd and L again at Lower Rd. Continue on the same side of the road along a section with no pavement and turn L onto a footpath, this is the **Broken Bridges Path**.
- 3 The path crosses numerous small bridges. After the arched bridge, turn L onto a track known as **Gypsy Lane**. At the road, go straight

on along Middle St. [It is worth making a diversion into **Middle Street Meadow** on the left to visit the pond and wetland area.] Return to the road and at the **Town Path** turn L past the Old Mill Hotel, follow the path across the watermeadows back to the start.

Walk 1d: Harnham Hill, Shaftesbury Drove, East Harnham meadows, Britford Village – 5.25 or 7 miles including Britford Village
See: Woodland, meadows, wildflowers, landscape views



- 1 [Follow sections 1 and 2 of Walk 1a] On leaving the recreation ground cross at the lights, turn R, then L through a gap at the start of the hedge. Cross grass and go up the road opposite, Parsonage Green, onto a gravel track to reach a footpath at the bottom of the wooded area of **Harnham Slope**.
- 2 Turn R, ignore paths on the right and left and go straight on, the path climbs gently up the slope. At the top turn sharp L onto a narrow path to a **viewpoint with picnic table**. Continue until you reach a path on the right, the **Avon Valley Path**, turn R and walk uphill then down to a T-junction. Turn R and when this meets a wide track turn L to the main Blandford Rd.
- 3 Cross with care to the path opposite, this is an ancient green lane. *The fields on the left have wide grassy margins; although not public rights of way, many people use this area for walking, with lovely views over the countryside and city.* Continue along the Drove, between hedges to reach Odstock Rd.
- 4 Cross over, turn L until you see a public footpath sign, turn R into the field and continue in the same direction inside the field as far as the trees. Turn R to the end of the tree line, go downhill to the main Downton Rd and turn R. Take care here as no footpath and cross the entrance to the Park & Ride site. Cross the main road at the lights and walk down Lower Rd to **Britford Village**.
- 5 [To visit the village and the church, follow the roads and paths marked on the map.] To return to the city, turn L from Lower Rd onto the brideway beside a bench. Continue along the lane, at the main road turn R across the grass. After the bridge go down towards the river, turn sharp R under the bridge, at the road cross over and turn L to De Vaux Place. Return to the city through the Cathedral Close as in section 3 of Walk 1(a).

Avon Valley, Old Sarum and Bishopdown Walks

Start point: Guildhall Square for all walks

Walk 2a: Riverside Path, Avon Valley Nature Reserve – 2.5 miles
See: River Avon, wildlife, historic park, Salisbury Arts Centre

- 1 Cross the **Market Square** to the Library and walk through Market Walk, turn R and follow the **Riverside Path**, this is a shared use footpath and cycleway. After going under the railway and road bridges you come to a road, cross to the footpath opposite and turn R on a footbridge over the river.
- 2 Turn immediately L onto a gravel path before reaching the **Five Rivers Leisure Centre**. Keep beside the river or walk up to the top of the slope for views of Old Sarum and to see wildflowers in summer. This area is part of the **Avon Valley Nature Reserve**. The path curves right and leads to a paved path.
- 3 Turn R, walk as far as the allotments then turn L and walk up to a T-junction, cross over, turn R and enter **Victoria Park**. Keep the hedge on your right and walk to the main gate. Cross Castle Rd at the lights, turn R, then L and cross over into Victoria Rd, walk along to the footbridge over the Ring Road.
- 4 Cross the railway bridge, go straight ahead to the end of Marlborough Rd cross road and walk along Swaynes Close. Continue along the 'No-through road', to a car park and go slightly left to a gap in the wall to reach **Salisbury Arts Centre**, usually open for exhibitions and refreshments. Go along a path to a gate, cross the road to St Edmunds Church St, take the second R into Winchester St to return to the Guildhall.

Walk 2b: Old Sarum – 4 miles (there is an option to return by bus)
See: Ancient Monument

- 1 [Follow sections 1 and 2 of Walk 2a] At the paved path turn L and continue to the road. Cross over, turn R, then go straight ahead up a gravel road leading to a track, **The Portway**. Part way along you will pass the site of the historic **William Pitt Stone**. Continue along the path until it bears right then go straight ahead through a gap in the hedge. Follow the hedge on left then turn L onto a path. Go through two gates to reach the access road to **Old Sarum Castle**. [It is possible to walk round the earth works with extensive views over the city and surrounding countryside or go into the central grassy area to explore the ruins of the first Cathedral and the Castle.]
- 2 On leaving the ancient monument retrace your steps. To catch the bus go straight ahead to Castle Rd. To walk turn R though the gates and back across the field. Go down steps with handrail to **Hudson's Field**. Walk diagonally left to reach the gate onto Castle Rd and turn R. Walk past two mini-roundabouts until you reach **Victoria Park**. Keeping the hedge on your left walk to the main gate. [From here follow the route for Walk 2a from the last sentence in section 3.]

Walk 2c: Stratford-sub-Castle and Bishopdown – 5 miles

See: Riverside and wildlife, views over the City and Laverstock Down

- 1 [Follow section 1 of Walk 2a] At the wooden bridge do not cross but continue straight ahead along a gravel path. After a small bridge, keep to the edge of the river and continue on a boardwalk along the bank. This area of reed-beds and meadows is part of the **Avon Valley Nature Reserve**.
- 2 In summer keep straight on along the riverbank, then bear L to reach a kissing gate onto a gravel path and turn R. In wet weather turn L along the boardwalk to the end and turn R along the gravel path. Follow the path beside a field and at a path junction, turn R and cross the footbridge over the River Avon. Continue straight ahead to Stratford Rd, turn R, cross the road and continue to the thatched houses, turn L onto footpath and follow this path uphill with **Old Sarum** ahead of you.



- 3 At the top turn R through a gate into a field, keep the hedge on your left and go through another gate. [To visit **Old Sarum** bear left along the hedge and follow the route at the end of section 1 of Walk 2b] Otherwise turn R down steps onto a track, **The Portway**. Turn L to Castle Rd, cross over at the traffic island and walk up Old Castle Rd.
- 4 As the road bends left take the footpath R and continue along a gravel path with views over the city. When the path passes between high hedges, go through an opening on the L onto **Bishopdown** with views over Laverstock. [This area is to become a **Country Park** after which there will be further opportunities for walking across the downs.]
- 5 Continue in the same direction keeping the hedge on your right to reach the road. Walk straight on along Bishopdown Rd into St Marks Avenue, after crossing an unmade road take a footpath up to the R which then descends to a footbridge over the Ring Road.
- 6 After crossing the bridge take the first L, cross over into Queens Rd to walk across a recreation area to reach **Bourne Hill Gardens**. Walk straight ahead past the Council Offices and turn R past the **Salisbury Arts Centre**, cross the road and walk along St Edmunds Church St, take the second R into Winchester St to return to the Guildhall Square.

Milford and Laverstock Walks

Start point: Guildhall Square for all walks

Walk 3a: Milford Hollow, Whitebridge Spinney, River Bourne Community Farm – 2.75 miles

See: Riverside, woodland, farm animals and wildlife

- 1 Walk along Queen St, with the side of the Guildhall on your right, turn L into Milford St and walk straight on under the Ring Road, pausing to look at the **mural**, before going up the left side of Milford Hill.
- 2 At the top take the right fork, pass Godolphin School and immediately turn L into **Milford Hollow**. On reaching the road cross over and continue along Milford Mill Rd, cross **Milford Bridge** then bear left ahead into Queen Manor Rd.
- 3 Take the first L into Riverbourne Rd. Before the end of the road turn L onto a path leading to a boardwalk through **Whitebridge Spinney** following the **River Bourne**. Continue along the path by the river to Riverside Rd, cross over, turn L over the bridge and take the first R into Cow Lane.



This is the **River Bourne Community Farm**, a traditional farm in the heart of the community. Stop at the **Farm Shop** for information, leaflets on the **Farm Trails** and refreshments in summer.

- 4 Continue along Cow Lane, go under the railway bridge(s), the next section can be wet after rain. At the main road, turn L to the roundabout, cross at the lights, then cross St Mark's Avenue to access the underpass. Take the exit to City Centre, cross over the road and continue L, take the second R into College St, then L at the bottom of the hill by the grassed area.
- 5 Walk a short distance then turn L, into **Bourne Hill Gardens**, turn R beside the Wiltshire Council Offices and walk around the building. Enjoy the garden and sculptured seating before passing through an opening in the wall to reach **Salisbury Arts Centre**, which is usually open for exhibitions and refreshments. Walk along a path to go through a small gate, cross the road to St Edmunds Church St and take the second R into Winchester St to return to the Guildhall Square.

Walk 3b: Duck Lane, Petersfinger, Laverstock Down, River Bourne Community Farm – (i) 4.25 miles or (ii) 4.75 / 6.25 miles
See: Rural footpaths, downland flowers, city views

There are two alternative routes given to reach Laverstock Down –

(i) 4.25 miles

- 1 [Follow sections 1 and 2 of Walk 3a] Continue straight on up Queen Manor Road. Immediately after Potters Way, turn L along a brideway. Immediately after the **Duck Inn** turn R up the brideway, go through the right hand kissing gate onto **Laverstock Down**. *This is open access land where you are free to roam.*
- 2 Follow the grassy path with the hedge on your left until you reach a kissing gate on the left, go through and follow the track between arable fields. *The fields on the left are managed by the River Bourne Community Farm with traditional crops and wildflowers.*
- 3 At the bottom of the track cross Church Rd, turn R then immediately L along the **Bishopdown cycleway**. Cross over the river and just before the railway bridge, turn L through a gate and kissing gate into the River Bourne Community Farm. Follow the path ahead, bear R though the kissing gate and bear L along the gravel path to the farm entrance. *On reaching the road, either follow steps 1-3 of Walk 3a in reverse or:*

- 4 Turn R under the railway bridge and cross with care, to the right hand side of Kelsey Rd. The road goes uphill, then down. At the bottom of the hill bear R to the underpass into the **Greencroft**. Go straight ahead across the green, cross to Salt Lane, turn L into St Edmunds Church St, then R into Winchester St to return to the Guildhall Square.

(ii) 4.75 miles or 6.25 miles to include Cockey Down

- 1 [Follow sections 1 and 2 of Walk 3a] Continue straight on up Queen Manor Road. Immediately after Potters Way turn R, along a narrow brideway. Follow the path until it has gone up a slight incline then turn L up a steeper incline and follow the level footpath until you reach a small road. [This is where the **Clarendon Way** long distance footpath to Winchester crosses the route]
- 2 Cross to a track almost opposite and after a few metres turn L onto a narrow path which climbs between high hedges and trees. On reaching a kissing gate on the R go through this onto **Laverstock Down**. Walk downhill and to the right to reach the kissing gate in section 2 of Walk 3b(i).
- 3 If you have time for a longer walk, then continue R along the path which climbs fairly steeply across Laverstock Down to reach a clump of trees on the brow of the hill. After this the path drops down to **Cockey Down**, a **Wiltshire Wildlife Trust Reserve**. Retrace your steps, enjoying glorious views over the city and wildflowers in summer, to the kissing gate. [Continue the walk from section 2 in Walk 3b(i)].

Bemerton Heath Walks

Start point: Bemerton Heath Centre, Pinewood Way

Walk 4a: Folly Walk – 0.75 miles
See: Woodland, wildlife

- 1 From the Bemerton Centre turn L and go straight ahead to **Bemerton Folly Local Nature Reserve**. Follow the tarmac path a short way and where another path joins from the right and the path curves left turn L and take a small path through the woods for a circular walk.
- 2 As you get near the top end of the wood, close to two houses, turn sharp R. There are lots of paths to choose from but keep bearing right and eventually you will reach the tarmac path again. Turn R and follow this to return to the Bemerton Heath Centre.

Walk 4b: Playground Trail – 1.25 miles
See: Open grass areas, quiet lane and 3 play areas to enjoy on the way

- 1 Cross the road in front of the Centre to **Pinewood Green** and walk to the play area. Continue downhill along the edge of the woods to Westwood Rd. Cross over at the crossing point and go through the trees to the next play area.
- 2 Continue downhill across **Harlequin and Castle Park**, with lovely views across the valley, cross the access road to the Football Ground and down to the third play area. Climb up the slope again and walk along beside the fence past the football ground and allotments.
- 3 Go through a gap in the hedge to **Penning Rd** and turn R. Walk up the lane until you reach the entrance road to **Sarum Academy**. Turn R, walk down to Westwood Rd, cross over and turn R again, then L into Pinewood Way to return to the Bemerton Heath Centre.

Walk 4c: Bemerton Heath to Five Rivers Leisure Centre – 2 miles
See: Woodland, riverside, valley views

- 1 [Walk to the **Folly** as in Walk 4a] Keep on the tarmac path through the woods, walk down the road to a T-junction and turn L. Turn R down St Michael's Rd keeping to the left hand side, cross The Valley and take the footpath uphill through a wooded area to reach the Devizes Rd.
- 2 Cross over and walk down the steep path opposite. At the bottom of the hill turn R and follow this path to where it bends left. From here, either take the boardwalk along the river or the path beside the allotments to reach the recreation ground.
- 3 Go straight ahead across the grass and follow the river bank, cross the footbridge to reach the **Leisure Centre** or go straight on to walk into the city centre. To return by bus walk along Ashley Rd to Devizes Rd or to walk back retrace your steps the way you came.



Wilton Walks

Start point: Wilton Market Place

Walk 5a: Flouse Hole, Ugford, Bulbridge – 0.8 miles or 3 miles
See: Nature reserve, river, valley views

- 1 Walk up North Street to Castle Lane, turn L into **Castle Meadows**. Walk diagonally left to the river and cross a footbridge into **Flouse Hole Nature Reserve**, walk beside the river and cross another bridge to St John's Square. For the short walk turn L along West St to return to the start, or turn R and R again into Ditchampton Rd.
- 2 After the railway bridge, cross the road and walk up **The Hollows**. The road bends sharp right and becomes a track lined by large beech trees leading to Grovely Woods. Take the lower, left hand track and turn L through a gap in the trees. The path doubles back downhill along a zig-zag path at the edge of fields, with lovely views over the Nadder Valley.
- 3 At the bottom turn R then L over the railway and R through a gate into a field. Go straight ahead across the field then downhill to a kissing gate onto Shaftesbury Rd. Cross with care to a footpath opposite, go past a house and downhill to the **River Nadder**.
- 4 Cross into a field, go through a gate in the hedge on L and continue in the same direction to another gate onto a lane. On reaching the road turn L through **Bulbridge** and L again into South Street to return to the Market Place.

Walk 5b: Grovely Woods – 4+ miles
See: Woods, bluebells

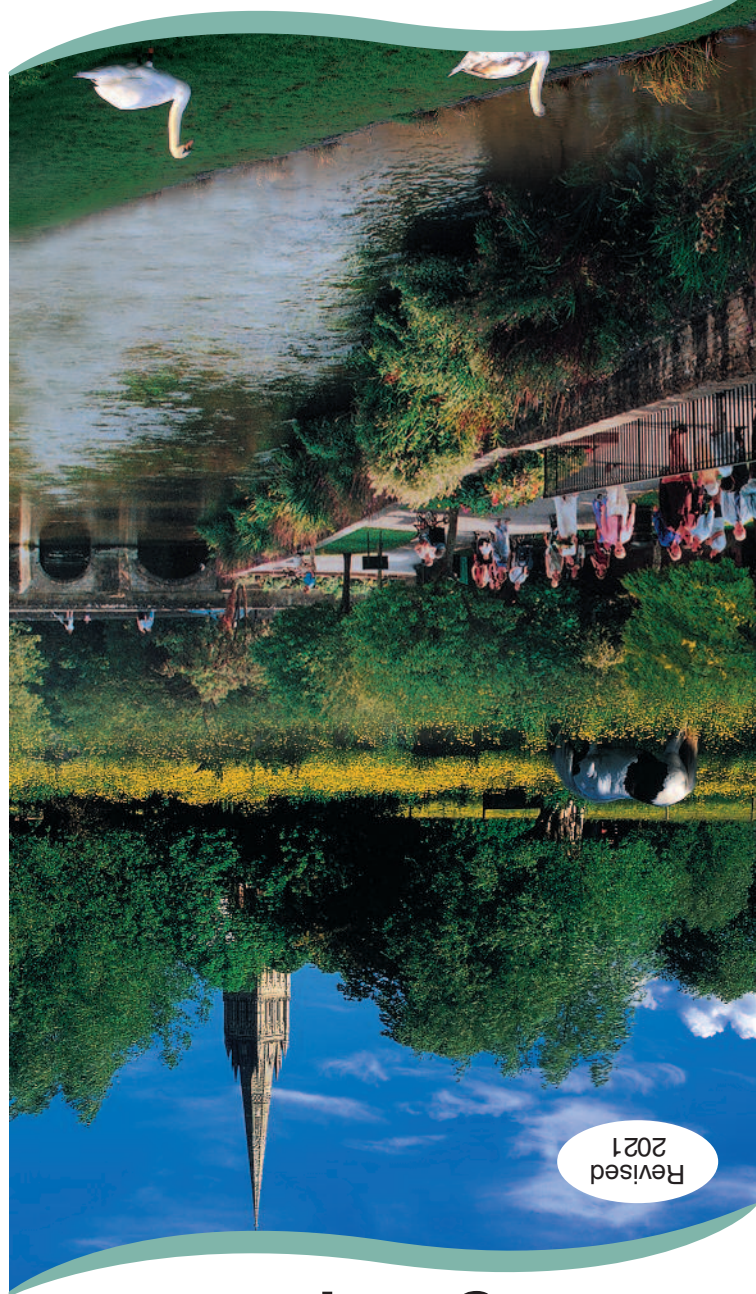
- 1 [Follow section 1 of Walk 5a] After the railway bridge cross over and take a brideway which climbs uphill to reach the track leading to **Grovely Woods**. Turn R and after passing farm buildings on your left the track splits into three, take the R fork between hedges which leads to a wide avenue, **Broad Drive**.
- 2 Grovely Woods is open access land so you can wander where you will, although many of the paths can be very wet in winter. Retrace your steps down the beech avenue to return to the town.



Walk 5c: Wilton to Salisbury – 4.75 miles

- 1 Walk along South Street and uphill beside **Wilton Estate** wall to a gravel road. Turn L and follow this to the next road, turn L, then R to a small road opposite and walk down to the main road, turn R and cross with care to the road through **Netherhampton village**.
- 2 At the main road turn L, then almost immediately L again into a field. Take the footpath diagonally R across the field to a small bridge. The legal path goes diagonally across the next field but most walkers turn L and follow the field edge to the corner. Go through a gap and turn R along a footpath between trees.
- 3 Keep straight on along the track, **Gypsy Lane** to reach Middle St. You have now joined the route for Walk 1c; follow the directions at the end of section 3.

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Salisbury & Wilton Walking Map

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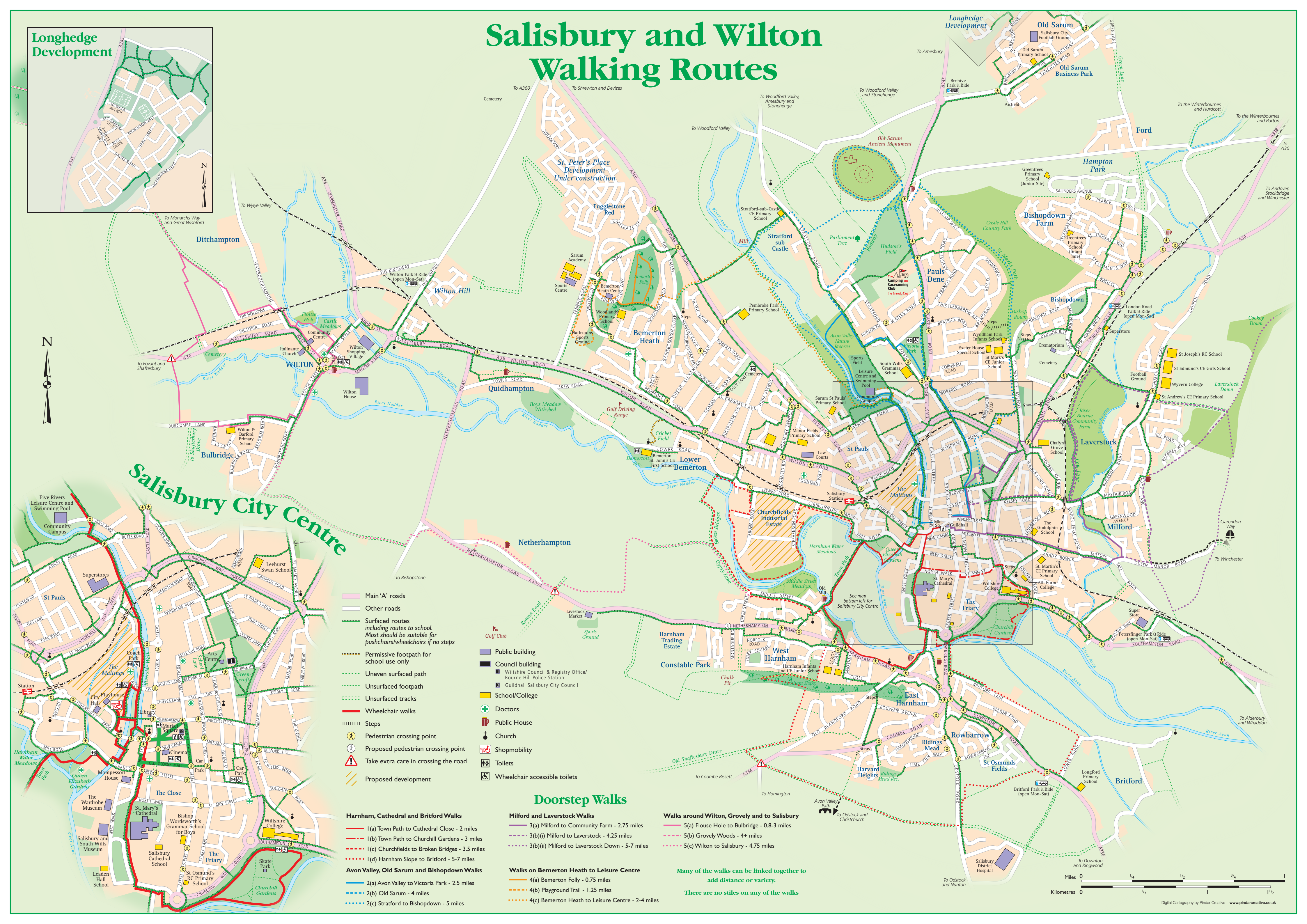
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Salisbury and Wilton Walking Routes



- Main 'A' roads
- Other roads
- Surfaced routes including routes to school. Most should be suitable for pushchairs/wheelchairs if no steps
- Permissive footpath for school use only
- Uneven surfaced path
- Unsurfaced footpath
- Unsurfaced tracks
- Wheelchair walks
- Steps
- Pedestrian crossing point
- Proposed pedestrian crossing point
- Take extra care in crossing the road
- Proposed development
- Public building
- Council building
- Wiltshire Council & Registry Office/ Bourne Hill Police Station
- Guildhall Salisbury City Council
- School/College
- Doctors
- Public House
- Shopmobility
- Toilets
- Wheelchair accessible toilets

- ### Harnham, Cathedral and Britford Walks
- 1(a) Town Path to Cathedral Close - 2 miles
 - 1(b) Town Path to Churchill Gardens - 3 miles
 - 1(c) Churchfields to Broken Bridges - 3.5 miles
 - 1(d) Harnham Slope to Britford - 5-7 miles
- ### Avon Valley, Old Sarum and Bishopdown Walks
- 2(a) Avon Valley to Victoria Park - 2.5 miles
 - 2(b) Old Sarum - 4 miles
 - 2(c) Stratford to Bishopdown - 5 miles
- ### Milford and Laverstock Walks
- 3(a) Milford to Community Farm - 2.75 miles
 - 3(b)(i) Milford to Laverstock - 4.25 miles
 - 3(b)(ii) Milford to Laverstock Down - 5-7 miles
- ### Walks on Bemerton Heath to Leisure Centre
- 4(a) Bemerton Folly - 0.75 miles
 - 4(b) Playground Trail - 1.25 miles
 - 4(c) Bemerton Heath to Leisure Centre - 2.4 miles

- ### Walks around Wilton, Grovely and to Salisbury
- 5(a) Flouse Hole to Bulbridge - 0.8-3 miles
 - 5(b) Grovely Woods - 4+ miles
 - 5(c) Wilton to Salisbury - 4-7.5 miles

Many of the walks can be linked together to add distance or variety.

There are no stiles on any of the walks

