

THE GREAT STONES WAY

Avebury, Stonehenge and Salisbury

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This guidebook describes The Great Stones Way, a 36-mile walk through the Wiltshire Downs from Barbury Castle south of Swindon to Old Sarum north of Salisbury. It offers extensions at both start and finish, as well as route variants, giving walkers the opportunity to explore an additional 15 miles of English countryside.

The walk is divided into 6 stages with each stage ranging from 4 to 11 miles. Each stage end coincides with car parking and accommodation facilities, allowing for a flexible itinerary and giving walkers the option to combine stages.

Passing through countryside adorned with significant historical sites and relics from ages past, The Great Stones Way offers myriad delights. The world-famous Stonehenge, can be reached using the route variant in Stage 5. The equally enchanting Avebury henge can be accessed during Stage 2 of the walk.

Route descriptions are accompanied by 1:50,000 OS mapping. Also included is a route summary table, information about facilities on route, and maps for Avebury henge and Stonehenge.

Key marketing points

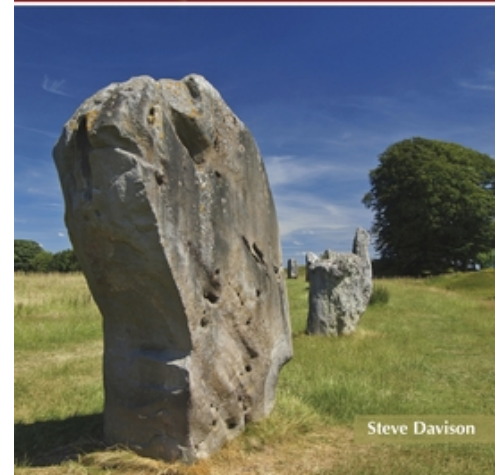
- Links the Ridgeway National Trail with the major archaeological sites of Wiltshire and Salisbury
- Can be walked in a long weekend
- Nearly half a million visitors to Stonehenge each year

About the author

Steve Davison is a writer and photographer who has lived in Berkshire for over 25 years. He has written a number of books as well as articles for magazines and national and local newspapers, specialising in hill-walking and UK and European travel, and counts nature, geology and the countryside among his particular interests. A keen hill-walker for many years, and a Mountain Leader, Steve has also worked as a part-time outdoor education instructor. He is also a member of the Outdoor Writers and Photographers Guild.

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