

## Salisbury Club Site – Old Sarum and River Loop

Camping and Caravanning



### Route Summary

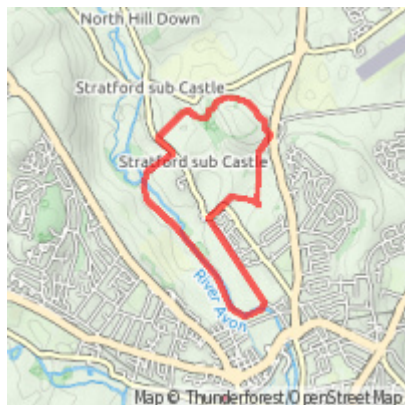
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### Route Overview

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Category: Walking

Length: 5.920 km / 3.70 mi

Last Modified: 10th November 2017

Difficulty: Medium

Rating: ★★★★★

Surface: Undefined

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### Description

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## Waypoints

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**1** (51.08624; -1.80181)



Exit the campsite via the main entrance and you can see Old Sarum up ahead across the field. The field is publicland, so you're free to cross it at whatever angle you prefer, but aim to go roughly diagonally right.

**2** (51.09047; -1.80188)



At the end of the field, go up a slight bank between benches and cross a Tarmac path. Take one of several gaps in the hedge and into a meadow behind. Again aim diagonally right to cross the meadow, going towards the sound of the road.

**3** (51.09186; -1.80024)



Join the stony path leading to the corner of the meadow and on exiting turn left on a clear path. You soon go through another gate, signed 'Castle', and from here you're free to explore the grounds of Old Sarum whichever way you like. The road you soon come to leads directly to the central hub of the site, though there's a £5.30 fee (at time of writing) to enter. One rewarding option is to begin on the outside and spiral into the centre.

**4** (51.09290; -1.80098)





To explore the site from the outside in, cross the road, angle right and take the first gate on the left, on to the site itself. After a short sharp climb, follow either of the raised banks (we chose the higher one here) around the site, as huge views open up of the green Wiltshire countryside.

**5** (51.09396; -1.80768)



Continue round until you reach a gap in the bank. It's a good chance to explore the ruins you can see nearby or even visit the centre of Old Sarum. But if you've seen enough for now, head down to meet a path and turn right. Then soon turn left on a path on a lower rampart.

**6** (51.09370; -1.80826)





Take a right, going downhill on a path towards a gate. After the gate continue downhill on obvious path.

**7** (51.09331; -1.80977)

Go through a gate and turn right.

**8** (51.09391; -1.81084)



At the next junction turn left and downhill. At the bottom of the lane, when you reach the village, turn left.

**9** (51.09041; -1.81273)



Turn right down Mill Lane (signposted).

**10** (51.08894; -1.81609)

Swing left as the lane becomes a Tarmac path.

**11** (51.08787; -1.81669)



Go over a pretty bridge and turn left through a fence immediately after. Then weave right to take obvious path heading towards Salisbury Cathedral on the horizon. The path soon becomes duckboards for a spell, along this pretty section of river.

**12** (51.07781; -1.80141)



Just after a play park, go left over a small bridge. Follow the Tarmac and cross the road in front of the Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre and take the cycle path to the left. We're following this path for a full kilometre, so ignore all sidepaths.

**13** (51.08520; -1.80822)





When you reach a road, turn right.

**14** (51.08614; -1.80655)



Aim to cross the road before the beautiful thatched cottage as the sharp bend in front of it makes crossing risky. Take the leafy lane behind the cottage, The Portway.

**15** (51.08693; -1.80535)



Pretty soon after, go right, by a gate, into the big field adjacent to the campsite. Simply head straight across to reach





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