

Salisbury Club Site Water Meadow / Cathedral walk

Camping and Caravanning

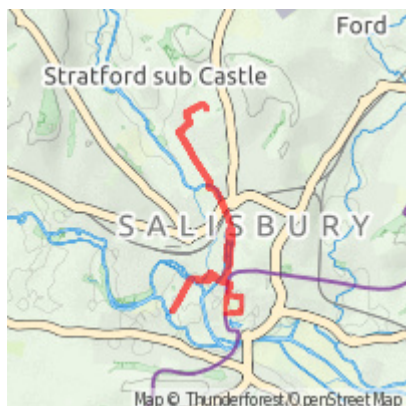


Route Summary



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Route Overview



Category: Walking

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Smooth

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Difficulty: Easy

Length: 8.480 km / 5.30 mi

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The going is relatively easy, using well-marked paths and pavement. The walk brings you close to Salisbury city centre should you wish to seek out refreshment en route.

Waypoints

1 Salisbury Club Site

(51.08611; -1.80174)



Leave the site via the main gate and turn left through Hudson's Field along the footpath. Pass through the gateway at the bottom of the field and turn left along Stratford Road. Then take the second turn on your right into Hathaway Close. At the end of this road, take the path that appears straight ahead between the houses.

2 Cycle Route 45

(51.08362; -1.80659)

Turn left on to National Cycle Route 45 to the city centre. Follow it past the leisure centre and go across the centre's approach road, and then over a bridge. Turn left here continuing to follow signs for Cycle Route 45 / City Centre. Cross over Ashley Road and continue on the footpath under the bridge, then crossing Mill Stream Approach.

3 The Maltings

(51.07266; -1.79815)



Carry on following the footpath to Riverside Walk and then The Maltings, next to a large car park. At the far end of the car park go around The Mill pub and cross Bridge Street following the path down the side of the King's Head Inn.

4 Queen Elizabeth Gardens

(51.06767; -1.79926)



At the end of the path turn right on to Crane Street. At Crane Bridge Road turn left through the car park into Queen Elizabeth Gardens. Follow the path to 'Town Path / Harnham Water Meadows'.

5 Harnham Water Meadows

(51.06444; -1.80766)



Once you reach the apex point of the walk, turn and admire the view back across the Water Meadows to the city, complete with one of the most iconic views of the 13th century cathedral. Salisbury Cathedral has had the tallest church spire in the UK since the 16th century.

This view is also immortalised in the famous 1831 painting *Salisbury Cathedral from the Water Meadows* by John Constable.

When you're ready, retrace your last steps back to Queen Elizabeth Gardens.

6 On to the cathedral

(51.06856; -1.80108)

You can choose to take a slightly different route back through the gardens if you prefer. Once back at Crane Bridge Road, turn right and follow it into Crane Street, before turning right on to High Street. Follow this until you reach the cathedral square.

7 Salisbury Cathedral

(51.06610; -1.79813)



Our route skirts around the cathedral, so you can admire it from all angles. Visitors are welcome at most times throughout the year, and there is no entry fee, though donations are strongly encouraged. Afterwards, if desired, you can stop for refreshments at the popular Bell Tower tea rooms or the cathedral's own refectory. When you leave, retrace your steps back on to Crane Street again.

Back to base

(51.06760; -1.79927)

Turn right before the bridge to pick up your outbound route and follow the river closely back to the Five Rivers Leisure Centre. From here you can continue to retrace your outbound route back to the Club Site.

