

Paths for All

AVON & BOURNE



CIRCULAR WALK

EVERLEIGH PARISH BOUNDARY WALK

FULL VERSION: 9 MILES/14.6 KM
3 - 3.5 hours

SHORT VERSION: 6 MILES/10.5 KM
2 - 2.5 hours

Mixed forest and open grassland

UNSUITABLE FOR WHEELCHAIRS & BUGGIES

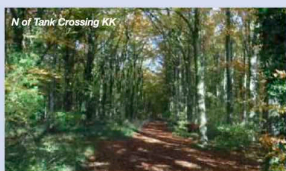


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One of a number of watercourses to bear the name (which of course means simply 'river'), the Salisbury or Hampshire Avon has two sources – one near Devizes, the other just east of Pewsey – which meet at Upavon and flow south through Enford and Netheravon, then via Amesbury and the Woodfords to Salisbury. To the east, and running roughly parallel from its source near Burbage, the River Bourne cuts through the chalk hills at Collingbourne Kingston, then south through Tidworth and the Winterbournes to meet its sister stream near Salisbury. There, along with the Nadder, Wylde, and Ebbel, the rivers combine and as the Avon flow on into the English Channel near Christchurch.

The coast lies many miles ahead of the waters that pass through our area. Here the two rivers are in their relative infancy, meandering gently past villages and water meadows, through soft drowsy valleys flanked by chalk hills and, to the west, the plateau of Salisbury Plain. Making full use of local knowledge and experience, this series of leaflets presents walks, carefully prepared to cater for a full range of capability and stamina, designed to show to full advantage the natural beauty, wildlife, history, and hidden aspects of this special area.

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This is an easy going walk in the NE corner of the MoD Salisbury Plain Training Area, following the Everleigh parish boundary and utilising the well maintained all weather tracks.

The terrain is a mix of forest and open grassland, with some lovely views. Please stick to the tank track in the vicinity of the Everleigh Drop Zone (DZ).

This walk follows an ancient ceremony dating back to Anglo-Saxon times, from the 5th Century, whereby parishioners would perambulate the parish boundary annually in order to:

- Know the boundary, for jurisdiction and ecclesiastical rights, eg for burials.
- Prevent encroachment, by neighbours.
- Conduct Rogation: blessing of the land by the clergy for harvest.

Dating from the Neolithic or Bronze Age (c4000BC), a henge is an earthenwork enclosing stones, wooden posts, mounds and/or burial pits. An example can be seen to the left of the tank track between the Start and Point 1

The Start Point is the Weatherhill Firs Car Park, 1km south of the A342 and Netheravon Road junction in Everleigh. There is ample parking.



Point 7 looking West

Top: Open area 300m NE of Point 4

Head east on the tank track past the 15mph sign. Follow the track round to the left and along the western perimeter of the Everleigh Drop Zone. After 1km turn right for 800m to Tank Crossing BB.

- 1 Cross the A342 and head NE along the tank track for 600m over the brow of a hill to Tank Crossing MM.
- 2 Cross Chicks Lane and head NW for 2.7km on the tank track along the eastern flank of the parish boundary with an embankment on your right, to Tank Crossing KK. Cross Marlborough Road here.
- 3 **Short route** Continue west along the tank track for 1.2km to a tank T junction, turn right to walk for 100m on the tank track, then turn left to rejoin the route at 7.
Long route At Tank Crossing KK head north on a good all weather track through the woods for 600m, to a final tank T junction. Turn left onto another all weather track and after 100m turn right to head NW on a grassy track for 400m to Marlborough Road.
- 4 Cross the road into Everleigh Ashes. After 100m turn right at a 4 way junction and follow the track for 200m. When you reach an open area where the track forks, take the left hand track and walk a further 400m as the track curves left and through woodland. At the T junction turn right, and then left after 100m with an open field to the left and woods on the right. Follow the track for 500m as it curves left and crosses the field to a 4 way junction: turn right and follow the track for 400m as it turns to the left back into the woods for a further 200m to a 4 way track junction.
- 5 Continue straight ahead along the track for 1km to a large green barn, turn right and after 100m cross the road at the T1 Tank Crossing.
- 6 Across Marlborough Road follow the tank track for 1.2km to a prominent tank track junction.
- 7 Turn right (left from the shorter route) and downhill along the tank track for 400m. Turn left at a public footpath sign and follow the grassy track for 300m through Lower Everleigh to the A342.
- 8 Cross the A342, turn right and then immediately left to Lower Everleigh Farm. Follow the Right of Way path through the farm and south on the track for 500m to a T junction. Turn right and continue on the tank track for 1km to a major four way track junction. Turn left for the Finish Area after 1.5km. Congratulations!