

ROUTES: 5(a) Wilton Town Centre 5(b) Ugford & Bulbridge 5(c) Grovely Woods

WALK DESCRIPTION 5(a) Distance 0.8 miles Wilton's Historic Centre – Flouse Hole

1. From the **Market Place** cross North Street, turn right and walk as far as Castle Lane, turn left and enter **Castle Meadows** recreation ground. Keep to the right, around the edge of the playing area to reach the river.
2. Turn left and follow the riverbank to reach the corner of the meadow where there is a gate and bridge across a weir into **Flouse Hole**. Here you can either keep to the gravel path along the river edge which will be dry in winter or follow the footpath across the water meadows.
3. Cross another bridge on your left over the river and along a short lane to **St John's Square**. [** Here walks 5(b) &(c) turn right.*] Turn left into West Street and return to the Market Place.

WALK DESCRIPTION 5(b) Distance 3 miles Nadder Valley Views – River Meadows – South Street

From **St John's Square** in section 3. walk 5(a) turn right and right again into Ditchampton Road. After the railway bridge cross the road and walk up The Hollows, continue past a sharp right hand bend until the road becomes a track lined by large beech trees. [For a shorter walk take a footpath on the left at the bend in the road, which follows the railway line]. Walk for about 5 minutes up the track looking out for a footpath sign on the left [**carry straight on for walk 5(c)*]. Turn left and walk down hill following the zig-zag path until you reach the railway line.

Turn right and after a short distance, left over the railway bridge and through a pedestrian gate into a field on your right. Walk diagonally across the field and through another gate at the main A30 Shaftesbury Road.

Cross this road with care to the footpath opposite. This area is **Ugford**. Continue along this path down to the **River Nadder**, cross the bridge into a field and keep the hedge on your left. Go through a kissing gate and then keep the hedge on your right and through another gate onto a farm track to reach Burcombe Lane.

Turn left, there is no pavement for a short distance, after which it will be necessary to cross the road a couple of times to keep to the pavement. On reaching a T-junction turn left, cross the road to the far side and continue down hill beside the Wilton estate wall, to cross the **River Nadder** and return to the Market Square.

WALK DESCRIPTION 5(c) Distance 4+ miles Beech Avenue – Woodland – Bluebells – Autumn Colours

As you turn into The Hollows, in the first paragraph of walk 5 (b), take a bridleway on the right . This climbs steeply up to reach the track leading to Grovely Woods. Continue uphill until you reach a track junction, take the right fork along a track between hedges to reach the wide, straight **Broad Drive** through **Grovely Woods**.

Once in the woods you are free to roam on a number of permissive paths. Please keep to those paths marked as having public access. At the far end of the broad Drive you can reach the long distance footpath **The Monarch's Way**. Retrace your steps down the beech avenue to return to the town.

ROUTES: 6 Wilton-Salisbury

WALK DESCRIPTION 6 Distance 4.75 miles

From Wilton Market Place cross at the lights and walk along South Street keeping to the left hand pavement, cross the River Nadder and continue uphill beside the **Wilton Estate** wall until you get to a gravel road. Turn left and follow this until you come to a road junction.

Turn left and cross with care to reach a small cut-through road on your right. On reaching the busy Netherhampton Road turn right and cross over with care to the road opposite, which turns left to go through **Netherhampton village**. Where this road rejoins the main road, turn left and enter a field on your left through a gate opposite the Golf Club road.

When you reach the end of the gardens of the houses on your right turn right, the legal path runs diagonally across the fields but walkers generally use the well-worn footpaths that follow the field boundaries. Cross into the next field on a small concrete bridge, again the legal footpath crosses diagonally left to reach the far corner of the field but walkers are often seen following the hedge to reach the tall trees and then turning right to the corner of the field. You can see the Cathedral spire in the distance. Pass through a gap in the hedge and continue in the same direction, the narrow path soon becomes a wider track, **Gypsy Lane**.

On reaching the road continue in the same direction along Middle Street and take the second turning left, the **Town Path**. Pass the Old Mill Hotel, cross the weir and follow the path across the water meadows to a bridge over the river. Turn right into **Queen Elizabeth Gardens** to reach the City centre.