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*The Clarendon Way is a long distance waymarked footpath in Hampshire and Wiltshire. It starts at Salisbury Cathedral near the River Avon and ends near the River Itchen at Winchester Cathedral. The route passes through the Clarendon Estate and close to the 12th century ruins of Clarendon Palace. It then passes through the villages Pitton, the Winterslows, Broughton and King's Somborne, Farley Mount Country Park and St Cross. It provides a route for Camino Pilgrims walking to Canterbury via Winchester who wish to start at Salisbury Cathedral.*

*The distance is 42 km (26 miles). It is best undertaken with an overnight stop at Broughton which gives a distance of 17.6 km (11 miles) of the first day and 24.4 km (15 miles) on the second day.*

### 1. **Salisbury Cathedral to Pitton 9.3 km (5.8 miles)**

- 1.1 Coming off the London train leave the station via the main exit, turn left with a car park on your right. At the mini roundabout, turn right to go south on Mill Road. Follow Mill Road round to the left, soon with Queen Elisabeth gardens on your left-hand side. At the next mini roundabout continue straight on into Crane Bridge Road. Cross over the River Avon into Crane Street and at the traffic lights turn right in to the High Street towards the Cathedral. Refreshments are available at the Bell Tower Tea Rooms or in The Cloisters on the south side of the Cathedral.
- 1.2 To commence the Clarendon Way, retrace your steps to the High Street, cross over the first set of traffic lights and then continue along the pedestrianised part of the High Street. At Waterstones turn right into New Canal (Road). Continue ignoring ways off, as this becomes Milford Street and crosses under the main A36 Churchill Way. Continue ahead up Mill Hill to a mini roundabout where you turn half right into Shady Bower (Road) and immediately left on to a footpath (Milford Hollow) to the right of the entrance to the Godolphin School. Continue along the footpath, over the railway to emerge at a road which you cross to continue ahead on Milford Mill Road. Just after a humpback bridge over a stream ignore the right fork and continue ahead into Queen Manor Road. In 600m pass a farm on the left (Old Sarum Way LDP joins the Clarendon Way from here) and in a further 300m where the road bends left continue ahead on a feint foot path your direction East.

1.3 In 400m a track joins from the left. Follow this track to the edge of the field and then through trees for 400m, then bear left and right with track and in a further 400m fork left off the track on a foot path through woods /plantation for 1.75 km to emerge in field where you bear right with path and pass through farm building. Continue with open fields on your left and woods on your right toward the village of Pitton. Turn right with the path just before the village and then at the road, turn left for 180m to a cross roads. If you want to stop for lunch at the Silver Plough turn right into White Hill, leaving the Clarendon Way. In 200m turn left on to The Green where the Silver Plough is on your left.

## **2. Pitton To Broughton 11.75 km (7.3 miles)**

2.1 Coming out of the pub turn left along The Green, in 200m the Clarendon Way joins from the left. Continue on The Green for 100m and then fork right on a sign posted bridle way next to brick garage. Continue with fields on the left and woods to the right. In 230m a track joins from the left. Follow this track through woodland for 420m to emerge in open farm land, remain on the track, straight across the fields for 1.1 km and then turn sharp left at five-way junction. In 300m curve right with the track, now tarred and cross over the road towards All Saints Church.

2.2 If not visiting the Church follow the track and then footpath round to the right of the churchyard. Ignore two footpaths to the right and continue towards the woodland ahead. Just before the woods turn left for 40m then right into the woods. Follow the meandering path through the woods for 550m to emerge in a field with trees / hedgerow on your right. Remain on the path close to the hedge for 400m to come out on a road. Continue in the same direction for 40m. Here you can either continue straight ahead on the old roman road following the Monarch's Way signs for 300m or fork right signed to West Winterslow for the Central Stores and Lord Nelsons Arms. Just after the Central Stores (and 80m before the Lord Nelsons Arms), fork left on a track between houses and then on foot path with fields on your right to regain the Clarendon Way.

2.3 When you reach the road, turn left and then almost immediately sharp right into The Causeway (signed unsuitable for HGVs). This is the continuation of the Roman Road. In 460m where the track begins to curve right, turn left and then right on a footpath to continue straight on for 300m. Continue straight on with houses now on both sides, then 30m after the road bends right, turn left by a small green. with a bus stop on the left. In 30m, bear right on Easton Common Hill. At the last of the houses (Owls Castle) continue straight ahead on the track (back on the Roman Road) for 2.25 km.

2.4 Where the track bends right and with Buckholt Farm on your left continue ahead on a narrow track / bridle way to the right of the farm buildings. Follow the bridleway across the fields for 2 km ignoring all ways off. The path enters a small wooded area and curves right. Once you emerge from the wooded area continue ahead with a field on your left and hedgerow on your right. In 300m, bear left with the path. When you reach the road, continue ahead for 500m to pass cricket / football pitch on your left. At the T-junction with Salisbury Road turn right and then at small green with the Broughton Village Dovecote sign, bear left into Queen Wood Road. In 350m with The Greyhound on your right-hand side turn left into the High Street. This is the centre of Broughton and the recommended overnight stop.

2.5 Yew Tree House B&B £90/£90 at 12 High Street [sawdays.co.uk](http://sawdays.co.uk) 01794 301227 is one of several B&Bs in the village, advance booking is essential. The Tally Ho opposite St Mary's Church also on the High Street offers evening meals.

Alternative accommodation can be found about 2 or 3 Km further along the Clarendon Way at Houghton

Honeysuckle B&B £80/£95 [honeysucklebedandbreakfast.com](http://honeysucklebedandbreakfast.com) 07787 115601

Yew Tree Barn £114/£126 [yewtreebarnbandb.co.uk](http://yewtreebarnbandb.co.uk) 01794 388258

## DAY 2 Broughton to Winchester 24.4 km (15 miles)

### 3. Broughton to King's Somborne 6.4 km (4.0 miles)

- 3.1 From the centre of Broughton take Rectory Lane, your direction 60 degrees, after 240m continue straight on, along the footpath and then in 80m turn right to follow the edge of the field. Continue in the same direction with open fields on your left, through four fields until you come to a bridle way where you turn left and then immediately right. Continue on a farm track with fields both sides for four more fields, passing a farm on your right in the fourth field. Then 700m past the farm you come to a T-junction with a road where you turn left. In 240m just after a 30-mph sign on the right, turn right on a footpath towards the River Test. (The Clarendon Way sign post is not visible until you are right at the footpath).
- 3.2 Follow the footpath over the River Test and two further side-streams. Then 850m after the main river bridge at a four-way sign post you cross the Test Way LDP to continue straight on. In 960m just before a T junction, turn right on the Clarendon Way footpath which you can use to avoid any traffic on the lane. In 280m the footpath re-joins the lane and in a further 120m you reach Romsey Road where you turn right for 40m and then fork left. In a further 50m turn left into Old Vicarage Lane.
- 3.3 *There are no pubs or cafes between Kings Somborne and Winchester. The Crown Inn in Kings Somborne is 150m south of Old Vicarage Lane down Romsey Road. However, it may be too early for lunch so perhaps it best to buy something at the Corner Stores (see below) and have a picnic somewhere near the Farley Mount Monument (see further below).***

### 4. Kings Somborne to Winchester Cathedral 18 km (11.2 miles)

- 4.1 At the end of Old Vicarage Lane just in front of the Corner Stores turn right over the foot bridge and left on to Winchester Road. Follow Winchester Road for 340m then turn right on to track with a Clarendon Way footpath sign.
- 4.2 The track soon becomes a footpath across the fields. stay on the path for 1.8 km to enter a small wood area. In 80m bear half left on to a wider track, your direction 100 degrees. In 530m at a junction ignore the footpath to the right instead bear right remaining on the bridle way. In 500m turn sharp left with the hedge on your left and an open field on your right. In 360m close to the end of the field turn right across the field. Then cross a field boundary to make towards the corner of a wood. At the wood bear left, along the edge of the field for 140m, then turn right to cross a stile / gate.
- 4.3 Remain on the foot path for 1.05km your direction generally East, until you come to the Farley Mount Monument on your right. This white, pyramid-shaped folly commemorates a horse called Chalk Pit who survived a leap into 25 ft. deep Chalk Pit. Return to the path and continue with wood on your left and fields on the right, then in 520m you come out to a road by a car park for the Farley Mount monument. At the road turn right for a few meters and then fork left with Clarendon Way footpath sign.
- 4.4 Follow the Clarendon Way footpath signs through Farley Mount Country Park for 1.75 km then re-join the Roman Road (Sarum Road). Stay on Sarum Road for 1.4 km and then turn left opposite Beechcroft Farm Shop. Follow this lane (Lanham Lane) for 1.4 km then fork right off the lane on a track with Pinset Scout can soon on your left-hand side. In 1.54 km, cross over Sarum Road and follow the lane opposite ignoring ways off until you reach the traffic lights at Romsey Road in 0.75 km. Cross over Romsey Road into Stanmore Lane and in 140m at the end of the safety barrier, cross the road to turn right into Oliver's Battery Road North.
- 4.5 Continue along Oliver's Battery Road North. In 580m at the barrier turn left to use the underpass to cross under the main road (Badger Farm Road). On the other side of the underpass take Oliver's Battery Road South. Take the second left (Compton Way) and follow this as it bends right. At the Junction with South View Way bear left on Compton Way

towards the No Cars / No Bikes sign and the short footpath. At the end of the short path, continue straight ahead ignoring Priors Way on your right.

- 4.6 In 30m and just before you come to a playing field car park, turn very sharp left on a narrow path between garden fences. Continue straight ahead on the foot path for 475 m and cross over the A3080 (Badger Farm Road) on the footbridge. On the other side, turn right and drop down to a footpath between hedges for just over 1.0 km. At the end of the footpath cross the rail line on the foot bridge. Over the bridge turn right and bear left with the road (Mead Road).
- 4.7 Walk down Mead Road to the main road, turn left and 25 m turn right just before the Bell Inn into St Cross Back Street. In 110m you come to the entrance to St Cross Hospital on your right. In the past Pilgrims were given accommodation and a pint of ale at the Hospital which was a Pilgrim Hostel. Continue ahead on the track for 80m, then where the track bears right, turn left on a footpath. Follow the path through the trees for 540m to the road and turn right, cross the road and then immediately turn left to continue on the foot path. Stay on the path for 670m with Winchester College sports field on your left and the River Itchen on your right.
- 4.8 At the end of the path turn right on the road with College buildings on your left-hand side. In 80m turn left and in another 100m, turn left again by a vehicle barrier (Emergency Access No Parking). In 270m turn right and go through the arch of Kings Gate. On the other side of the arch turn right again and go through a second arch. Bear left with the road with a timber frame building on your right-hand side. Bear left with road now with a small green (Cathedral Close) on your right-hand side. After the green, you come to a small parking area, bear right here and follow the path to the West End of the Cathedral.

## **5. To continue to the station 1.0 km (0.6 miles)**

- 5.1 From West End of the Cathedral walk diagonally across the green between the avenue of trees to go through bollards with the City Museum on your right. Bear right and continue on the pedestrian area to the High Street where you turn left. Follow the High Street uphill, go through an arch to a mini-roundabout. Winchester Castle Great Hall entrance in on you left. At the mini roundabout turn half right in to Upper High Street. In 150m bear right into Newburgh Street which becomes Station Road leading to Winchester Station entrance.

## **Notes**

### **Salisbury Cathedral**

Salisbury Cathedral, is one of the leading examples of Early English architecture. The main body of the cathedral was completed in only 38 years, from 1220 to 1258. It is considered by many to be the most beautiful cathedral in England.

The cathedral has the tallest church spire in the United Kingdom, at 404 feet (123m). Visitors can take the "Tower Tour" where the interior of the hollow spire, with its ancient wood scaffolding, can be viewed. The cathedral also has the largest cloister and the largest cathedral close in Britain (80 acres (32 ha)). It contains the world's oldest working clock (from AD 1386) and has the best surviving of the four original copies of Magna Carta. In 2008, the cathedral celebrated the 750th anniversary of its consecration.

### **Winchester Cathedral**

Winchester Cathedral is one of the largest cathedrals in Europe, with the longest nave and greatest overall length of any Gothic cathedral in Europe. There was a pre-Norman Minster on the site from 642 AD. In 1079, work began on a completely new cathedral. The building was consecrated in 1093. Much of what you see today is the result of rebuilding over five centuries. Winchester was the capital of Wessex and the remains of the Kings of Wessex from 643 to 856 AD and the Kings of England from 955 to 1100 AD are preserved there. Alfred the Great was also buried here but his remains were removed to Hyde Abbey during the reformation.

## **Winchester Castle**

Winchester Castle was founded in 1067. Only the Great Hall still stands; it houses a museum of the history of Winchester. Between 1222–1235, Henry III (who was born at Winchester Castle) added the Great Hall. An imitation Arthurian Round Table hangs in the Great Hall. The table was originally constructed in the 13th century, and repainted in its present form for Henry VIII; around the edge of the table are the names of King Arthur's knights.