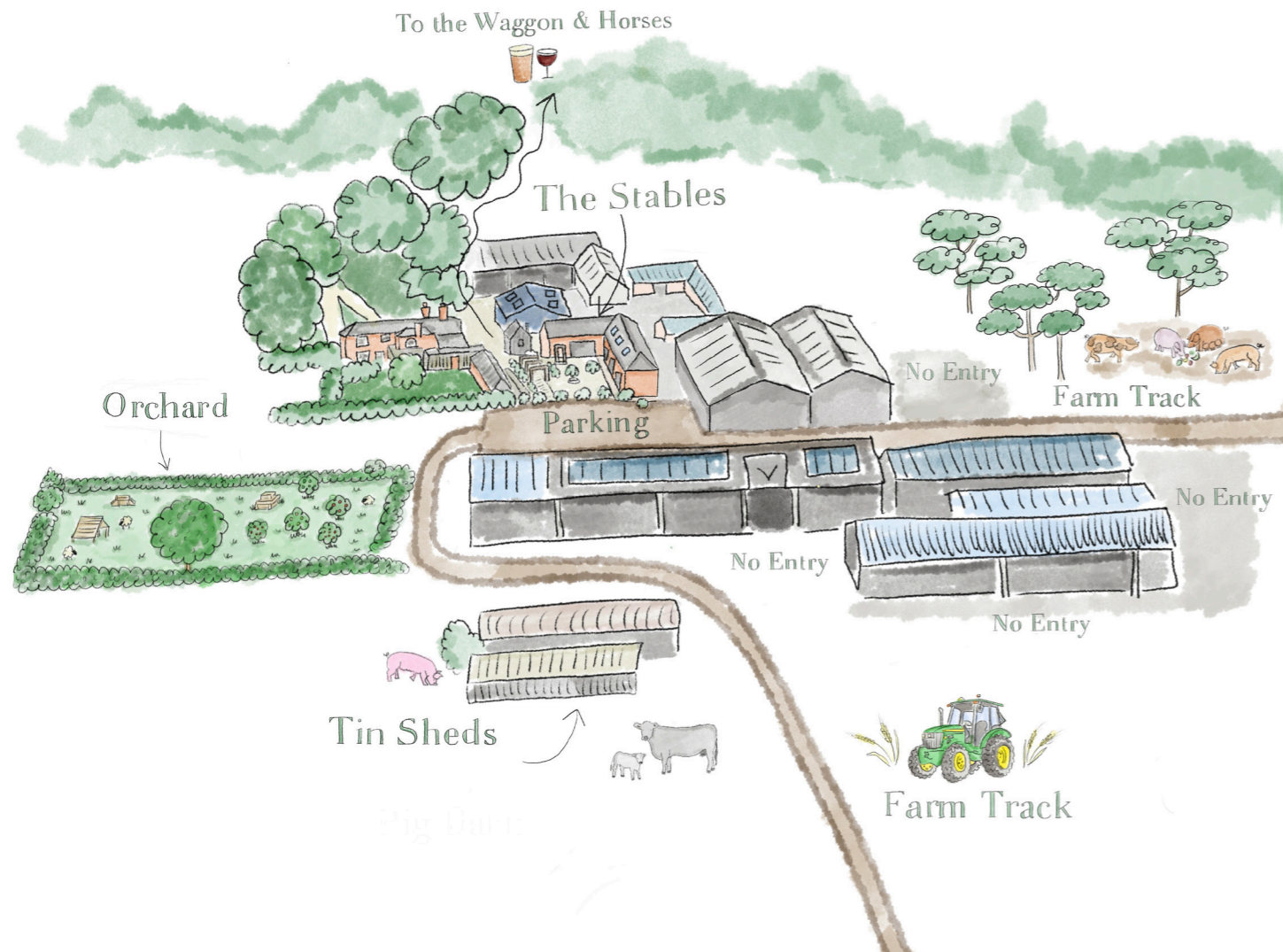


**THE FARM  
AT AVEBURY**

WALKING GUIDE



## LOCAL WALKS

The Farm at Avebury provides the perfect base for stunning walks as we are situated inside the Avebury World Heritage site, in the heart of neolithic Britain. This UNESCO-protected landscape can claim some of the world's most exciting and iconic monuments, like the ancient burial ground at West Kennet Long Barrow and the mysterious Silbury Hill, which can be found right next to our own farm gates.

With that in mind, we've put together a guide with a few of our favourite walks - both big and little - for you to enjoy whilst staying with us.

## FARM WALKS

Although we have no public footpaths on the farm, we do have a couple of private routes open to our guests. We ask that you stick closely to these routes, so as not to interfere with farm activity.



## WALKING TO AVEBURY & SILBURY HILL

*(Allow 1hr, excluding exploring and café time)*

Head out of the farm to the north and cross over the road into the Waggon & Horses car park. At the back left of the car park, take the footpath between the field on your right and houses on your left. Cross over the road and pass the racehorse stables on your left.

At the end of the road admire the Adam and Eve stones, then turn right along the road between the two fields. You will come into the village of Avebury Trusloe. Turn left at the crossroads and walk into the village 'centre'.

In Trusloe on the 'green' look for the church spire and take the track downhill leaving Manor Farm drive on your left, past tumble-down houses on your right, through the gate into the cow field. Follow the fence line down towards the corner of the field through the gate and onto a footpath running to the right of the stream.

### **Buggy/quiet road route**

*The Bray Street route takes you on a very quiet road through pretty Avebury Trusloe. From the green, continue on the village road. Take a right at the 'pond' (sometimes dry!). Follow the road until it turns into a footpath.*

Follow the footpath across the bridge and enjoy views of Silbury Hill. Keep going towards the church and into Avebury village. Follow signs to the Stones and to the National Trust Café for a cup of tea and slice of cake.

To return, retrace your steps, OR follow signs to NT car park. At the entrance cross the road onto the footpath. Follow the path until you come to a bridge just before the Hill. Follow the path tracking right which brings you out at Silbury Hill car park. Walk west from car park and cross the main (very fast) road onto our farm track. Say hi to the pigs and watch out for farm traffic on your way back to your stable.



## BIG WALKS

### WEST KENNET SANCTUARY LOOP

6.4 miles - 2 hours 30 mins



Taking in ancient Silbury Hill, this walk follows the River Kennet past the villages of West and East Kennet. Up the hill to The Sanctuary which was originally a complex circular arrangement of timber posts and standing stones from around 2500 BC.

Once a remarkable ceremonial temple, the concentric rings now mark the start of 'Britain's oldest road'. Carefully cross onto this ancient Ridgeway, then continue down to join the impressive avenue of standing stones into Avebury village and from there back to The Farm.

If you would prefer a shorter walk, you can leave a car at the Ridgeway/Sanctuary car park (SN8 1EY what three words location - crossing.logs.sparkles) and reverse the walk, going down the hill and through the fields back to the Farm.

### AVEBURY & WINDMILL HILL LOOP

6 miles. - 2 hours 20 mins



Windmill Hill dates back to around 3675 BC. It is historically significant but requires some imagination to picture the largest known causewayed enclosure. Return via Beckhampton Gallops, thanks to racehorse trainers Harry & Roger Charlton. They train a great number of winners, including some for the Queen.

The end of this walk incorporates a small section of the gallops which are not accessible before 12.30pm Monday - Saturday, so it's best not to set off before 10:30am.

From The Farm, the walk takes you through Avebury and up to Windmill Hill, then back along a road track and up onto the gallops back to The Farm.

### CHERHILL MONUMENT LOOP

6.6 miles - 2 hours 40 mins



We love the West Down any time of year; think wild winter walks (largely dry underfoot) and the ultimate picnic spot in summer. Paradise for well behaved dogs!

From The Farm, the walk takes you up along the top of the gallops to the iconic Landsdowne monument and back through the valley. We prefer the anticlockwise route to get the best views. To start the walk from the farm, cross over the main road into the Waggon and Horses car park, the footpath is to your left up the slight slope.

As a shorter option, you can drive to the Gallops car park (what three words location - reconnect.trudges.difficult). This will shorten the walk by 40 mins but retains all of the best bits.

Combine with the Windmill Hill Loop for an all day hike!

## BIG WALKS

### ROUNDWAY HILL LOOP

2.25 miles - 60 mins



This is a great walk with some of the best views in Wiltshire. The path takes you through the woods with occasional glimpses of stunning far-reaching views. The path is steep in some places so not ideal for young children. Coming out of the wood the path brings you to the Roundway Down Iron Age Fort, a perfect spot for sundowners.

Put the Roundway White Horse into Google maps or what three words location - bright.marine.crusted (a 13 minute drive from The Farm). It should take you into Devizes, straight over two roundabouts and right after the traffic lights signposted Roundway (if the sat nav tells you to turn right into the Hopton Industrial Estate - ignore it, this is incorrect). The road bends to the left as you take the right fork with a dead end sign. Take the next left turning signposted Leipzig Foundation and continue along the track until you reach a small car park and the start of the route.

Scan the QR code on your phone for OS Maps of each walk



## BIG WALKS

### MILK HILL LOOP

3 miles - 1hr 10mins



An easy route to follow, taking you past one of the famous White Horses, with wonderful downland views from the highest point in Wiltshire.

Park in the Pewsey Downs Car Park (SN8 4JX what three words location - muddle.introduce.inviting) which is a 10 minute drive from The Farm.

From there, the route takes you to Milk Hill. Join part of the Wansdyke before coming back down the hill to the car park. For a full day hike, you can stride up to Milk Hill via the Wansdyke from The Farm.

Either way, you will have earned a visit to the canal-side, Honeystreet Mill cafe (SN9 5PS what three words lawfully. streetcar.troubles) for a well deserved coffee and one of their famous bacon butties or enormous flapjacks.



### DEVILS DEN & RIDGEWAY

5 miles - 2 hours



This walk requires two cars.

Drop the first car at the Ridgeway/Sanctuary car park (SN8 1EY what three words location - crossing.logs.sparkles). Drive on to Gravel Hill car park (SN8 1PL what three words location sleepers.gurgling.tilting).

The route takes in the Devil's Den, which was once part of a neolithic passage grave, then on through the best assemblage of sarsen stones in England, known as the Grey Weathers.

At the top of the hill the route joins the Ridgeway with views on your right down towards Avebury and ends back at the Ridgeway car park.

## RUNNING & CYCLING

### AVEBURY WINDMILL HILL RUN

8.6km



In the summer all our walking routes make excellent running trails but in the wettest winter months, this route is mainly hard track or tarmac.

Add some hill training up The Farm Track if you are really feeling energetic!

### PEWSEY VALE CYCLE

50k



After a short stretch along the A4, this route takes you on a climb out of East Kennet, rewarded with an impressive descent into the scenic Pewsey Vale.

Through picturesque villages and around beautiful countryside, there are combinations of routes you can take if you would prefer a shorter ride.

Honeystreet Cafe is a popular lunch spot for cyclists. Just remember you have some fairly hefty hills to climb in the way back, so save some energy to get you home!



## LITTLE LEG WALKS

### LONG BARROW

*0.8 miles - 20 mins*



West Kennet Long Barrow is one of the largest, most impressive and most accessible Neolithic chambered tombs in Britain. Built around 3650 BC, it was used for a short time as a burial chamber with nearly 50 people buried there before the chambers were blocked.

Park in the Long Barrow layby car park (SN8 1QH what three words location - muddle.introduce.inviting) which is a 2 minute drive from The Farm. From there walk through the water meadows where we graze our cows, over the bridge (great for a game of pooh sticks) and up the hill to the Long Barrow at the top.

N.B it is exposed, best to pack an extra layer!

BEST FOR: Brave cave adventures and going on a bear hunt!

### MILK HILL

*0.8 miles - 20 mins*



Scramble to the top, then race back down the hill to the car park and head down to the canal-side Honeystreet Mill Café (SN9 5PS what three words lawfully.streetcar.troubles) for a hot chocolate and enormous flapjack.

Park in the Pewsey Downs Car Park (SN8 4JX what three words location - muddle.introduce.inviting) which is a 10 minute drive from The Farm. From the car park, head across the road, through the sheep field to the top of Milk Hill (the highest point in Wiltshire) with beautiful far reaching views.

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BEST FOR: Picnics with a view

## LITTLE LEG WALKS

### FARM TRACK

*1.1miles - 25 mins*



A short walk with great views of Silbury Hill to your left and the Gallops and Cherhill Monument to your right.

From the courtyard follow the road up past the Orchard and Tin Shed, along the farm track and up the hill. Approaching the brow of the hill, turn right on the marked track through the field. At the hedge-line, turn right downhill. Before you reach the village, turn right onto a grass track bringing you back to the Tin Shed.

As this walk is through the farm, please stick to the detailed route and be aware of farm traffic.

BEST FOR: Sunset strolls

### GALLOPS

*1.2 miles - 30 mins*



You can take any number of routes around this area but our favourite is up into the beech woods and along the top of the ridge. From there, you can take one of the paths down the hill, along the bottom of the valley and back up towards the car park.

Park in the gallops car park (take a left out of The Farm exit, go straight over the roundabout and up the hill for 0.8 miles and take the left into the layby car park. (what three words location - reconnect.trudges.difficult)

N.B This walk takes in the gallops which are not accessible before 12.30pm Monday - Saturday

BEST FOR: Afternoon tree climbing