

# *Sacred Landscape tour ~ with David Rowan*

## Tour Schedule and Drivers Directions: finding Avebury and Petrol

Welcome to this fascinating and informative tour. It is a mobile lecture tour and will involve both walking, and driving. The tour starts at Avebury – for general information on Avebury, please read the Avebury document (link on the tour page).

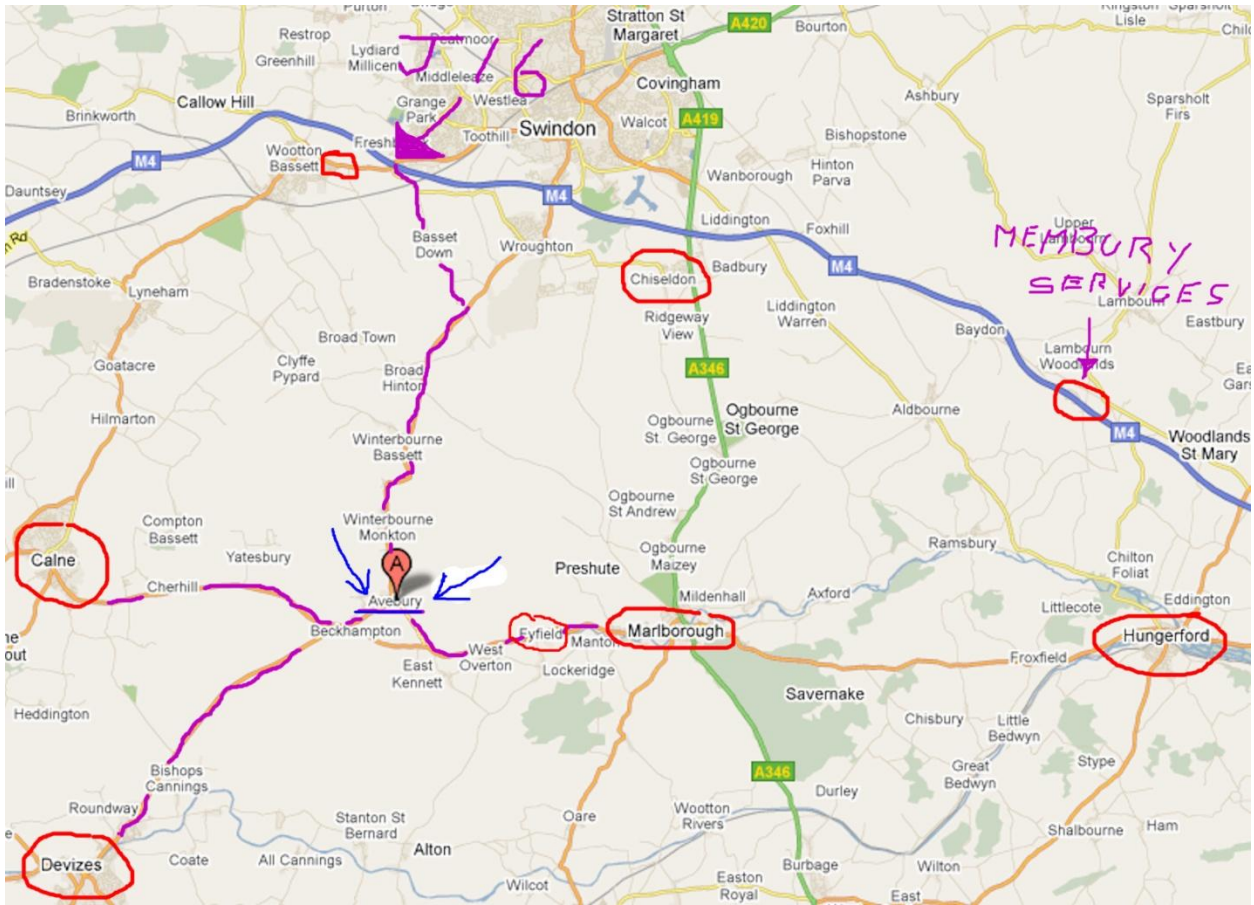
There is very little public transport in the Avebury area; it may be possible to get a bus to Avebury for the start of the tour, but there is no bus service which follows the route of the tour. This means that to participate in the tour you will need a car. I have lived in the area for 20 years and have a good local knowledge of the roads, and would strongly advise the following:

### **Petrol:**

Please ensure you have a full tank of petrol as you drive into the Avebury area. Petrol stations are very scarce along the route of the tour. The tour has been planned so that you get to see a great deal in the time we have, and it would be a shame if we had to cut something from the tour because of a need to get petrol or other provisions. On the map below, I have marked in **red circles** all of the **filling stations** which surround the Avebury area. Please note, if you do come through Marlborough, I would recommend that you fill up at Fyfield along the A4, rather than the filling station in Marlborough.

### **Route:**

If you are coming on the **M4**, I would highly recommend that you come off at **J16 Wooton Bassett**, and not J15 Marlborough; Marlborough can be busy in the mornings and people taking this route are often delayed in traffic. If you are coming out of London on the M3, I would recommend the A34 to Newbury and take the M4 from there.



**M4 from J16 – Wooton Bassette/Swindon West**

- 1. At junction 16, exit toward **Great Western Way** 0.3 mi
- 2. At **Great Western Way**, take the **3rd** exit onto **Hay Ln/B4005** heading to **Swindon/Wroughton**  
Continue to follow Hay Ln 0.9 mi
- 4. Slight left to stay on **Hay Ln** 0.3 mi
- 4. Continue straight to stay on **Hay Ln** 2.3 mi
- 5. Turn right onto **A4361** 6.1 mi
- 6. Turn right onto **Green St/A4361**  
Continue to follow A4361 0.2 mi

**Avebury !**

## Arriving at Avebury:

The village of Avebury has only one single street. It has a pub (just the one: the Red Lion) at one end, and half-way down is the village post office and Henge shop.

There are a number of car parks in the Avebury area; for ease, please ensure you are parked either in the car park opposite the post office and henge shop (disabled and National Trust), or, the pub car park (pay and display). Please do not park in the main public tourist car park. We will be in Avebury until aprox 11.00am

Please ensure you arrive at Avebury between 9.30 and 9.45 am. This will give you enough time to park, get a drink from the local shop if you need to and use the facilities. This will also give you a little time to take a look around the Henge gift shop - we will not have time to look around the Henge shop during the tour, so if you are planning on looking for something esoteric to buy, please do so before the tour begins; we have a schedule for the day and a lot of ground to cover, so once we begin the tour we will not have time for the shop ...

Please keep your eye on the weather. If the weather is fine we'll have walk up onto a Neolithic camp and long barrow by a white horse overlooking crop circles and Salisbury plain; if the weather is poor we will go straight to lunch a new age pub (on a ley line, in a busy crop circle zone, in sight of a White horse).

The weather on high ground may differ to low ground. The open plains surrounding Stonehenge can be rather windswept and cold, especially on an overcast or inclement day, and it is often changeable; please bring clothing that is both dry and wet, warm, cold and hot ... If it rains, you will be very pleased indeed that you have bought good quality weather proof clothing and good walking boots with you.

The Sacred Landscape tour schedule is as follows:

- 10.00 - tour begins at Avebury
- 11.00 – 10 minute prep-break
- 11.10 – Leave Avebury
- 11.15 – 11.25 – Silbury Hill
- 11.25 – 12.15 – West Kennet Long Barrow
- 12.15 – 12.25 – The Sanctuary
- 12.25 – 12.35 - drive to Pub for lunch
- 12.35 – 1.35 – Pub Lunch and look around the Pagan bar & Crop Circle HQ
- 1.35 – 2.20 – drive to Woodhenge
- 2.20 – 2.40 – Woodhenge and Durrington Walls
- 2.45 – 4.10 – Kings Ridge Barrows
- 4.10 – 4.30 – drive to Old Sarum
- 4.30 – 5.00 – Old Sarum Hill Fort and the view of the Ley Line alignment
- 5.00 – 6.00 – freshen up and review of the day with anyone who wishes to have a friendly drink



The purple dotted line shows the ley line. The blue solid line shows the route we drive

Please feel free to ask any questions you may have

in kindness

David