

## EDINGTON TO SALISBURY PLAIN

**General:-** This walk is easy to follow and all but the section between Waypoints 14 to 15 runs on well maintained track or quiet roads. Consequently it is relatively free of mud in the winter. There is a long steep hill up from Waypoint 3, luckily, its impact can be softened by frequent stops to admire the wonderful view. There is nothing to fear from the army training area and those who expect to see world war 3 in progress will be disappointed.

The road coming in from the right at Waypoint 6 is all that remains of the road to Imber village. Imber was was catapulted into martyrdom in 1963 when public footpaths were closed to allow military training without endangering the public. . Even in the Cold War era this was barely acceptable, nowadays it is unthinkable. The debate over whether the army should use the Plain goes on. The army say they need it for regular troop training and claim lack of public access has allowed much wildlife to exist unmolested. The cynical wonder how this can be true if the area is in constant use for warfare. On this walk you will see sufficient to make up your own mind on the issue of more frequent access to the Plain for the public. (GPS length 6.16 miles)

**How to get there:-** On the B3098 from Westbury. As you enter Edington turn left at ST 9269 5308 soon after a footpath sign on the right that says "The Plain". Park at the church. On the B3098 from Devizes. As you enter Edington you will pass the Lamb Inn on the right, take the next right junction. This leads down to the church. Park at the church.

Waypoint	Map Reference	Bearing to next waypoint
START	ST 9261 5327	259
WP1	ST 9227 5318	166
WP2	ST 9236 5290	243
WP3	ST 9224 5283	134
WP4	ST 9276 5239	181
WP5	ST 9278 5203	179
WP6	ST 9288 5085	71
WP7	ST 9385 5127	342
WP8	ST 9378 5144	31
WP9	ST 9454 5296	93
WP10	ST 9496 5297	9
WP11	ST 9498 5318	16
WP12	ST9507 5360	254
WP13	ST 9492 5355	348
WP14	ST 9482 5390	267
Wp15	ST 9401 5380	252
Wp16	ST 9324 5349	255
START	ST 9261 5327	-

- ✓ From **Wp START**, with your back to the church, turn R down Lower Rd to **Wp1**.
- 1 Go L down Greater Lane to junction @ **Wp2**.
- 2 Turn R along Rd to path on L @ **Wp3**.
- 3 Turn L up track. As it becomes steep hill keep to fence on R to meet path junction @ **Wp4**.
- 4 Keep fence on R & go on to track on L @ **Wp5**.
- 5 Continue on to Army guard house @ **Wp6**.
- 6 Turn L along track to meet track junction @ **Wp7**.
- 7 Turn L to meet Rd @ **Wp8**.
- 8 Go R along Rd. Rd soon becomes track again. Keep on to Rd junction @ **Wp9**.
- 9 Go R to Rd junction @ **Wp10**.
- 10 Turn L & keep to fence on R. Go down hill to stile on R @ edge of wood @ **Wp11**.
- 11 Keep wood on your L & continue downhill. Soon after wood ends pass through fence on L to meet Rd @ **Wp12**.
- 12 Turn L along Rd to track on R @ **Wp13**.
- 13 Follow track to path on L @ **Wp14** just past the last house.
- 14 Turn L passing the end of a garden. Continue

- 14 Straight on through 6 fields, passing Upper Baynton Farm on L to meet Rd @ **Wp15**.
- 15 Follow Rd to junction @ **Wp16**.
- 16 Straight across the Rd is a narrow paved path between the houses, take this to join the Rd once more. Go straight on to Rd junction. Turn L. Follow tall wall on R back to church car park @ **Wp START**.

