

# WILTSHIRE 'PICK & MIX' TWO CENTRE TOUR – INITIAL PROSPECTUS

**Provisional Dates 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**Tour Leader – Alan Jelley**

For cyclists Wiltshire is an often overlooked county that does in fact have a fantastic mix of countryside, beautiful villages, outstanding monuments and pretty country lanes that make for a wide range of interesting riding.

Within that mix there are two areas that easily support several days cycling

West Wiltshire - with lots of Onroad routes taking in quiet lanes and attractive villages

Salisbury Plain - with lots of Offroad riding options across open countryside and taking in ancient monuments

Each of these individually make for interesting areas for a short cycling break. The ability to do them in tandem opens up an opportunity for a great wide ranging cycling experience.

## WHAT IS THE CONCEPT

6 Routes have been identified -

3x **Onroad** rides around beautiful West Wiltshire (Castle Coombe, Lacock, Bradford on Avon, and Caen Locks)

3x **Offroad** rides around Salisbury Plain (Stonehenge, Avebury Rings, and Imber Ranges).

The concept is that you choose the rides you want to do from the schedule (just the Onroad, or just the Offroad or hopefully both !) and you book your own accommodation and travel arrangements to suit.

If you just want to do the 3x Trowbridge based Onroad rides then you should just schedule in the first three days and book the two nights' accommodation in the Trowbridge area.

If you want to just do the 3x Offroad rides then just schedule in the last three days and book the three nights' accommodation in the Amesbury area.

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### TOUR STYLE

This is such a beautiful area with lots to see and take an interest in that the intention will be to stop and look. We will be in British Summer Time so we should have time to take it easy on the rides and still see lots. We won't be doing head down full on pedalling !

### ACCOMMODATION

The West Wiltshire rides will be using Trowbridge as a base. Dates for overnight stays are 20<sup>th</sup> April & 21<sup>st</sup> April

The Salisbury Plain rides will be using Amesbury as a base. Dates for overnight stays are 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 24<sup>th</sup> April

There is no intention to make a group booking of accommodation ; you can choose your own style and price range. However I will try to identify some likely accommodation options once I have an understanding of the likely numbers of people interested in joining the tour.

As default options there is a Premier Inn in Trowbridge, and Travelodge & Holiday Inn in Amesbury.

### RIDE SCHEDULE

#### **DAY 1 - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

This is the travel day from Coventry to Trowbridge. There is an option to stop in Pewsey to do an easy'ish 30 mile Onroad ride to Caen Locks and Devizes.

Route - <https://cycle.travel/map/journey/880586>

#### **DAY 2 – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

This is a day ride Onroad to Radstock and Bradford on Avon. You can chose to do 40 or 50 miles

50 miles route - <https://cycle.travel/map/journey/880398>

40 miles route - <https://cycle.travel/map/journey/880400>

#### **DAY 3 - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

This is a 40 miles Onroad Day ride to Castle Combe and Lacock

Route - <https://cycle.travel/map/journey/880575>

*At the end of the Third days ride we will move on to Amesbury for the Offroad routes.*

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### **DAY 4 – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

We will do a Full day 38 miles Offroad ride across the Army training areas on Salisbury plain from Amesbury to Urchfont and back via Stonehenge.

Route - <https://cycle.travel/map/journey/880883>

### **DAY 5 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

We will do a short drive to Tilshead for the start of the Full day 33 miles Offroad ride around the Imber Ranges.

Route - <https://cycle.travel/map/journey/379212>

### **DAY 6 - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

On the travel day back to Coventry there is an option to stop in Marlborough to do a 23 mile Half day Offroad ride to Avebury then taking the Ridgeway to Barbury Castle and back to Marlborough.

Route - <https://cycle.travel/map/journey/880587>

## **BIKE SUITABILITY**

To address the persistent elephant in the room...what sort of bike should you bring?

The OnRoad rides are primarily tarmac roads and tracks with a few sections of canal towpath so your normal road / touring / gravel bike should be appropriate.

The Offroad rides are lumpy and rutted so the wider tyre the better. Mountain bike or wide-tyred hybrid or wide-tyred Gravel bike would be best. Experienced tourer riders might be able to use a touring bike but I believe that it would be marginal at best. A road bike will not be appropriate

## **INTERESTED OR NEED MORE INFORMATION**

Please contact Alan Jelley on -

the Club WhatsApp group

or

send an email to [alan.jelley@coventryctc.org.uk](mailto:alan.jelley@coventryctc.org.uk)

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### HIGHLIGHTS

These are some of the Highlights of the Tour that you will hopefully experience.

#### Day 1 Highlights



*Pewsey Vale*



*Pewsey White Horse*



*Caen Locks*

#### Day 2 Highlights



*Radstock*



*Dundas Aquaduct*



*Bradford on Avon*

#### Day 3 Highlights



*Castle Combe*



*Lacock*



*Biddlestone*

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### Day 4 Highlights



*Salisbury Plain*



*Stonehenge*

### Day 5 Highlights



*Imber Ranges*



*Imber Ranges*

### Day 6 Highlights



*Avebury*



*The Ridgeway*



*Barbury Castle*