

Dawn shoot at Stonehenge, 25th March 2018

Thank you for booking a place at this event. Please read these notes thoroughly before the day.

This is a Group A event (see below).

The group leader is Jim Souper, landscapenews@rps.org, 07922 169843

The visit to the stone circle will last for one hour. Please note that touching of the stones is not permitted.

Meeting up

Please meet Jim at 06:00 at the new Stonehenge Visitor Centre. This will allow everyone time to get together, say hello and then board the shuttle bus which will take you to the Stonehenge site, some 2km from the visitor centre. Please don't be late – there are no refunds for people who miss the shuttle bus!

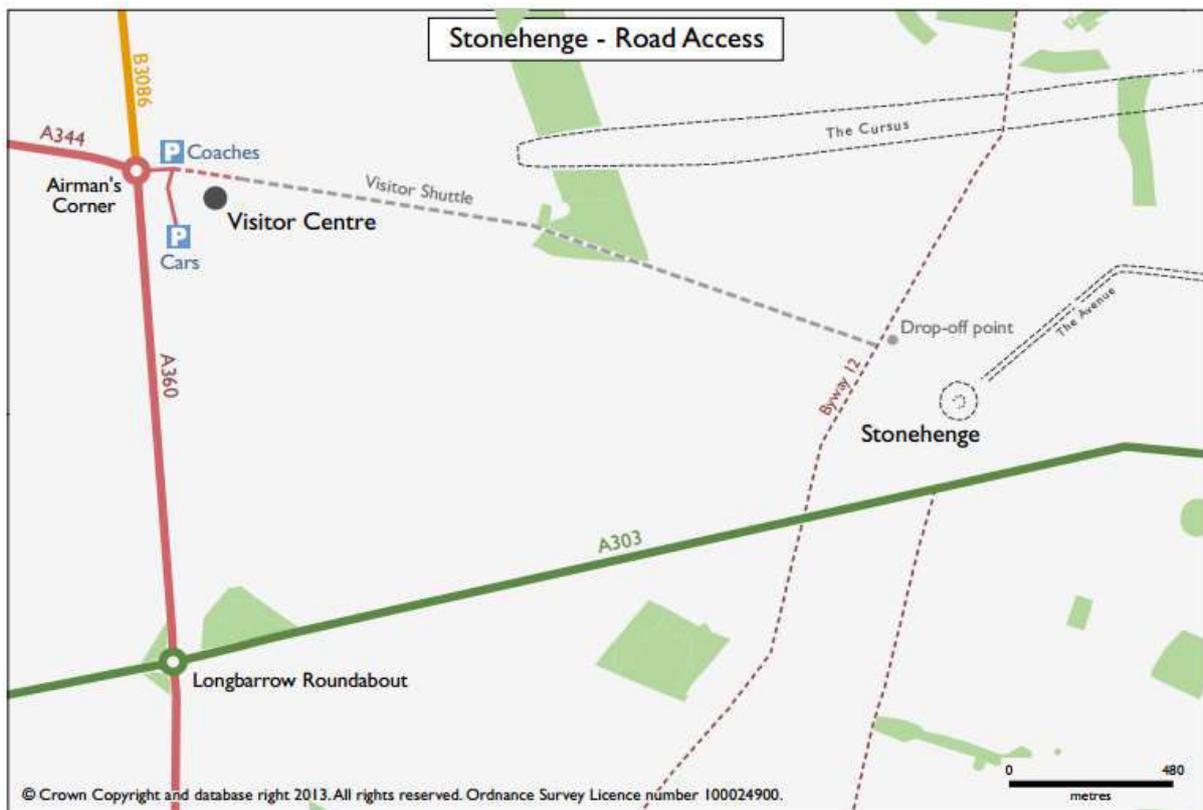
Getting to the visitor centre

The visitor centre is located just off the A360, approx. 1 mile north of the A303. For setting a sat nav you can use the following:

Postcode: SP4 7DE

Latitude: 51.1831565223

Longitude: -1.85887471623



Parking

Parking is available on site. This is free to English Heritage members, National Trust members and Stonehenge ticket holders but otherwise costs £5 and tickets can be bought from ticket kiosks on site.

Photography at Stonehenge - IMPORTANT

English Heritage requires tripods to be placed on some kind of mat or board so that it doesn't damage the ground. (Please don't shoot the messenger here!) At the previous event, tripods with rubber feet were allowed without a mat but we cannot guarantee that this will be the case again. You are strongly advised to bring a mat of some kind.

Also English Heritage does not allow "large bags and back packs" on to the site. We have spoken with English Heritage and had it specifically confirmed that there is no problem with us taking camera bags etc as long as we are carrying them and not wheeling them around on a trolley.

Please note that "commercial" photography is not allowed. What counts as commercial is clearly debatable and would probably ultimately have to be tested in a court of law. However, the Oxford Dictionary gives the following two definitions: "Having profit rather than artistic or other value as a primary aim" and "Making or intended to make a profit." Clearly entering images into photographic competitions, publishing images on your own websites, flickr, Facebook, the RPS site or in our group newsletter do not fall within these definitions unless you are publishing your work in order to sell it.

Weather / clothes

The monument sits in its open prehistoric landscape so there is no shelter at the Stone Circle. You should bring warm clothing, waterproofs and/or umbrellas. The ground around the stones can get muddy in wet weather. Wellies or walking boots are recommended. And, of course, bring weatherproof protection for your equipment!

Accessibility

The visitor facilities at Stonehenge have been designed to be as accessible as possible in order to meet the different needs of people with special access requirements.

The visitor centre and the shuttle service are fully accessible to people in wheelchairs. The path from the visitor shuttle stop to Stonehenge is around 200m and is suitable for wheelchair use. There is a slight gradient. The grass paths around the monument are accessible by wheelchair, weather permitting.

There's a limited amount of seating at intervals around the whole site. There are wheelchairs available on site for use on a first-come first-served basis.

Please talk to a member of staff if you need any help. For further information about accessibility see <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/stonehenge/access>

Refreshments

I am led to believe that the visitor café will not yet be open when the stone circle visit finishes. As it will be early in the day and the weather could be cold and wet, it would be advisable to bring a flask of hot drink.

Toilets

Male, female and accessible toilets at the visitor centre.

Dogs

Dogs are not allowed in the Monument Field in which the Stone Circle sits. Nor are they allowed on the shuttle bus from the visitor centre.

Assistance dogs welcome throughout the Stonehenge site. Other dogs on leads are allowed around the outside of the visitor centre. Only assistance dogs are permitted in the monument field, on the shuttle buses and at Stone Circle.

The countryside around Stonehenge is open access and very popular with walkers and dog-walkers alike. However, as there is abundant wildlife and grazing livestock, please keep dogs on leads and help to keep the Stonehenge landscape lovely by clearing up after your dog.

Audio Tours

A free audio tour in English may be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play store.

Aerial photography

English Heritage does not permit drone flying from or over its sites, except by contractors or partners undertaking flights for a specific purpose, who satisfy stringent CAA criteria, have the correct insurances and permissions, and are operating under controlled conditions.

Terms and Conditions

A copy of English Heritage's full terms and conditions governing the visit are appended to this document. You are encouraged to read them.

Suggestions for afterwards

Following the stone circle visit, participants will be able to visit some of the other magnificent local sites including Woodhenge (5 miles), Salisbury Cathedral (10 miles), Old Sarum (10 miles), Caen Hill Locks (17 miles), West Kennet Long Barrow (24 miles), and Europe's largest stone circle at Avebury (24 miles) as well as, of course, the Stonehenge visitor centre itself. Please note: we will be finishing the stone circle visit at about 08:00 but the centre doesn't open until 09:30.

Notes for participants in all RPS Landscape Group events

Thank you for booking a place on a Landscape Group event. We trust that you will enjoy it.

Before you attend the event, please take a moment to read the following.

Types of events

Please make sure that the event you are considering is suitable for your requirements.

Landscape group events are categorised in four groups:

Group A – trips where the guide has a good knowledge of the location (e.g. good viewpoints, good subjects, good times of day, tides if relevant etc.) and will have ideas about what to do in case of unhelpful weather or light conditions, but does not wish to offer any advice on photography skills or techniques.

Group B - trips where the trip leader has a good knowledge of the location (as in Group A) but is also willing to offer general technical support and advice to inexperienced photographers. The leader is NOT expected to be an expert in anything but should be sufficiently experienced to pass on knowledge of the basics.

Group C - trips that focus on a particular technique – such as long exposures or photographing at night. The leaders of these events will primarily offer advice about technique and location knowledge will be sufficient to enable participants to learn and practice the technique(s) concerned.

Group D - workshops that primarily focus on technique and where location is a secondary consideration. These may take place indoors or outdoors. The workshop leader may have limited knowledge of the location but will be experienced and skilled in the topic of the workshop.

Please check the information about the trip to see which group it is in.

Outdoor events

Many of our events involve visiting locations of interest to landscape photographers. This means that terrain can be hazardous e.g. because of uneven ground, slippery surfaces etc. Please ensure that you wear suitable footwear.

If you have limited mobility and wish to know more about the terrain in advance, please contact the event leader in advance.

You are responsible for your own health and safety and must appraise your own strength, fitness and mobility. The event leader is NOT responsible for your safety and welfare. The leader is there to introduce you to a location and/or to teach you particular skills.

As we all know, the British weather can be very unpredictable so please wear or bring clothing suited to the likely weather conditions (and remember sun cream!). Also, please ensure that your equipment is carried in suitably waterproof and padded bags.

The Society will not accept responsibility for any accident, loss, injury or damage resulting from an accident or from inappropriate behaviour, dress or equipment and you are advised to have your own suitable insurance.

Joining instructions

Most of our events have the meeting time and place specified on the relevant event page on the RPS website (this is a link to the landscape group events calendar). In some cases, however, the group leader may email you shortly before the event with more detailed instructions. Please keep an eye on your incoming emails prior to an event but if you do not receive any specific instructions, then you should meet at the time and place advertised on the website.

Cancellation by you

If you wish to cancel your booking PLEASE let the event leader know with as much notice as possible. If nothing else, this can avoid them delaying the start of the event while they wait for you.

If you have paid for an event, please note that this fee / ticket price is non-refundable unless we are able to sell your place to somebody else. You are welcome to sell your place yourself but, again, PLEASE notify the event organiser in advance of any change.

Cancellation by us

Event leaders are asked to make plans for alternative activities or locations in the case of poor weather. However, this is not always possible and occasionally an event may be cancelled. In this case we will give you as much notice as we are able and any payment by you to the RPS in respect of the event will normally be refunded in full.

Motor vehicles

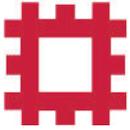
Some events involve moving from one location to another. It will be appreciated if participants are able to share rides and offer lifts to others. However, please only offer lifts

to others if you have suitable insurance cover. If you accept a lift from another participant, you do so at your own risk.

Thank you for your assistance

Mark Reeves

Landscape Group Events Manager



Stone Circle Access Terms and Conditions

1. If your booking is for 14 people or less, full payment will be required within 7 days from when the booking was made.
2. If your booking is for 15 people or more, a non-refundable deposit of 50% of the total cost of booking is required, with the balance due no later than one month prior to your visit date.
3. If the date of your visit is within 14 days from when the booking is made, then payment will be required immediately.
4. Failure to pay in line with these terms and conditions will result in your booking being cancelled.
5. English Heritage accepts no liability for any injury to persons or damage to property, arising in any way whatsoever whilst at Stonehenge and entry is at the risk of the applicant.
6. Stonehenge is protected under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act and you must adhere to the regulations outlined in the act or face criminal prosecution. No person may touch, lean against, stand on or climb the stones, or disturb the ground in any way. No equipment can be attached to, leant on or supported by the stones.
7. There must be no damage as a result of access. Should you wish to bring a tripod please bring boarding or matting to protect the ground. Use of any oil based substances, incense, candles or naked flames is prohibited. Any person found causing any damage will be required to pay all reasonable costs in respect of damage caused.
8. All visitors or company representatives must adhere to any instructions(s) given by English Heritage staff or their representatives regarding the use of the monument prior to and during access. The applicant will be required to pay the reasonable costs of any damage caused.
9. Eating, drinking or smoking is not permitted at any time inside the stone circle, anywhere in the Monument field or on the visitor shuttle which takes you between the visitor centre and the stone circle.
10. Stonehenge is not a licensed venue for wedding ceremonies
11. No dogs are allowed beyond the main entrance point (except registered assistance dogs).
12. Glass bottles and containers of any type are not permitted in the Monument field.
13. You may not bring any equipment which is not noted and approved, on your application form, in the Stone Circle.
14. No amplified music is permitted at Stonehenge or in the surrounding landscape. Acoustic instruments are normally permitted.
15. Large bags and backpacks are not permitted.
16. Changes cannot be accepted within one month of your booking.
17. You may cancel your booking at any time but you will remain liable for the full balance of the booking. No refund will be given.
18. English Heritage reserves the right to cancel the booking any time up to the time of your booking and will not be held liable for any costs incurred. In these unlikely circumstances English Heritage will endeavor to offer a suitable alternative date. If no such alternative is agreed English Heritage will refund, in full, all money received by us for the booking. English Heritage will not otherwise be liable for any loss incurred by you as a result of the cancellation.
19. In cases of extreme weather either leading up to your visit or beforehand (eg. heavy rain, snow fall etc.) access to the Stone Circle may be restricted and in some cases your visit may be cancelled. Should we close we will try and accommodate you with an alternative mutually acceptable date.
20. Any breach of these Terms and Conditions, especially climbing on the stones, will result in any individual or group being asked to leave the site by security without refund.