

WHITE HORSE TRAIL

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Begin in
Marlborough



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Uffington

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Broad Town

MARLBOROUGH



Hackpen Hill



Cherhill

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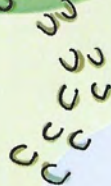


Alton Barnes



Devizes

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Westbury

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Pewsey

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Though not as old as some other Wiltshire landmarks, the White Horses of Wiltshire and Uffington take us back to ancient times. The vision of a horse has long had powerful connotations of strength and fertility, sacred and mythical qualities (remember Pegasus who could fly?). It is believed there were at least 13 horses carved in the county's chalky hills originally. Not all have survived but, thanks to local communities scouring, re cutting and re chalking we will continue to see the remaining horses below for many years to come. Follow our trail, starting here in Marlborough . . .



Marlborough SN8 4DN *Park in High Street and walk along Treacle Bolly footpath off A345*

Designed in 1804 by local schoolboys

Fact: The smallest of the Wiltshire White Horses, last cleaned up in 2021

Cherhill SN11 8XY *Park in layby on A4 and take footpath*

Designed in a walking pose by a local engineer known as "Mad Doctor"

Fact: Originally had a genuinely twinkly eye made of upturned glass bottles



Devizes SN10 2HZ *Park on left above the horse*

A galloping horse, cut in 2000 for the millenium (there was another one in 1845)

Fact: Only Wiltshire horse to face right, its eye and nostril are made of Sarsen stones

Westbury BA13 4TA *Parking area above*

Cut by a Mr Gee in 1778 in the style of Stubbs' paintings, fashionable at the time

Fact: Covered up in WW2, subsequently concreted over the chalk for easier upkeep

Pewsey SN9 5AF *Park in layby on road above, steep descent down*

Cut in 1937 by local fire brigade to commemorate coronation of King George VI

Fact: Originally had the numbers 1937 carved above the horse

Alton Barnes SN8 4JX *Park in car park above East Field*

Cut in 1812 and last re chalking in 2019, with the help of RAF helicopters & 60 volunteers

Fact: Highest point in Wiltshire, overlooks Vale of Pewsey

Hackpen Hill SN4 9PF *Park above where Ridgeway path crosses road*

Cut by a parish clerk and local publican in 1838 to mark Queen Victoria's Coronation

Fact: Generally said to be the most graceful of the horses, with its trotting gait

Broad Town SN4 7RJ *Park in village and scramble up to it*

Confusion about exact date it was cut but word is it was by a local landowner in 1864

Fact: Almost lost after WW2, very steep slope and maintenance challenging

Uffington SN7 7QN *Park in car park and walk over fields*

Created by Bronze Age people over 3,000 years ago despite its modern look

Fact: Largest and oldest, set in the Berkshire Downs, this has become an iconic image



Marlborough Summer School also run annual courses trailing the White Horses of Wiltshire www.summerschool.co.uk

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