

Excursion No 7: Sunday 15th September 2019 (Morning)

Bathampton & Claverton Downs Archaeological History Walk

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Summary

Marek Lewcun will take us on a guided tour of the remains on Bathampton and Claverton Downs, looking at their particularly rich and well preserved archaeological landscape. To be seen are a Bronze Age enclosure and barrows, Iron Age field boundaries, the remains of a Roman villa, parts of the Wansdyke, standing stones from an 18th century racecourse, stone quarries of all ages, and even a First World War firing range.

Marek was born in Bath, and has spent a lifetime working in and around the city. Following 23 years with Bath Archaeological Trust, he became a Senior Archaeologist for the Museum of London Archaeological Service until 2011. Since then he has worked for a number of archaeological units and is currently supervising the excavations at Bath Abbey for Wessex Archaeology. With such a wealth of archaeology on the doorstep, he works on all periods of history, though specialises in the Roman period and industrial archaeology. In his spare time Marek researches the clay tobacco pipe making industry in Somerste and the south west, and has published widely on the subject.

Meeting time and place.

We will meet opposite the Bath Cats and Dogs Home (BA2 7AZ) at **11:00am**

Note

Pay and Display parking is available in the University car parks, or the University busses can be used to avoid having to park.

The walk will take around 3 hours and require stout foot wear. Just over half way around, there will be a break at a point with a good view across the Avon Valley towards Solsbury Hill, so bring snacks, sandwiches and a drink.

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear.

Please remember that you are responsible for your own safety and by joining the BACAS excursion you do so at your own risk.

Maximum participants – **20**

Latest booking date – **18th September 2019**

Members priority booking until **18th August** Cost: members priority **£6** / non-members **£10**