

IMBERBUS

Event Guide

for the classic bus service across Salisbury Plain
to the lost village of Imber on

Saturday 19 August 2023



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INTRODUCING IMBERBUS

In 2009, a group of bus industry professionals achieved a long standing ambition to run a bus service from Warminster in Wiltshire, to the abandoned village of Imber on Salisbury Plain. It proved to be so popular that it has now become an annual event, with most journeys continuing across Salisbury Plain to parts of Wiltshire rarely seen by public transport users. Each year the profits from operating the service are donated to The Friends of St. Giles's Church, Imber, to the Royal British Legion, and to other charities nominated by those who help run the service.

Today we are expecting to run about 30 old and new buses from London and elsewhere, with some with mobility access, to provide a frequent service from Warminster station to Imber and then half-hourly to Gore Cross; thence to New Zealand Farm Camp, to Brazen Bottom and the Lavingtons, or to Tilshead and Chitterne.

The service is designed so that buses meet at Gore Cross Bus Station, to allow passengers to interchange, and thus it should be possible to travel the entire network in four hours or so.

Possible rail strike

If there are no trains at Warminster, there are scheduled bus services to and from Warminster, Tilshead and Market Lavington, details at www.traveline.info. There will also be a coach excursion from Dorchester, and a special National Express service 23X from London and Basingstoke, details at www.nationalexpress.com, with additional car parking at Warminster station and at the top of Sack Hill. Cars will NOT be allowed into the military training area. Please do NOT park at Gore Cross, Market Lavington, Tilshead or Chitterne. All details at www.imberbus.org

Imberbus Car-Free Day

This year access to Imber is again by bus only; the Army has generously allowed Imberbus access for buses and bus passengers only, on a day when the Salisbury Plain Training Area is closed to other people and vehicles.

What can I do when I get to Imber?

St. Giles's church is the principal attraction. The church occupies the site of an earlier building dating from the mid-12th century. The nave was re-built towards the end of the 13th century and was followed, circa 1400, by the addition of the north and south aisles, the tower and north porch. At this time the nave roof was re-constructed. The chancel was re-built in 1849 at which time the north-east vestry was built. As the village was evacuated in 1943, it is conserved by the Churches Conservation Trust and looked after by the Friends of St. Giles's, who will have it open for Imberbus passengers to see the churchyard and interior, the exhibition on the history of Imber, and who will also be serving

light refreshments. Please admire the new flagpole on the church tower, paid for from the donation from Imberbus 2022. There will also be a display and vehicle from the London Transport Museum, a display by the Garrison Artillery Volunteers, and a stand from the Thames Valley and Great Western Omnibus Trust. Please visit these.

The church, the path to it, and the road through Imber are all available for public use. Everywhere else, including all the other buildings, fields and other land and the derelict tanks is STRICTLY OUT OF BOUNDS. Trespass is prohibited, is dangerous, and the areas will be patrolled by police, the military and by wardens. Failure to heed this advice may make future access to Imber impossible. Please follow all the directions set out on Pages 15 and 16 from the Defence Infrastructure Organization.

Where will I be able to get something to eat or drink?

Light refreshments will be available inside Imber Church, and at Chitterne and Tilshead village halls (and at Chitterne and Tilshead village hall, there will be sales stands for transport books and souvenirs); also at Caspers Café at Warminster station which will be open throughout the day. You might also want to sample one of the restaurants and country pubs along the route. Our buses pass near to other hostelrys at Market Lavington, West Lavington and Chitterne which may be open for part of the day. The Museum at Market Lavington will be serving cream teas from 10.30am to 5pm; there will be a bus stop in Market Lavington adjacent to the path to the Museum.

What other facilities are available at Imber?

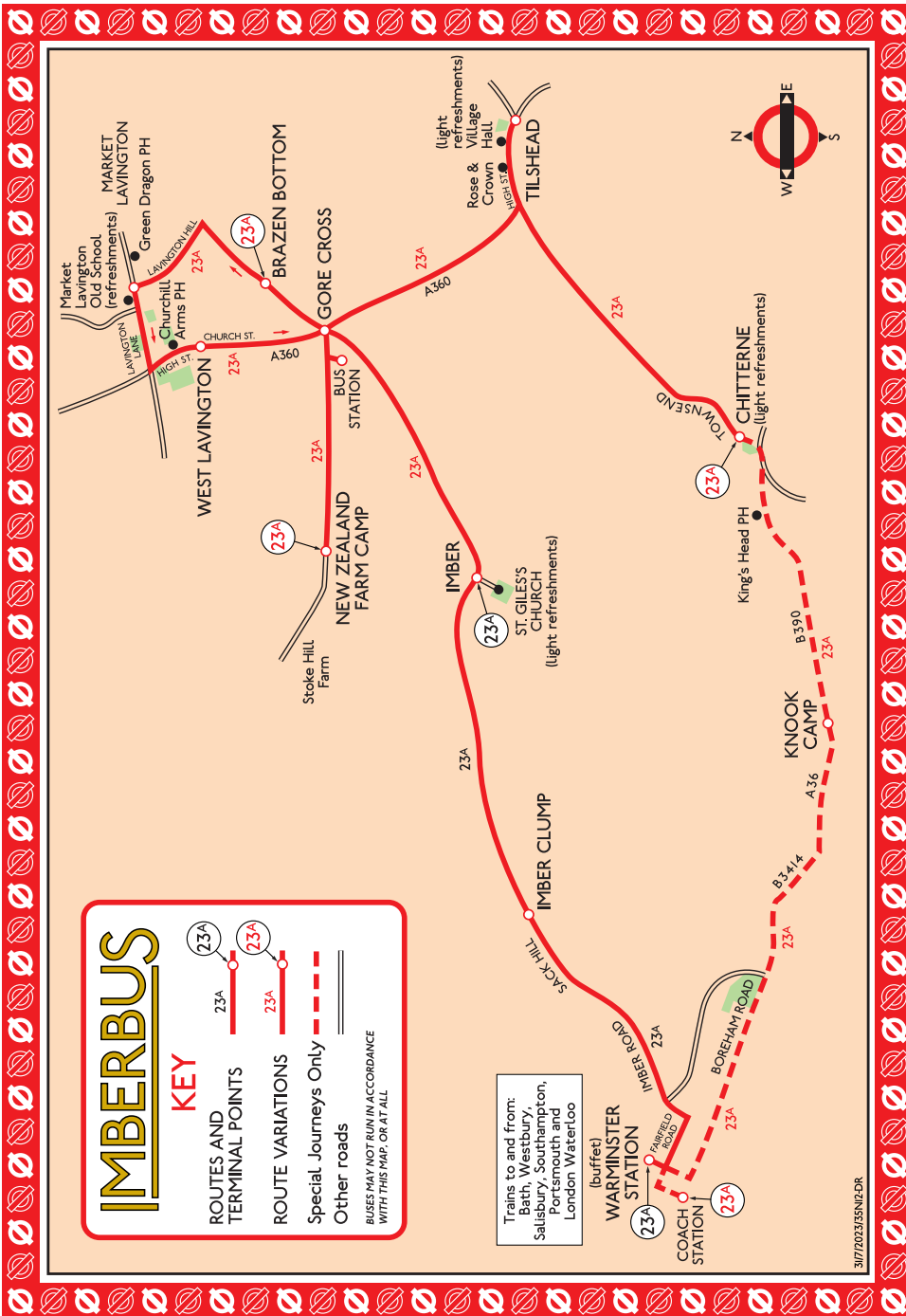
None! As Imber is normally closed to the public there are no shops, no permanent toilets and there is no mobile phone reception or Wifi. We therefore strongly recommend that you prepare for this before you board the bus (the nearest public toilets will be at Warminster station and alongside Warminster Central car park).

How much does it cost to travel on Imberbus?

To enable visitors to explore our services in an affordable way, we will again be offering an all-day ticket at a cost of £10 per adult, with all-day tickets for children at £2 each. Please see Page 5 for full details.

Imberbus operates as an ordinary local bus service, so there is no need to pre-book or pay in advance — just turn up and pay the conductor on the bus in cash (payment in £5 or £10 notes or £1 and £2 coins is appreciated). To speed things up, we will also sell tickets outside Warminster Station, where payment by contactless card will be accepted. We regret that we are unable to accept concessionary bus passes.

If you would like further information about our event, please visit our website at www.imberbus.org. This includes a Frequently Asked Questions page. You can also view the Imberbus video.



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BRAZEN BOTTOM and THE LAVINGTONS and
NEW ZEALAND FARM CAMP, or CHITTERNE direct

FARE

£10 Adult

£2 Child

FARES FOR CHILDREN under 16 years of age

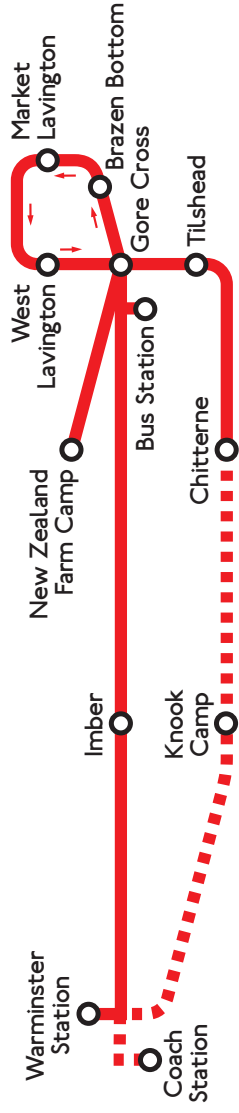
One child under 5 years of age, accompanied by a passenger and not occupying a seat, is carried free.
Additional children under 5 years and children of 5 years and under 16 years of age are carried at one fifth of the adult fare, fractions of 1d being charged as 1d.

National Concessionary Passes are not available.

In 2022, Imberbus donated nearly £17,000 to the Friends of St. Giles's Church, Imber, and to the Royal British Legion Poppy Day Appeal and to other charities related to those who help Imberbus. This year, the surplus will again be donated to those charities. If you would like to give more, please do.

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Warminster · Imber · Gore Cross · Tilshead · Chitterne 23A
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Eastbound Journeys

Saturday 19th August 2023

Buses will run from outside Warminster Rail Station to Imber approximately every 15 minutes between 0945 & 1745, and from Imber Church back to Warminster every 15 minutes between 1030 & 1745.

All buses from Warminster and from Imber stop at the Park & Ride site at the top of Sack Hill.

On arrival at Imber, some buses from Warminster will carry on to Gore Cross, then either to New Zealand Farm Camp Brazen Bottom & the Lavingtons, or Tilshead & Chitterne, as shown in the timetable below. Buses normally arrive at Gore Cross a few minutes before the departure time shown, to enable passengers to change buses.

Warminster Rail Station	0945	0945	0945	15	15	15	45	45	45	1515	1515	1515	1545	1545	.....
Imber, Church	1013	1013	1013	43	43	43	13	13	13	1543	1543	1543	1613	1613	↘
Gore Cross, Bus Interchange	1030	1030	1030	then	00	00	30	30	30	1600	1600	1600	1630	1630	1630
New Zealand Farm Camp	1038	.....	.....	at	08	.....	38	.....	38	1608	.....	.....	.....	.....	1638
Brazen Bottom	.....	1034	.....	these	.....	04	.....	34	.....	until	.....	1604	.....	1634	.....
Market Lavington, Church St.	.....	1045	.....	mins	.....	15	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	1615	.....	1645	.....
West Lavington, Cross Roads	.....	1048	.....	past	.....	18	.....	48	.....	.....	.....	1618	.....	1648	.....
Tilshead, Rose & Crown	.....	.....	1038	hour	.....	08	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	1608	.....	1638	.....
Chitterne, Church	.....	.....	1049	.....	.....	19	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	1619	.....	1649	.....

Warminster Rail Station	1615	1615	.....	1645	.....	.....	1715	1805
Imber, Church	1643	1643	↘	1713	↘	.....	1743	1825
Gore Cross, Bus Interchange	1700	1700	1700	1730	1730	1730	1755	.....
New Zealand Farm Camp	.....	.....	1708	.....	1738	.....	.....	.....
Brazen Bottom	1704	.....	.....	.....	1734	.....	.....	.....
Market Lavington, Church St.	1715	.....	.....	.....	1745	.....	.....	.....
West Lavington, Cross Roads	1718	.....	.....	.....	1748	.....	.....	.....
Tilshead, Rose & Crown	.....	1708	.....	1738	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chitterne, Church	.....	1719	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

ADDITIONAL JOURNEY DIRECT TO CHITTERNE:

Departs from Warminster Coach Station at 1035, arriving Chitterne at 1055.

Key:

↘ - Passengers from Imber should change buses at Gore Cross

Westbound Journeys starting east of Imber

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Chitterne, Church	1104	04	34	1604
Tilshead, Rose & Crown	1115	15	45	1615
Brazen Bottom	1005	1035	1105	then	05	35	1605
Market Lavington, Church St.	1015	.....	1045	.....	1115	.....	at	.....	15	.....	45	.....	1615	.....
West Lavington, Cross Roads	1018	.....	1048	.....	1118	.....	these	.....	18	.....	48	.....	1618	.....
New Zealand Farm Camp	.....	1044	.....	.....	1114	mins	.....	.....	14	.....	44	.....	1614	.....
Gore Cross, Interchange	arr	1025	1055	1125	1125	1125	past	.....	25	25	55	55	1625	1625
Gore Cross, Interchange	dep	1030	1100	1130	1130	1130	hour	.....	30	30	00	00	1630	1630
Imber, Church	.....	1045	1115	1145	1145	1145	.....	.....	45	45	15	15	1645	1645
Warminster Rail Station	1110	1140	1140	1210	1210	1210	.....	.....	10	10	40	40	1710	1710

Chitterne, Church	.....	.....	1634	.....	.....	1704	.....	.....	1734	.....
Tilshead, Rose & Crown	.....	.....	1645	.....	.....	1715	.....	.....	1745	.....
Brazen Bottom	.....	1635	.....	1705	.....	.....	.....	.....	1735	.....
Market Lavington, Church St.	.....	1645	.....	1715	.....	.....	.....	.....	1745	.....
West Lavington, Cross Roads	.....	1648	.....	1718	.....	.....	.....	.....	1748	.....
New Zealand Farm Camp	1644	.....	1714	.....	.....	1744	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gore Cross, Interchange	arr	1655	1655	1725	1725	1725	1755	1755	1755	1755
Gore Cross, Interchange	dep	1700	1700	1730	1730	1730	1800	1800	1800	1800
Imber, Church	.....	1715	1715	.....	.....	1745	1820	1820	1820	1835
Warminster Rail Station	.....	1740	1740	.....	.....	1810	.....	.....	.....	1855

ADDITIONAL JOURNEYS FROM CHITTERNE

DIRECT TO WARMINSTER:

depart from Chitterne Church at 1554 and 1624.

Key:

↘ - Passengers for Warminster change buses at Gore Cross

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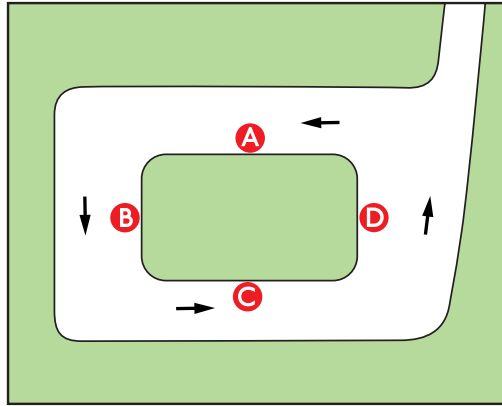
Where to Board Your Bus at GORE CROSS BUS STATION

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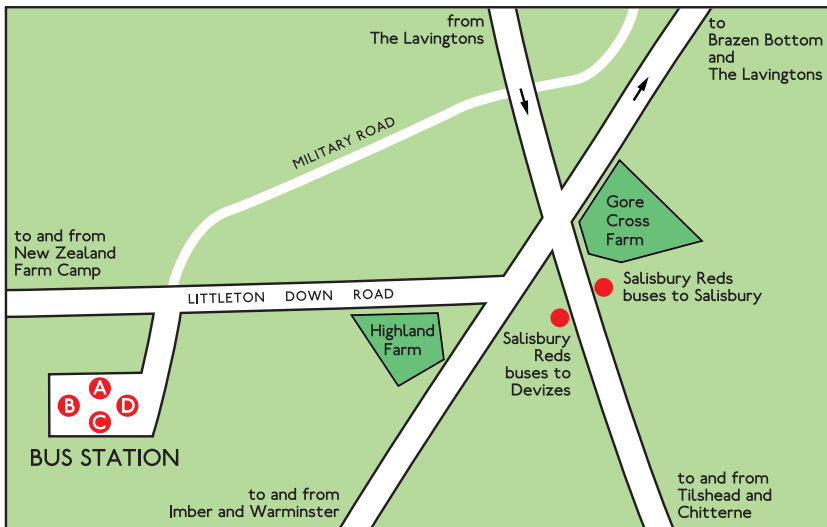
- Brazen Bottom
- Chitterne Church
- Copehill Down Road
- Imber
- Imber Clump
- Lavington Vedette
- Market Lavington
- New Zealand Farm Camp
- Sack Hill Park & Ride
- Tilshead
- Warminster Station
- West Lavington

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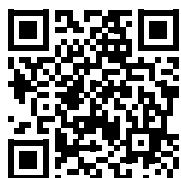
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The Ministry of Defence (MOD) welcomes you to Imber. Please read this leaflet carefully. It will help you make the most of your visit.



Stick to public rights of way

The MOD wants to ensure that visitors to Imber have an enjoyable experience when visiting this historical village. Salisbury Plain is first and foremost a military training area and for your own safety and enjoyment we ask that you stick to public rights of way and designated areas and comply with local flags and signs.



Please don't enter buildings marked 'unsafe'

There are dangerous buildings all around Imber. These buildings are military training features and are unsafe for members of the public. They are always off limits unless notices tell you otherwise. Please do not go inside these buildings.



Disused tank hulks are targets...not playgrounds

You'll see these "hard targets" dotted around Imber. They are not for climbing or playing on; under no circumstance should they be approached. They have been used as targets for many years and are covered by exposed, dangerous metal and small spaces exist where little people could get trapped! They will also be contaminated by munitions or pyrotechnics, which may go off if tampered with.



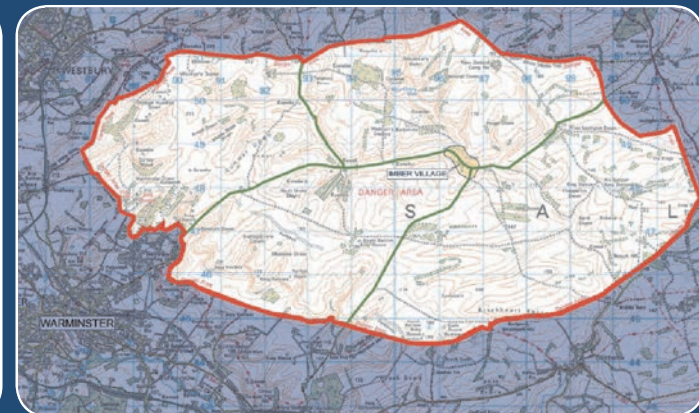
Don't stray from the path

Imber Range has been used for military training for many years. There is always the possibility that unexploded ordnance may contaminate an area. It is important that you remain in those areas designated for public access where the risk has been managed.



Please remember:

- Landmarc, military staff and volunteers are on site for your safety
- Please respect and adhere to all information and direction when visiting the Plain
- Children should be supervised at all times
- Please take your litter home with you
- If you are visiting with your dog please clean up after it and ensure that it is kept in sight and under close control at all times



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