

Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, Tetbury, & Malmesbury for June & July, 2024

There are a number of warden-led walks coming up within easy reach of these towns. There is no need to book and there is no charge for joining the walks, 'though there is a box for a voluntary contribution towards materials for our work on footpath maintenance. Walks start usually at 10.00 am. & will return to the starting point. A packed lunch is advisable. Additional details are on the Cotswold National Landscape (formerly AONB) website.

June, 2024

Saturday, 1st June, 2024-..... Prospecting For Tufa

Start: 10:00 am Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **2.5 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

Start point: VILLAGE HALL, HAWKESBURY UPTON. NOTE RE A VOLUNTARY DONATION IF USING THE VILLAGE HALL CAR PARK.

A morning's walk down two coombes to Curtis Mill and on to the Midger nature reserve. Our return journey takes us through the Kilcott Valley and along the Cotswold Way.

Lunch available locally after the walk, if required.

Monday, 17th June, 2024-..... Coffee Morning Walk No. 2: 'An Introduction to Trig Point Bagging'

Start: 10:30 am, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

Start point: HUNTERS' HALL INN, KINGSCOTE, TETBURY. GL8 8XZ. KINGSCOTE LIES ON THE A4153 DURSLEY TO TETBURY ROAD WHICH CROSSES THE A46 ABOUT ONE MILE EAST OF KINGSCOTE.

Meet for coffee at 10 am, the walk starts at 10:30. From the pub we walk through secluded Hay Bottom to Bagpath then to Hazlecote and Hartley Bridge, passing by the Trig-point at 204 m. We return to the start via Kingscote wood.

Lunch available at the pub after the walk, if required.

Tuesday, 18th June, 2024 - Start: 9:30 am

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3 HOURS** Distance: **6 MILES**

Start point: MEET ALONG THE ROAD EAST OF BIRDLIP SCHOOL.

From Birdlip village, downhill to Great Witcombe, following a part of Roman Ermin Street to the church, reservoir and the site of a Roman Villa. We use 2 sections of the Cotswold Way.

Friday, 21st June, 2024-..... A Summer's Evening Stroll

Start: 6:30 pm, Difficulty: **EASY** Duration: **1.5 HOURS** Distance: **3.5 MILES**

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Enjoy a summer evening stroll in the beautiful countryside near kingscote. an easy walk, families welcome, but not suitable for pushchairs. enjoy a drink afterwards!

Wednesday, 26th June, 2024-..... Leighterton, Anzacs and Arboretum

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: **EASY** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **6.0 MILES**

Start point: ON THE STREET BY THE CHURCH OF ST ANDREW LEIGHTERTON.

PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN THE VILLAGE.

Leaving historic Leighterton we pass the pond and head for the hamlet of Saddlewood. From Saddlewood Manor we take quiet lanes and footpaths to the Macmillan Way through Westonbirt Arboretum. On our return to Leighterton we will view the Anzac memorial and graves. Bring a drink and snack.

Wednesday, 26th June, 2024 - Start: 10:00 am

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3 HOURS** Distance: **6 MILES**

Start point: MISERDEN TREE SHELTER. MISERDEN IS SIGNPOSTED FROM THE B4070 BIRDLIP TO STROUD ROAD.

A walk from Miserden mainly along country lanes with wide ranging views to Duntisbourne Abbots. We return along lanes and country roads through Winstone and through the Miserden estate.

July, 2024

Friday, 12th July, 2024-.....Box to Box

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **5.0 HOURS** Distance: **9.0 MILES**

Start point: HALFWAY HOUSE CAFE, MINCHINHAMPTON COMMON, BOX.

From the village of Box we descend through delightful woodland before climbing through open countryside to enjoy the extensive views. We then pass along Ledgemore Bottom to return to our start point via Shiptons Grave Lane and Hazel wood. Bring snacks, drinks and a packed lunch.

Wednesday, 17th July, 2024-..... Shipton's Grave

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

Start point: KING GEORGE V (KGV) PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK OFF PARK RD AND WOOD LA, NAILSWORTH.

Starting gently but then descending before a wooded climb but easing to a more gentle stroll before returning to pass the alleged grave of one Mr Shipton then descending the delightful bridleway back to the start.

Thursday, 18th July, 2024-..... Finding Water and Nanny Farmer's Bottom!

Start: 10:00 am Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **4.0 HOURS** Distance: **7.5 MILES**

Start point: NEWARK PARK NATIONAL TRUST CAR PARK.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A PARKING CHARGE WILL APPLY FOR NON MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL TRUST.

Explore the local delights of both the Monarch's and Cotswold Ways through the villages of Tresham and Alderley, returning to the spectacular estate of Newark Park and maybe a peek at Nanny Farmer's Bottom! Bring lunch.

Tuesday, 23rd July, 2024-..... Minchinhampton Meander

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.0 HOURS** Distance: **6.0 MILES**

Start point: MINCHINHAMPTON BELL LANE CAR PARK GL6 9BP. ADJACENT TO THE CHURCH.

Lovely walk around Minchinhampton & Rodborough Commons with great views!

A few short descents & ascents, which could be slippery if wet. Bring a drink and snack.

Wednesday, 31st July, 2024-..... Luckington and Longbourn

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **6.0 MILES**

Start point: THE OLD SHIP INN, LUCKINGTON. PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY NEARBY.

The walk passes through Luckington Court, featured as Longbourn in the film 'Pride and Prejudice', then heads towards Sherston. We visit the lovely village of Sopworth and return across farmland to Luckington around 1:30pm. Bring a packed lunch.

Please Note ; The above information only covers the Cotswolds South District Guided Walks. For further details of these walks and other districts see :

<https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/>