

Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, Tetbury, & Malmesbury for March & April, 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. Please do not bring dogs.

March 2024

Thursday, 21st March, Sherston Joyce Provides the Source

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: moderate Duration 4.5 hours Distance: 8.5 miles

Start point: SN16 OLH Sherston.

Please park considerately in the village & meet outside the post office on the High Street. Discover the source of the River Avon before enjoying a return through the picturesque National Arboretum with its majestic trees. May be muddy in places if wet. Please bring a packed lunch.

Wednesday, 27th March, Woodchester. The Ups and Downs of William Leigh in the Woodchester Area

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: moderate Duration: 3.5 hours . Distance: 5.5 miles

Start point: GL5 5PF North Woodchester village.

Parking possible in Church Road or Southbank opposite St. Mary's Church Please park considerately for local residents.

From North Woodchester we'll head up onto Selsley Common for wide ranging views (hopefully if weather is kind!) before dropping down on the spectacular footpath into Woodchester Park and back via South Woodchester including the site of the Priory at Inchbrook and nearby Convent.

April 2024

Tuesday, 2nd April, - Tetbury Circular via Ashley,

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: MODERATE Duration: 3.0 HOURS Distance: 6.5 MILES

Start point: GL8 8EY. Please meet beyond the Station Yard, Tetbury Goods Shed.

We leave Tetbury along the old railway path then head to the pretty hamlet of Ashley. We return to Tetbury across fields.

Monday, 8th April, Selsley..... A Walk Through History

Difficulty: **moderate** Duration: **3.5 hours** Distance: **5.5 miles** **Start: 10:30 am,**

Start point: GL5 5JY

"The Bell" Inn, Selsley. Please park on the roadside or on the Common on the B4066, south of the pub. Selsley is a small village south of Stroud. It lies on the B4066 the A419 Sainsbury's roundabout & Uley.

Join us on a varied walk across fields, through woods and across Selsley Common with its splendid views over the Severn. We go south from the 'Bell' to Woodchester, make a circuit of Boundary Field, alongside Dingle Wood to the top of Bown Hill and across Selsley common to Selsley Church.

Tuesday, 16th April, 2024 - Start: 9:30 am

Cerney to North Meadow. Fritillaries and gliders.

Difficulty **Easy** Duration **3 hours** Distance 6.5 miles

Start point: Cerney Gateway Centre, Spine Road east, Cirencester, GL7 5TL. An easy walk from Cerney to Cricklade North Meadow, part of the historic Cricklade Court Leet, where we hope to see fritillaries.

Please see note below in case of flooding of the meadow.

***** Check the start on website the day before!**

Thursday, 25th April, -Stinchcombe..... Bluebells and Brideshead Revisited

Start: 10:00 am, Difficulty: moderate Duration: 3 hours Distance: 5 miles

Start point: GL11 6AQ

Please use the Stinchcombe Hill Public car park and not the car park for the Golf Club.

Explore the edge of the Cotswold Hills near Dursley and Wotton Under Edge with not only spectacular views and lovely woodland walking, but also some interesting history !

Suitable for novice and experienced walkers, but may be muddy in places, depending on the weather