

Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud in July & August, 2023

There are a number of warden-led walks coming up within easy reach of Stroud. 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.

Thursday, 6th July, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am Dursley

Around The Dursley Downs

Difficulty: **moderate** Duration: **4.0 HOURS** Distance: **6.5 MILES**

Start point: Dursley Market Hall, GL11 4BS

The walk takes paths around the hillsides of Cam Peak, Long Down and Downham Hill and explores the centres of Dursley and Upper Cam. We pass through the redeveloped Lister Engineering site with its newly revealed sections of the River Cam. The walk has several moderate climbs and great views.

Wednesday, 12th July, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am Brimscombe

Circumnavigation of the Toadsmoor Valley

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3 HOURS** Distance: **5 MILES**

Start point: Brimscombe Port car park in Port Lane Brimscombe GL5 2QJ

The walk will follow trails and roads around Toadsmoor Valley including sections of the Chalford Biodiversity Trail. It provides excellent views, not only over Toadsmoor, but also the Golden Valley

Wednesday, 19th July, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am Rodmarton

Problems with Halts And Houses

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **4.5 HOURS** Distance: **9.0 MILES**

Start point: Rodmarton Church. Please park considerately in the village.

Discover the troubled history of a public house and the rich history of the environs of Rodmarton and Ashley.

Packed lunch needed. Possible Café/Bar for drink only

Monday, 24th July, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am Nailsworth

Royal Connections

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **5.0 MILES**

Start point: Nailsworth Garden centre on the B4014, about 0.3 miles on the road towards Avening.

Join us for coffee in the cafe at 10 am. The walk starts at 10:30 and takes us first to the Weighbridge Inn, before a steep climb to Hazel Wood and onto Avening via field footpaths. We return via a footpath through Longman's Farm.

Wednesday, 26th July, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am Painswick

Wool and God

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **2.5 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

Start point: Walkers' Car Park, Golf Course Road, Painswick.

Starting from Painswick Beacon we cross the A46 to reach the hamlet of Paradise from where we descend to the Painswick stream which we follow in the village. Passing between weavers cottages we reach the Quakers Meeting House. We then rejoin the stream passing several mills before re-crossing the A4

Difficulty: **EASY** Duration: **1.5 HOURS** Distance: **2.5 MILES**

Start point: Amberley Inn, Amberley. Please do not park in the Inn car park.

Enjoy a summer meander through Amberley lanes and countryside, with views overlooking the Woodchester valley. This is an easy walk suitable for families and buggies.

Tuesday, 8th August, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am Hawkesbury Upton

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.0 HOURS** Distance: **6.0 MILES**

Start point: Hawkesbury Upton Village hall car park

Discover the area around Hawkesbury Upton where the famous landmark of the Somerset Monument can be seen and explore the beauty of two ancient commons.

Friday, 25th August, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am Sherston

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **5.5 HOURS** Distance: **10.0 MILES**

Start point: Outside the Sherston village shop and post office in the village square.

From Sherston we will walk along the Sherston branch of the River Avon to Didmarton before returning via Sopworth and Luckington.

Friday, 11th August, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am Sapperton

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

Start point: Sapperton Village, by the telephone box near the church. GL7 6LG.

A circular walk in and out (and up and down) the Frome valley, initially towards Edgeworth and its polo grounds, then through the nature reserves of Daneway Banks and Siccaridge Wood.

PARK AT THE BELL INN, BUT ONLY IF STAYING FOR LUNCH,
OTHERWISE, PLEASE PARK CONSIDERATELY IN VILLAGE.

Wednesday, 23rd August, 2023 - Start: 12:10 am Miserden

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3 HOURS** Distance: **5.5 MILES**

Start point: Miserden Village Centre.

From Miserden we descend into the Frome Valley and take a wooded path to Edgeworth before returning to Miserden via Sudgrove.