

Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, October & November, 2025

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. However, 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. Sadly, no dogs allowed, but dog walkers could find attractive self-guided walks on the website. Additional details are on the Cotswold National Landscape (formerly AONB) website. [Guided routes - CNL](https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/exploring/guided-routes/) <https://www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk/exploring/guided-routes/>

October, 2025

Friday, 3rd October Miserden and Fox Wood

The walk starts in the centre of the estate village of Miserden and is largely on footpaths and along quiet lanes

Distance 3.5 miles / 5.63 km **Duration** 2 hours **Difficulty** Moderate fitness, may be steep slopes'
Start outside Carpenter's Arms in Miserden village GL6 7JA
OS Grid Ref SO 937 088 What3Words ///ritual.unspoiled.cheeks

Thursday, 9th October All Roads Lead to Waterley Bottom

From Stinchcombe Hill we will walk downhill following paths and lanes into lovely Waterley Bottom. Our return will be through woodlands along the Lantern Way and via Ashen Plains. Bring a snack and a drink.

Distance 6.0 miles / 9.66 km **Duration** 3.5 hours **Difficulty** Moderate fitness, may be steep slopes
Start Stinchcombe Hill public car park, Dursley. Not the Golf Club car park.
OS Grid Ref ST 744 984 What3Words planting.calculating.stockpile

Thursday, 16th October The White Walls Way to Alderton

After leaving Sherston we follow the White Walls Way through woods, field paths and bridleways to Luckington and then to Alderton for a mid-morning coffee break. The walk returns via a different route to Sherston where post walk refreshment and lunch will be possible at the "Rattlebone Inn" or one of the local coffee shops.

Distance 6.0 miles / 9.66 km **Duration** 4.0 hours **Difficulty** Basic fitness, unsurfaced paths
Start Outside the Church, Church Street, Sherston, Malmesbury SN16 0NR. Please park considerately nearby.
OS Grid Ref ST 854 859 What3Words grief.occupiers.shoving

Tuesday, 21st October Autumn woodland colour

Heading out to Westonbirt and its imposing house and beautiful Arboretum, this flat walk from Shipton Moyne crosses parkland, fields, a golf course and quiet lanes in a circular route. We enter

the Arboretum and walk the Macmillan Way to experience the wonderful autumn colours. Please bring refreshments for a drinks stop and a picnic lunch.

Distance 8.5 miles / 13.68 km **Duration** 4.5 hours **Difficulty** Moderate fitness, may be steep slopes

Start Parking on The Street, Shipton Moyne. Plenty of roadside parking near the pub. Please park considerately and be aware of driveways and sight views. Please do not park in the pub carpark. View start on Google Maps

OS Grid Ref. ST 890 895 What3Words swear.breathing.indulgent

Wednesday, 29th October, Lake & manor

Across fields from Cherington, following the Macmillan Way we will spend time exploring Rodmarton, enjoying the manor. The return to Cherington will be along lanes and across fields ending with a circuit of Cherington Lake affording the possibility of a Kingfisher and Little Grebes. Please bring a packed lunch.

Distance 8.0 miles / 12.87 km **Duration** 4.5 hours **Difficulty** Moderate fitness, may be steep slopes

Start St Nicholas Church, Cherington, Glos. Please park considerately and meet outside the church. OS Grid Ref ST 903 986 What3Words gentlemen.prospered.colonies

Please park considerately in the village and meet at the Church.

Guided walks for November

Wednesday 5th November, starting at 10:30 "Charles II Was Here", Leighterton

Start from the Royal Oak pub in Leighterton. From the attractive village of Leighterton we head towards Boxwell, passing historic Boxwell Court. We continue on the Monarch's Way to the hilltop village of Tresham, returning across field tracks to our start point.

Distance 5.5 miles / 8.85 km **Duration** 3.5 hours **Difficulty** Moderate fitness, may be steep slopes.

Boxwell Court is a fine mansion built on the site of an ancient monastery. The monastery was destroyed by Henry VIII who ceded the land to the Huntley family who were tenants of the monastery and assisted Henry's enforcer to close it down - they have lived there ever since. The main source of income was boxwood used in tool making. Charles II was reputed to have stayed there, and left a gold ring in appreciation. He was on his long trip from Worcester to the Dorset coast - good of him to follow the Monarch's way.

Start Leighterton lies to the east of the A46 mid-way between the Dunkirk cross-roads and the Dursley-Tetbury Rd. Do not park in the pub car-park, but courteously in the village nearby.

OS Grid Ref ST 823 918 **What3Words** [splashes.printer.factories](#)

Saturday 8th November, Hawkesbury Upton, "Wooded Valleys and Wide Open Skies"

This is a circular route from Hawkesbury Upton via Kilcott. The first half of the walk passes through the Badminton Estate, with the second half following the Cotswold Way.

Distance 5.5 miles / 8.85 km **Duration** 2.5 hours **Difficulty** Moderate fitness, may be steep slopes.

Start War memorial, High Street, Hawkesbury Upton. Please park considerately in the village.

OS Grid Ref ST 779 869 **What3Words** [resolved.coping.turkey](#)

Tuesday, 11th Nov Across Painswick valley to Sheepscombe, returning via Paradise

Distance 5.5 miles / 8.85 km **Duration** 3 hours **Difficulty** Moderate fitness, may be steep slopes.

Start from Walkers' car park, Golf Course Road, Painswick GL6 6RR

OS Grid Ref SO 868 105 **What3Words** [///clues.facing.expert](#)

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Wednesday, 12th November, Tetbury, Hookhouse, Chavenage

We explore the pretty countryside west of Tetbury using the Monarch's then Macmillan Ways and some quiet lanes. We will pass by the beautiful Elizabethan manor house of Chavenage. Please bring a packed lunch.

Distance 7.0 miles / 11.27 km **Duration** 4.0 hours **Difficulty** Moderate fitness, may be steep slopes.

Start from Old Station Yard Free Car Park by Tetbury Goods Shed GL8 8EY.

OS Grid Ref ST 893 933 **What3Word** [nurture.rejoiced.lately](#)

Tuesday, 18th November Miserden, Duntisbourne and Winstone

A walk from Miserden, an estate village, through wooded areas and across fields to Duntisbourne.

Distance 6 miles / 9.66 km **Duration** 3 hours **Difficulty** Moderate fitness, may be steep slopes.

Start from the bus Stop in the centre of Miserden, opposite the "Carpenter's Arms" GL6 7JA

OS Grid Ref SO 936 089 **What3Words** [///LONGINGLY.SHRUGGING.SURCHARGE](#)

Thursday, 20th Nov start 10.30 Third Thursday Walk, 'Horses and Courses'

Every month, South District Cotswold Wardens offer a two-hour walk on the third Thursday starting at 10.30am from a café or pub, where there is an optional opportunity for refreshment at the end of the walk. Come and enjoy the glorious Cotswold National Landscape with us every month!

This month, we explore the environs of Nailsworth and hear some interesting tales of punishments for sheep stealing!

Distance 5.0 miles / 8.05 km **Duration** 2.0 hours **Difficulty** Moderate fitness, may be steep slopes

Parking in Old Market, Nailsworth. There is additional parking at King George V playing field, Park Road, Nailsworth, GL6 0HR

OS Grid Ref ST 849 994 **What3Words** [wagers.nags.stepping](https://www.what3words.com/wagers.nags.stepping)