

Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, Tetbury, & Malmesbury in October & November, 2023

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.

1. Saturday, 7th October, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am. Dursley Walking Festival

Difficulty: **moderate** Duration: **4.5 hours** Distance: **8.5 miles**

Start point: "Hunters' Hall Inn", Kingscote, near Tetbury, GL8 8XZ

Discover the delights of Bagpath and Beyond. Explore the gems of Bagpath, Lasborough and Ozleworth in this journey through scenic valleys and historical buildings. It may be muddy in places, depending on weather. Packed lunch needed.

2. Thursday, 12th October, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am. Bee Boles And Other Things

Difficulty: **moderate** Duration: **3 hours** Distance: **6 miles**

Start point: "Queen Matilda" Pub., Avening, near Tetbury GL8NT.

Please park considerately in the village.

This is a relatively level walk with one short steep descent passing through the villages of Cherington and Nag's Head.

3. Tuesday, 17th October, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am

Oakridge Lynch to Bisley by Water Lane and return via Money Tump.

Difficulty: **Moderate** Duration: **3.5 hours** Distance: **7 miles**

Start point: park on the road near to "The Butchers Arms" at Oakridge Lynch, GL7 3NQ.

The quiet village of Oakridge Lynch is our start for this circular walk taking us along Waterlane to the Giant's Stone at Battlescombe, then on to Bisley with its legend come hoax of the Bisley Boy. From there we return across the fields passing Money Tump, through Bournes Green to Oakridge.

4. Wednesday, 25th October, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am. A Nailsworth ramble

Difficulty: **moderate** Duration: **2.5 hours** Distance: **3.5 miles**

Start point: "King George V" playing field (KGV) GL6 OHT car park.

This is off Park road & Wood lane, Nailsworth.

This is a relatively short stroll around the small town of Nailsworth including the peripheral hamlets of Watledge, Windsoredge and Shortwood. We take in the local football club at Forest Green and a nature reserve with superb views over Shortwood and beyond.

5. Tuesday, 31st October, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am

Slad valley - walking with Rosie

Difficulty: **Strenuous** Duration: **2 hours** Distance: **4 miles**

Start point: **Bulls Cross layby, on the B4070, north of Slad Village**

We will follow a large section of the Laurie Lee Wildlife Way, incorporating some lovely views over the Slad valley, as unspoilt today as it was 100 years ago.

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6. Wednesday, 1st November, 2023

Riotous Assembly and the Devil's Work: Leckhampton Hill and Beyond

Difficulty: moderate Duration: 3 hours Distance: 6 miles

Start point: Park cars at the old quarry, Hartley Lane CP GL53 9QT. Entrance is c.330m from the junction with Leckhampton Hill Road. Features of interest to geologists and archaeology.

7. Wednesday, 15th November, 2023

Slaving around Stroud

Difficulty: strenuous, Duration: 2.5 hours Distance: 5 miles

Start point: car park, Stroud College, GL5 4AQ

A shortish but steepish (!) autumnal stroll around Stroud, Whiteshill and Ruscombe

8. Thursday, 16th November, 2023

Trees, Thoroughbreds and A Lucky Cat

Difficulty: moderate Duration: 4.5 hours Distance: 8.5 miles

Start point: The Long Stay car Park, formerly Tetbury railway station, GL8 8EY.

Meet outside "the Goods Shed Arts centre."

This will include some lovely walking through the Estcourt Park estate visiting Shipton Moyne and Westonbirt Arboretum.

Bring packed lunch. Possible coffee stop in Shipton Moyne.

9. Tuesday, 21st November, 2023

North Cerney to Woodmancote and an RFC airfield.

Difficulty: moderate Duration: 2.5 hours Distance: 5 miles

Start point: "the Bathurst Arms", GL7 7BZ

A circular walk from the Bathurst Arms, North Cerney, to Woodmancote, Rendcombe and back.

10. Friday, 1st December, 2023

Circular Walk through Stowell Estate and Chedworth Villa

Difficulty: easy Duration: 3 hours Distance: 5 miles

Start point: Disused "RAF Chedworth" airfield, 1 mile NW of Chedworth. Park by the runway on the minor road heading north towards Compton Abdale from the White Way.

A scenic flat and easy circular route with one short but steep ascent at the end.

