

Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, September , 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.

Wednesday, 11th September, 2024 – Start: 9:30 am Selsey Common and Canal

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **3.5 HOURS** Distance: **7 MILES**

Start point: **STONEHOUSE TOWN CAR PARK GL10 2NG**

Once out of the town we climb to follow the Cotswold Way National Trail for much of the walk. From sheltered beech woodlands and over the rich open grassland of Selsley common, we guide you around remnants of an industrial past that shaped the landscape.

Thursday, 19th September -..... Tetbury South Circular

Difficulty: **MODERATE** Duration: **4 HOURS** Distance: **7.5 MILES**

Start point: OLD STATION YARD FREE CAR PARK BY TETBURY GOODS SHED, GL8 8EY

Lovely varied countryside walk to Shipton Moyne with much of historical interest. Please bring a packed lunch. We are likely to encounter horses on this walk.

Wednesday, 18th September, 2024 – Start: 10:00 am The Glorious Golden Valley

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

Start point: **ST. KENELM'S CHURCH, SAPPERTON.**

PLEASE PARK BESIDE THE CHURCH, OR RESPECTFULLY IN THE VILLAGE.

Following woodland tracks and canal paths, we will start in Sapperton and head into the Golden Valley, passing a 14th Century manor, nature reserves and 19th Century industry.

Wednesday, 25th September, -..... Ways and Means

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

Start point: "The Fleece" Inn which is at the centre of Hillesley Village. Hillesley is about 3 miles south of Wotton. Take the A46 to Hawkesbury Upton & look for car parking at the sports ground located along a lane about 200 yards from "The Fleece" going towards Hawkesbury. Grid Ref. is ST768896.

This is a lovely walk taking in the secluded Kilcote Valley and local woodland. We walk on a section of the Monarch's Way to Lower Kilcote and return via the Cotswold Way to Hillesley.