

g. Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, July & August 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/>

July Walks

Stinchcombe. Tuesday, July 1st. start 10.00 "Stinchcombe to Stancombe"

5 miles, 3 hours. **Difficulty** moderate

Start from Stinchcombe Hill Village Hall, GL11 6AW

Route description

The circular route ascends from 75m asl to 220m asl on moderately steep slopes. Crossing the Cam-Stinchcombe road, we walk up the ancient escarpment track to reach Stinchcombe Hill. We follow the Cotswold Way part way around the Hill, with wide reaching views over the Severn Vale. The path continues down through the woods to give views of Stancombe Park. A short section of lane takes us to a downhill path, and then we follow the contours across pasture fields back to Stinchcombe village.

Please note that there are no toilet facilities on this route. Walking poles could be useful for the slopes. The group will stop for a refreshment break, so please bring your own drink and snack. If you are looking for food or toilets after the walk, the "Leaf and Ground café" is just a mile away.

Led by: Susan Cannon, Gill Williams

Start Address: Stinchcombe Village Hall car park, GL11 6AW, by kind permission of Stinchcombe Parish Council.

OS Grid Ref ST 735 991 What3Words goat.gambles.confused

Haresfield Tuesday, 16th July, Start 09.30

5.5 miles / 8.85 km Duration 3 to hours

OS Grid Ref SO 8317 0858 What3Words lectured.paraded.snored

Park: National Trust Haresfield Car Park at Shortwood near GL6 6PP (free to NT members) Starting towards the viewpoint and Beacon with views across the Severn Vale towards the Forest of Dean and Wales. We then make our way round to Edge Common unimproved grasslands where orchids and butterflies flourish and we should get views over the Painswick valley. On our way back we will get views towards Stroud in the south.

Bring snacks and drink for a short refreshment break.

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Wotton Under Edge Thursday, 17th July Start 10.30

5 miles, 3 hours, Difficulty moderate

Start Address: The Edge Cafe, 44 Long Street, Wotton Under Edge GL12 7BT.

Parking available in the Chipping car park GL12 7AD, Civic Centre GL12 7DN, and Potters Pond GL12 7HF.

OS Grid Ref ST 756932 What3Words hydration.relay.working.

Every month, the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens offer a five mile 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. This enchanting walk starts from one of the Cotswolds' most charming and thriving small towns. It takes us through farmland, woodland tracks and rolling parkland from scarp top to valley bottom.

August, 2025

Thursday, 17th July, start 10.30 Roundheads & Cavaliers

Distance 5 miles / 8.05 km Duration 3.5 hours Difficulty Moderate Shape Circular

Route description

Chavenage House and Beverston were occupied by opposing sides during the English Civil War: the Parliamentarians from Chavenage eventually seized Beverston Castle from the Royalists.

Led by: Eric Brown,

Start Address Barn Café at Chavenage House. Chavenage House is signposted from the A46 about 0.5 miles north of the intersection with the A4135 Tetbury -Dursley road.

OS Grid Ref ST 387 195 What3Words meatball.straddled.sweep

Monday, 11th August, 2025 - Start: 10:00 am Living On The Edge

Distance 4.0 miles / 6.44 km Duration 2.5 hours Difficulty Easy

Mobility aid rating Stile free Info Shape Circular

Route description :

Just under four miles and is a stile-free walk, largely on level ground.

Starting outside the Scout Hut on Old London Road, we walk to the viewpoint of Wotton Hill, before heading along the Cotswold escarpment through Westridge Woods to the Iron Age hillfort at Brackenbury Ditches. From there the route continues to the Tyndale Monument above North Nibley and the views down the Severn and across to the Forest of Dean and the Brecon Beacons. We return through the beech woods to Conygres Woods, finishing at the nature reserve on Old London Road that is a Site of Special Scientific Interest for its rare plants.

Led by: Dan Johnson, Derrick Hildersley

StartAddress: Conygres Scout Hut, Old London Road, Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7EG.

Parking is along Old London Road.

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