



Updates to More Favourite Walks in the South Cotswolds

Walk 1 - Painswick Beacon and Cranham - - amended instructions now available (**see Appendix MFW 1**) after path deletion - March 2007. Following a public inquiry a path at Sutton's Mill has been deleted from the definitive map and our walk has therefore been slightly rerouted. (The deleted path runs from Suttons Mill at point E northwards to the road)

Alternative start points: D, Near Cranham Church weekdays, SO 890124, or outside Cranham school SO 893125 on Sundays or E, Royal William pub CP SO 878126 ONLY if using pub. Please be aware that on Saturdays parking might be tricky at Cranham, as there could either be a wedding at the church or a fete at the school.

Walk 2 - Painswick and Edge - Diversions - August 2007 - two short official diversions have come into effect and one confusing unofficial one. (**see Appendix MFW 2**)

Walk 3 - No update

Walk 4 - Sudgrove and Miserden MAJOR DIVERSIONS - November 2010 - At Point B a complex series of diversions, extinguishments and creations in the Valley Farm area has actually made our book route very simple! It has always been very confusing in that area and the changes have actually made the book route 600 metres shorter. All you now need to do is:-

Cross the stile at point B out of Ashcombe Bottom and then immediately turn left and follow the field edge for about 100 metres until you reach the footbridge over the river (this has replaced the stepping stones). (This route cuts out all the paths round Valley Farm and its buildings.) Pick up the book text after "on far side of stepping stones ...(12th line of paragraph B)

Walks 5, 6, 7, 8 - No updates

Walk 9 - Minchinhampton - minor diversion* Oct 2007 - page 19, 2nd column, 2nd line - Amend to read, On reaching houses turn right through gateway (opposite Lower Peaches Farm) and follow enclosed track with wall on left until it bears right to gateway. Go through and after 50 yards near house turn left through gap in wall...

Walk 10 - No update

Walk 11 - Cam Peak walk – July 2013 - The very steep and ADVENTUROUS ROUTE off Coaley Peak by the topograph is on open access land, but can be overgrown by bracken in the summer months, so if you are in any doubt after looking, please use the longer EASY ROUTE we have devised for you.

There is a road to cross at the bottom too, so if in any doubt, please do the EASY ROUTE.

ADVENTUROUS ROUTE

E After taking in the views, notice the direction on the AA topograph of the "Forest of Dean 12 miles" and IF you can spot a very steep path down in this direction, this is the one to take. Other paths may be there, but lead only to the fence, and you will have to return steeply up if the bracken is tall. Descend carefully to go over the stile at the bottom. Descend a few more yards down a steep bank to the busy road, and cross VERY CAREFULLY.

Go right along the verge for a few yards, then take the footpath on the left gently downhill to next road. Now rejoin book instructions on line 6 of paragraph E, "Turn right and go down a short distance"

EASY ROUTE

E After taking in the views from the AA topograph, rejoin the Cotswold Way south.

This eventually leads to a kissing gate into a wooded area. Pass old quarry face on L.

After a "falling rocks" warning sign turn R to reach a busy road. Cross VERY CAREFULLY to walk down steep and narrow minor side road. Continue down past "Brackenland" to a bridleway on L. Now rejoin book instructions at line 8 of paragraph E, "After 50 yards by tall stone wall..."

Walks 12, 13 - No updates

Walk 14 - Beverston Castle IMPORTANT - paragraph A and B have been revised in 2011 for easier route finding on tricky cross field paths. A pleasant alternative end is suggested to avoid road verge walking. This adds about 0.6 mile to the walk. (**See Notes on Page 2**)

Walk 15 - No update

More Favourite Walks in the South Cotswolds - 14
Beverston Castle, Chavenage House, Ledgemore and Longtree

An excellent alternative start point is Chavenage Green (point E grid ref ST 865957) which has lots of parking space for groups, and you can see Beverston Castle and visit the Norman Church half way round.

Revised 2011 Paragraphs A&B Easier route finding following minor changes on cross field paths.

A Enter the field (cattle grid and gate) at the end of the road by Church and turn right. Follow field edge with wall on right. At lone tree and meeting of paths continue in same direction with fence and hedge on your left down to a gate and stile. Continue down by hedge and then across and up slope in same direction. Descend to reach corner.

B Near the corner of the field look for TWO metal gates; the one on the right is for the EASY 3 mile option. [Go through this metal gate in corner on the right (blue arrow). Continue up on an occasionally muddy path with trees then hedge on left to bridleway sign at Chavenage Green Cottages. Turn right. Now see point E.]

MAIN WALK - The LEFT metal gate is a few yards away from the corner. Go through this. The next four fields are often planted so follow the cross-field paths CAREFULLY with these instructions if the path has not been marked by the farmer. Go up the first field to mid-point of hedge (aiming for large ash tree on skyline). On reaching the ash tree and overgrown, often dried up pond on your left, go through the gap in the wall. Bear slightly left across second field and aim 80 yards to the left of a lone tree in the hedge. Go through a small gap here and cross the next field on the same line, aiming for a large gap in the wall to the right of conifers and buildings. Cross road and go a short distance over the corner of the fourth unfenced field towards the left boundary. Continue along to stile and cross. Continue to another stile on left shortly before end of field and cross plantation diagonally to stone stile. Turn right onto concrete farm road and follow past cattle grid and gates to woodland in dip.

Now continue on Paragraph C.

Revised 2011 Para F Pleasant alternative end (0.6 miles longer) to avoid main road verge walking.

F (To avoid verge walking) On reaching main road cross carefully and almost opposite take the Macmillan Way in the same direction as previous path. Follow this alongside 2 fields on the R until you come to a gateway. Turn R along an enclosed lane. This takes you round a pleasant route back to the main road. Cross and continue past castle to Church to finish the walk.

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