



South Cotswold Group walks and events

Part of Gloucestershire area

We walk in the very scenic South Cotswolds and Berkeley Vale and often further afield 2, 3 and even 4 times a week. If you like the idea of walking and making new friends do come along and try us out.

Sat 1 January 2022 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:30 approx.)

A route reversed

Starts at 10:00: Selsley Common main car park on B4066 (GL5 5PL, SO828026)

Down the Cotswold Way to the cycle track, North and South Woodchester and back up through the vineyards. May be muddy in places but mostly good paths. Some lane walking and a few stiles. Coffee stop, bring a sandwich just in case. Please meet at start point at 09:50.

Maps L162/E168

<http://tinyurl.com/mapSelsleyCom>

Contact: Ann A, 01453 839089 or 07931 114439

Wed 5 January 2022 10:00 - 6.5 miles/10.5 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:30 approx.)

Bourne, Bussage, Brimscombe

Starts at 10:00: Brimscombe, long lay-by on A419 near Pavillion. Please meet at 09:50. (GL5 2TL, SO877022)
Up and down Toadsmoor Valley. One short stop for coffee/snack.

Maps: L162/E168

<http://tinyurl.com/mapBrimscambeLayby>

Local grade: terrain 2 hilly and level mix

Contact: Diana & Richard D, 01453 762373 or 07579219065

Sat 8 January 2022 10:00 - 9.5 miles/15.3 km - Moderate (Finishes 14:45 approx.)

Will it be dry this time?

Starts at 10:00: Birdlip, outside school. Passing the Royal George on left, do not bend left towards A417, but continue 300 yards straight on, (signed Brimpsfield) along the old road. (GL4 8JH, SO928142)

A mix of open and woodland walking passing through Hazel Hanger Wood, the Ebworth Estate, down to Sheepscombe village and up past the cricket pitch, returning through Saltridge Hill, Overtown and Cranham Wood. Bring a picnic lunch. Please meet at start point by 09:45

Maps L163/E179

<http://tinyurl.com/mapBirdlipSch>

Local grade: terrain 2 hilly and level mix

Contact: Lawrence A, 07486 415265

Mon 10 January 2022 10:30 - 4.5 miles/7.2 km - Leisurely (Finishes 13:15 approx.)

Searching for the Devil

Starts at 10:30: Meet and park at far end of Seven Springs pub car park. (GL53 9NG, SO968169)

Seven Springs to Devils Chimney and return via Hartley Farm. No stiles (probably!) Dress warmly, could be exposed. Please meet at 10:15. Lunch available afterwards (if required) at Seven Springs pub. Book on arrival.

Maps: L163/E 179

<http://tinyurl.com/mapSevenSprings>

Local grade: Terrain 1 Not much climbing

Contact: Patrick & Angela, 01452 616886 or 07778 662951

Wed 12 January 2022 10:00 - 7 miles/11.3 km - Moderate (Finishes 14:00 approx.)

Three Double-yous

Starts at 10:00: Amberley War Memorial. Park on Common without damaging grass. (GL5 5AA, SO851016)

A circular walk from Amberley War Memorial. Down to S. Woodchester. Up Vinyards to Selsley. Water Lane and back through Manor Wood. Two climbs of 600 feet. Bring snack lunch. Meet at start at 09:50.

Maps: L162/E168

<http://tinyurl.com/mapAmberleyWM>

Local grade: Terrain 3 Quite Hilly

Contact: Brian and Sheelagh, 01453 872220 or on day 07749 931449

Sat 15 January 2022 10:00 - 5 miles/8.1 km - Moderate (Finishes 12:45 approx.)

Chavenage to Avening

Starts at 10:00: Park and meet at Chavenage Green. Please meet at 09:50. (GL8 8XW, ST867955)

Walk via Macmillan Way to Avening, return via Longtree Bottom. It will be muddy - walking stick(s) advisable.

There are a number of stiles on this walk. Refreshments available at Wild Carrot Cafe, Chavenage.

Maps: L162/E168

<http://tinyurl.com/mapChavenageGreen>

Local grade: Terrain 1 Not much climbing

Contact: Derek, 07711445395

Wed 19 January 2022 10:00 - 6.5 miles/10.5 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

A Winters Wander through the Woods

Starts at 10:00: Royal William, A46. Please park in the car park behind the pub, not on the A46. Meet at the start at 09:50 (GL6 6TT, SO878127)

From the Royal William we follow the Cotswold Way up to Coopers Hill, then around to Cranham Common before a final climb back to the starting point. May be muddy in places. Some moderately steep sections. Bring a snack. Lunch available (if required) at the Royal William on our return.

Maps:

L162/E179

<http://tinyurl.com/mapRoyalWilliam>

Local grade: Terrain 3 Quite Hilly

Contact: Loren H, 01452 372642 or 07748861991

Sat 22 January 2022 10:00 - 6.1 miles/9.8 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Five Woods Walk

Starts at 10:00: Haresfield Beacon National Trust car park. Charge for non-members (£3 as of 8/12/21), don't forget your membership card if you are a member. Meet at start at 09:50 (GL6 6PP, SO832085)

A circular walk via Standish, Pitchcombe, Maitlands, Halliday's and Cliff Woods to Haresfield Beacon. Good woodland paths, mostly rolling terrain with a climb to the Beacon near the end. There will be a coffee stop on route (bring a drink/snack).

Maps:

L162/E179

<https://map.what3words.com/absent.fades.unloading>

For route see:

https://explore.osmaps.com/en/route/10756411/Five-Woods_Walk-from-Haresfield_Beacon

Local grade: terrain 2 hilly and level mix

Contact: Malcolm T, 07817 395486

Mon 24 January 2022 10:30 - 4 miles/6.4 km - Leisurely (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Amberley and Rodborough in reverse

Starts at 10:30: Minchinhampton Common Reservoir CP near Amberley. Meet at 10:20. (GL6 9AQ, SO855012)
A circular walk passing The Bear, The Fort, pausing at Winstones for a booster and/or coffee and back across to the Reservoir.

Maps:

L162/E168

<http://tinyurl.com/mapMinchResCP>

Local grade: Terrain 1 Not much climbing

Contact: Mike and Heather G, 01453 873625 or 07749 282087

Wed 26 January 2022 10:00 - 5.2 miles/8.4 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

Round and round the Cotswold Way

Starts at 10:00: King's Stanley Stroud District CP opposite the pub. Please meet at 09:50. (GL10 3JD, SO811034)

A circular walk along the Cotswold Way to Penn Wood, then back on its other branch via Selsley Common and the canal. Varied route across fields, common land and the woods. One climb at the beginning and a flat finish taking in the newly repaired bridge at Ebley. Coffee stop along the way and we pass a coffee shop on the way back for any so inclined.

The first part of the walk can be muddy. If so we will walk to Middleyard along the road instead.

Maps: L162/E168

<http://tinyurl.com/mapKingsStanleySDCCP>

Local grade: terrain 2 hilly and level mix

Contact: Malcolm T, 07817 395486

Sat 29 January 2022 10:00 - 7 miles/11.3 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:30 approx.)

We've missed the last train!

Starts at 10:00: Tunnel House CP (BY KIND PERMISSION OF EARL BATHURST), Coates (turn off Coates-Tarlton road). Meet at 09:50. (GL7 6PW, SO965006)

A circular walk on canal towpath, across fields to the source of the River Thames, Kemble Station (coffee stop with good coffee available), disused railway to Jackament Bottom, Monarch Way, Tarlton and back across the fields.

Maps: L163/E168

<http://tinyurl.com/mapTunnelHouse>

Local grade: Terrain 1 Not much climbing

Contact: John G, 01452 728760

Tue 1 February 2022 10:00 - 6.1 miles/9.8 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:30 approx.)

An Evening Adventure

Starts at 10:00: Nailsworth, Egypt Mill CP GL6 0AJ, park over far side. L162/E168 ST850998 (GL6 0AJ, ST850998)

To Nailsworth playing fields, up to Shipton Grave Lane, West End, Evening church, back through Hazel Woods. Walking on fields, footpaths, farm tracks and a quiet lane. Will be very muddy in places. 8 stiles. Two long ascents. We will have one stop for coffee/snack. Lunch is available at Egypt Mill afterwards. No need to pre-book. Please meet at 09:50.

Additional map:

<http://tinyurl.com/mapNailsworthEgyptMill>

Local grade: level 2 hilly and level mix

Contact: Alex L, 01453834448 or 07974119806

Sat 5 February 2022 10:00 - 8 miles/12.9 km - Moderate (Finishes 14:30 approx.)

Ham and Hill winter warmer

Starts at 10:00: Meet at 9:50 at Ham near Berkeley. Please park along the road between The Salutation Inn and the village green. No parking on the green. L162/E167 ST679983 GL13 9QN (GL13 9QN, ST679983)

A circular walk via Whitcliff deer park, Roundhouse wood, Upper Hill and Bevington. More level than hilly with several stiles. Bring a packed lunch.

Additional map

<http://tinyurl.com/mapHamVG>

Local grade: level 2 hilly and level mix

Contact: Olivia G, 01453 751716 or on day 07538 160563

Mon 7 February 2022 10:30 - 3.5 miles/5.6 km - Leisurely (Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Over the hills and not far away

Starts at 10:30: Go up Tabernacle Pitch and just past the graveyard turn right. You will see two drives, so take the left narrower one to emerge into large CP. L162/E167 ST 75559350 GL12 7EF (GL12 7EF, ST755935)

Conygre Wood, around Coombe Hill, through Coombe and Holywell and back along the stream. Steep ups and downs. Slippery and muddy if wet. There are pubs and cafes in Wotton-under-Edge if required after the walk.

Please meet at the start point at 10:20.

Additional Map:

<http://tinyurl.com/mapWottonAuctionCP>

Local grade: terrain 2 hilly and level mix

Contact: Colin B, 01453 843716 or 07525453911

Wed 9 February 2022 10:00 - 7 miles/11.3 km - Moderate (Finishes 14:00 approx.)

Over the hills and far away

Starts at 10:00: Rodborough, Car Park just above Fort on Rodborough Common. Meet at 09:50. (GL5 5BL, SO851040)

Down to Lightpill. Up to Selsley. Down to Ryeford. Along the Canal. Up to the start. There are two long climbs which will be taken at a pace to suit all walkers. Bring a snack.

Maps: L162/E168

Local grade: terrain 2 hilly and level mix

Contact: Diana & Richard D, 01453 762373 or 07579219065

Sat 12 February 2022 10:00 - 6 miles/9.7 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

North Nibley from Stinchcombe Hill

Starts at 10:00: Stinchcombe Hill Public Car Park (not Golf Course CP). (GL11 6AQ) L162/E167 ST743983 (GL11 6AQ, ST743983)

A circular walk via Hermitage Wood, Breakheart Quarry, Breakheart Hill, Pitt Court, Nibley Knoll and returning through North Nibley on the Cotswold Way. Stiles and some walking on minor roads. Meet at start at 09:50.

Maps L162/E167

<http://tinyurl.com/mapStinchcombeHillCP>

Local grade: Terrain 3 Quite Hilly

Contact: Karen, 01453 545824 or on day 07721 605409

Wed 16 February 2022 10:00 - 5 miles/8.1 km - Moderate (Finishes 12:30 approx.)

Oakridge "for a change"

Starts at 10:00: Oakridge Village Hall. Meet at 09:50. Some parking by the hall (not hall car park) and roadside parking. (GL6 7NZ, SO918037)

Oakridge, Iles Green, Daneway Banks, Waterlane, Oakridge. Bring a snack.

Maps: L163/E168

<http://tinyurl.com/mapOakridgeRecGd>

Local grade: Terrain 3 Quite Hilly

Contact: Brian & Ann, 01452770510 or 07770895035

Sat 19 February 2022 10:00 - 6.5 miles/10.5 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:30 approx.)

In the footsteps of poets and Arts and Crafts

Starts at 10:00: Sapperton village, near Church. Meet at 09:50. (GL7 6LG, SO947033)

Along to Frampton Mansell. Down into Valley. Siccaridge Wood. Pinbury Park. Some short hilly bits. There will be mud! Bring a snack.

Maps: L163/E179

<http://tinyurl.com/mapSapperton>

Local grade: terrain 2 hilly and level mix

Contact: Diana & Richard D, 01453 762373 or 07579219065

Mon 21 February 2022 10:30 - 4 miles/6.4 km - Leisurely (Finishes 13:00 approx.)

The improved bridleways between Berkeley and the river

Starts at 10:30: The centre of Berkeley. Meet at 10:20 outside the old bank, by the cycle racks and the pharmacy. Parking in the Library CP ST682993 (GL13 9DQ) or Marybrook Street CP. ST 683994. If you intend to use the Berkeley Arms for lunch you may park in their car park. (GL13 9BB, ST684992)

There are a number of old bridleways between Berkeley and the Severn which had become very muddy and overgrown. GCC have been renovating these recently and this is an opportunity to see how well they have done. We will walk from Berkeley to the river and back on a mixture of road, footpath and bridleway. Mud and water cannot be ruled out so dress appropriately. The Berkeley Arms is currently open on Monday lunchtimes if required at the end.

Maps: L162/E167

Local grade: Terrain 0 level

Contact: Steve C, 01453 811598 or on day 07530 715297

Wed 23 February 2022 10:00 - 5.8 miles/9.3 km - Moderate (Finishes 13:30 approx.)

A Winter's Trail

Starts at 10:00: Bull's Cross lay-by B4070 above Slad. Meet at start at 09:50 (GL6 7QT, SO877087)

Through Firth Woods down to Painswick Valley and back up. Coffee stop. It will be muddy in the wood. Only one significant hill at the end but quite a few stiles.

Maps: L162/E179

Local grade: T2 Hilly and level mix

Contact: Ann A, 01453 839089 or 07931 114439

Sat 26 February 2022 10:00 - 7.6 miles/12.2 km - Moderate (Finishes 14:00 approx.)

Finding the Fosse Way

Starts at 10:00: Tetbury railyard free car park. (GL8 8EY, ST893933)

A circular walk from Tetbury railyard car park, past Tetbury hospital, on to Ashley across fields including a section of Fosse Way. Return along disused railway track. Only 2 stiles along with well maintained kissing gates. Meet at 09:45. Bring sandwiches for lunch. Coffee and snacks available at railyard.

Maps:

L162/E168

<http://tinyurl.com/mapTetburyOldStation>

Local grade: Terrain 0 flat

Contact: Ron B, 01285239054 or 07917808234

Finding the start of your walk

Start and meeting points include nearest postcode and an Ordnance Survey grid reference accurate to 100m. Use postcodes with care: in rural areas the nearest postcode may be some distance from the actual start point. See OS maps for an explanation of how to use grid references.

Grades

- **Easy Access** - walks for everyone, including people with conventional wheelchairs and pushchairs, using

easy access paths. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn. Assistance may be needed to push wheelchairs on some sections.

- **Easy** - walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Suitable for pushchairs if they can be lifted over occasional obstructions. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.
- **Leisurely** - walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include unsurfaced rural paths. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.
- **Moderate** - walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.
- **Strenuous** - walks for experienced country walkers with an above average fitness level. May include hills and rough country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential. People in doubt about their fitness should contact the organiser or leader in advance.
- **Technical** - walks for experienced and very fit walkers with additional technical skills. May require scrambling and use of ropes, ice axes and crampons. You must contact the organiser or leader in advance for further details.

Notes

- Walk gradings are provided as a general guide only. If you have any doubt about your fitness for a particular walk please contact the organiser or leader in advance.
- Bear in mind the distance of the walk, regional differences in terrain and the possibility of bad weather, which can make a walk more difficult than planned.
- If you're unsure of your fitness level, try a short and easy walk first - it's much better to find a walk a little too slow and easy than to make yourself miserable and exhausted.
- Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are inadequately equipped or unfit.

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