

A weekend with walks in Broadway



AT A GLANCE

- Visit Ashmolean Museum
- Smell the lavender in Snowhill
- Lovely boutique shopping
- Gorgeous views from Broadway Tower
- Gordon Russell Museum
- Fabulous children's play area
- Visit Snowhill Manor



Broadway - Breathtaking views and picturesque village

Art, history, classic Cotswolds and time to go shopping...

Broadway is one of the most beautiful Cotswold villages, situated at the Gateway to the Cotswolds (and only 2 hours from central London). Its wide High Street lined with horse chestnut trees contains a mixture of period houses and picturesque honey coloured Cotswold stone cottages which have lured visitors for centuries.

Often referred to as the 'Jewel of the Cotswolds', Broadway village lies beneath Fish Hill on the western Cotswold escarpment. As its name suggests, Broadway is dominated by a wide main street lined with shops, restaurants, hotels and plenty of antique shops. The Cotswold scarp runs down through the valley into the

Evesham Vale (a good place to be during the asparagus season). St Eadburgha's Church is tucked away on the Snowhill Road but worth finding. The Lygon Arms Hotel was once a local manor house and is something of a Cotswold institution – in its time it has hosted both Charles I and Oliver Cromwell.

There are plenty of great places to eat here with a good range from higher end restaurants such as The Lygon Arms and Russells to good hearty grub at many of the pubs and cafes. Broadway is also well-known for its independent quality shopping and has a fantastic deli with local and worldwide delicacies.

Walking in and around Broadway:

Short walks – all of these routes are

available from Broadway Visitor Information Centre

Broadway Tower and return (3 miles) although uphill all the way, this walk is worth the climb as the views from the top are outstanding. It's downhill on return.

Broadway Tower circular walk (Included in the town free guide)

Broadway to Chipping Campden see some gorgeous Cotswold countryside on this rural walk. Chipping Campden is a lovely ancient market town with boutique shopping and plenty of things to see when you arrive.

Broadway to Buckland, Laverton, Stanton, Wood Stanway or Winchcombe walk along the Cotswold



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Outdoors

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Way from Broadway to any of the pretty villages mentioned for a walk to suit your needs and length. Fabulous views from the Cotswold escarpment.

Broadway to Snowhill the climb is worth it as you can visit both Snowhill Manor, a gorgeous and fascinating National Trust Manor House and gardens as well as Snowhill Lavender in the Lavender season.

National Trail circular walks – a choice of the following short walks: Chipping Campden; Stanton, Snowhill and the Edge; Winchcombe and Belas Knap; and Cleeve Hill Common Ring; Broadway Tower circular.

Longer walks:

Broadway is also on the route of several major longer distance routes:

The Cotswold Way – [Approx 100 miles](#) of Cotswold countryside following the escarpment in a linear walk with panoramic views of the Severn Vale. See sights along the way such as Broadway Tower and the fantastic views from the top of the Cotswold escarpment.

Winchcombe Way – this is a new [42 mile](#) figure of eight trail centered around Winchcombe. The waymarked trail is designed to show walkers the hidden gems of the northern Cotswolds. It comes close to Broadway by linking at Snowhill which is approximately 1.5 miles away.

Wychavon Way – a [42 mile](#) linear walk takes you through the beautiful Gloucestershire and Worcestershire countryside.



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Things to do in Broadway and nearby:

- Ashmolean, Broadway
- Broadway Tower
- Gordon Russell Museum
- Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
- Hailes Abbey
- Snowhill Manor
- Stanway House & Fountain
- Snowhill Lavender

Accommodation that welcomes walkers:

Bed & Breakfast

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Award winning Cotswold holiday cottages in the grounds of a 16th century manor house on the Cotswold Way, a few minutes' walk from the centre of the village of Broadway.

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Miles Without Stiles

Broadway Village



This short loop walk takes in some of the fascinating old buildings and history of the picturesque Cotswold village of Broadway. It is a perfect accompaniment to an afternoon's shopping with refreshment available at the nearby pubs and tearooms.

Distance: 2.9 kilometres/
1¾ miles (1½ hours) with ups
and downs of 20m or 66ft

Start: The Horse & Hounds
public house - Broadway
High Street SP099/375

Route:

The walk starts opposite the Horse & Hounds public house which can be found on the High Street, 100 metres west of the sharp left turn for Leamington Road. There is a narrow passage signposted Activity Park and Picnic Area.

Follow this passage for 30 metres until it opens into the village recreation ground. Follow the main path between two fences 15 metres apart, to the gate in the bottom right hand corner of the recreation ground.

Go through this gate and continue in the same direction to the gates and footbridge at the tree-covered stream.

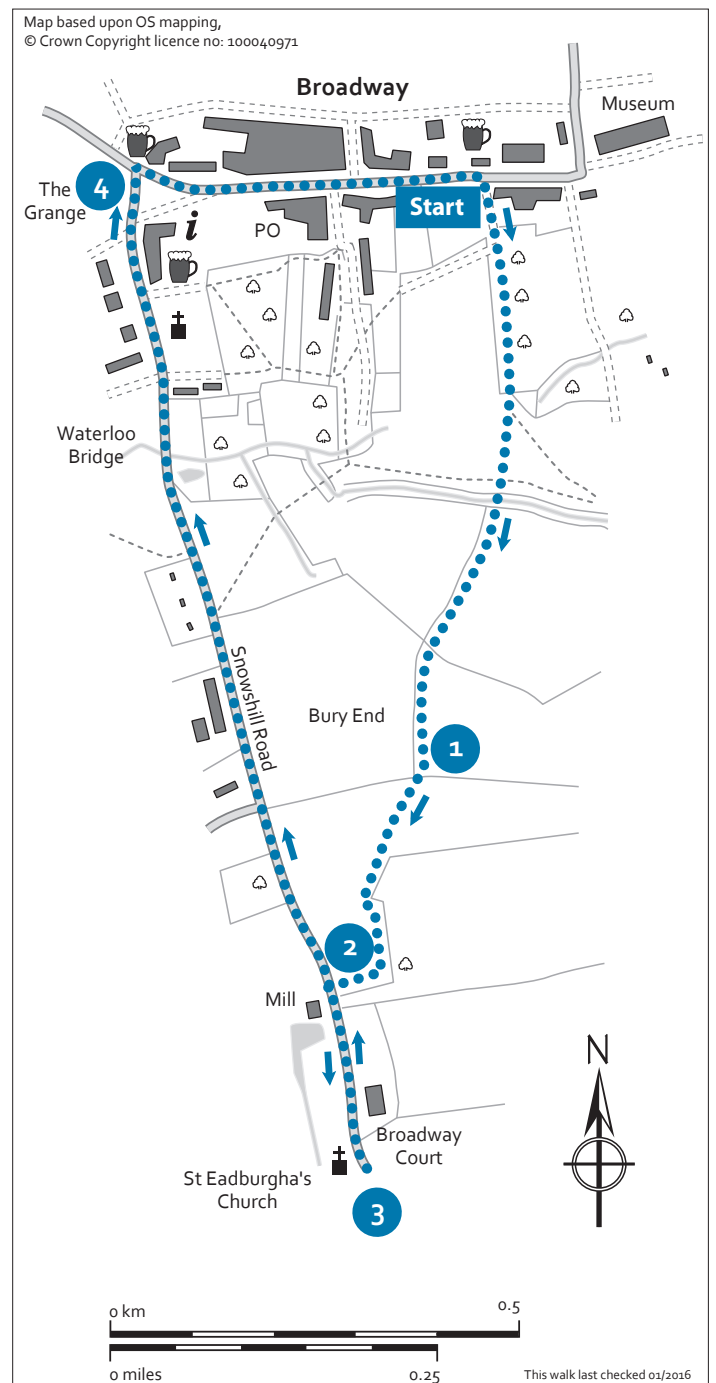
After crossing the bridge, continue with the fence line on your right to the gate in the next field boundary. Go through this gate into an open field and bear very slightly left towards a gate in the hedge with a culvert on the far side. **1**

Crossing here, keep the fence on your left before heading for the far right hand corner of the field, passing a paddock boundary hedge to reach a gate into Snowhill Road opposite Mill Hay House. **2**

Turn left along Snowhill Road for 300 metres to reach St Eadburgha's Church. **3** The church is generally open to visitors throughout the year and has examples of early English, Norman and Gothic architecture.

To return to Broadway, turn left from the church gate to retrace your steps along Snowhill Road. Be careful of traffic along the road; you will pass Broadway Court, with its intricate carvings above the front door, the mill and pond are on the left. Further on, there are thatched and stone cottages. On the approach to the village, the church of St Michael's is on the right, as is the Crown & Trumpet public house. Abbots Grange is on the left, opposite the turning for the village green.

4 Turn right alongside the village green and follow the High Street back to the starting point.



I. Chipping Campden and Dovers Hill

This delightful short walk leads you from the charmingly English market town of Chipping Campden, through shaded woodlands and past breathtaking views. A wonderful introduction to the Cotswolds, and a perfect start to the Cotswold Way.

Distance:

4½ miles or 7.2km (Shorter route
3 miles or 4.8km)

Duration:

2½-3½ hrs (Shorter: 1½-2½ hrs)

Difficulty:

Moderate, some steep sections
(Shorter: Easy, avoids climbs)

Public transport:

No. 1 (Johnsons) or 606
(Marchants) from Broadway.
No. 1 and 2 (Johnsons) from
Stratford upon Avon (See the
'Explore the Cotswolds' public
transport guide or visit www.traveline.info)

Start/Finish:

Grid reference SP 151/392
(OS Explorer sheet OL45)
Postcode GL55 6HB

Refreshments:

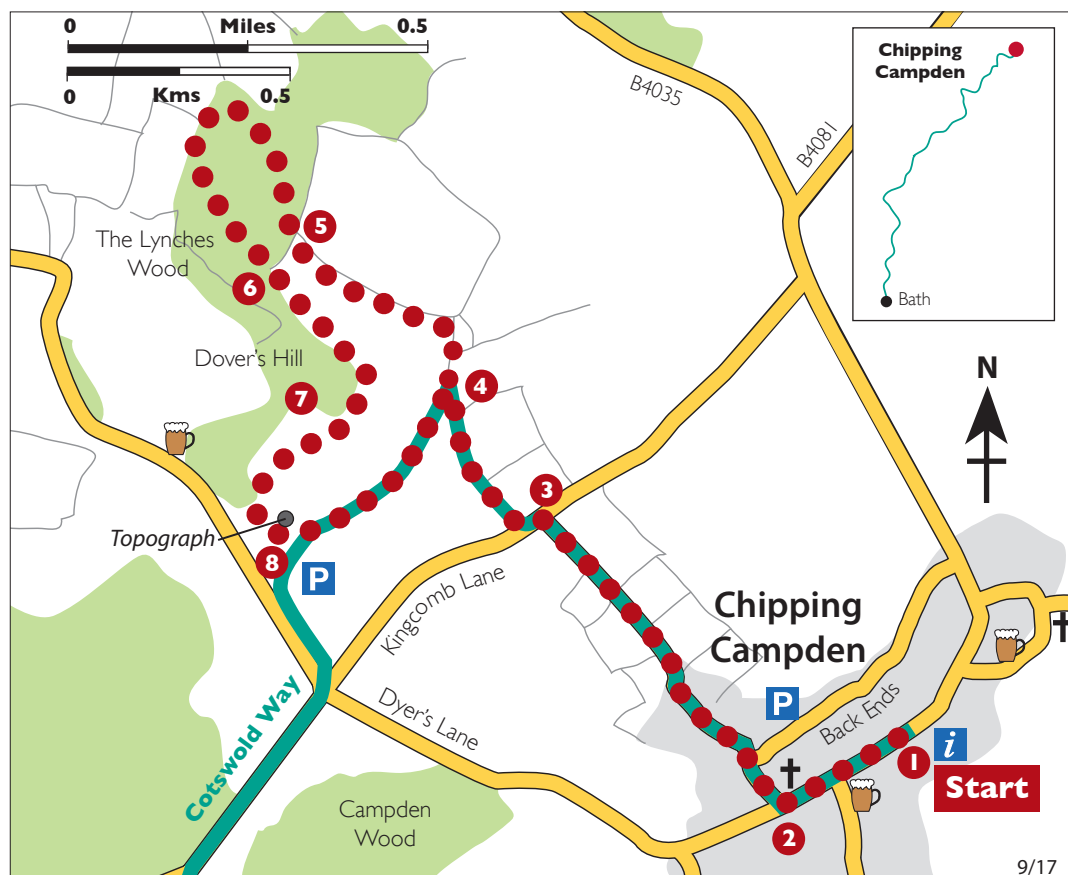
Numerous cafés and pubs in
Chipping Campden.
Public toilets in Sheep Street.

Parking

There is free parking along the
High Street and other locations.
Walkers are asked to use the free
parking in Back Ends. Dover's Hill is
now a paying car park unless you
are a National Trust member (need
your N.T. card).

1 Beside the Market Hall is a hand carved marker stone for the start/end of the Cotswold Way. (Before you start take a minute to look upwards at the fascinating roof structure of the 1627 building). Standing on the stone and facing the road, turn right past the war memorial and follow the pavement.

2 Turn right just after the church, past the first of many oak signposts along the Cotswold Way, and on up Hoo Lane. This becomes an



un-made track, leading in half a mile (0.8km) to an opening onto Kingcomb Lane.

3 Watching for traffic, turn left and walk along the lay-by for 100 metres. Turn right opposite a Cotswold Way signpost, entering a footpath to a kissing gate leading onto Dover's Hill (owned and managed by The National Trust) and a taste of the spectacular views to come.

To take the shorter route and avoid the steep sections, turn left here and follow the Cotswold Way directly to the viewpoint at the end (point 8) - just breathing in the incredible views and freshest of winds is unforgettable enough!

4 For the full route, leave the Cotswold Way to follow the bridleway to the right. Follow the fenceline to a gate on your right and go through into a small windswept woodland. Take the left

track and follow it as it turns left downhill towards two gates. Take the left hand kissing gate which emerges onto the hillside and then straight on, keeping the fence on your right, to the woods at the bottom.

5 Pass through another kissing gate into the leafy calm of Lynchies Wood, with the area's finest show of bluebells in May. A boardwalk has been installed where the track can be very muddy. Near the bottom of the woods, curve to the left and carry on uphill taking the long flight of steps. At the top of the steps, turn right and follow the path through a kissing gate back into the fields.

6 Follow the wide grass track ahead keeping the fence to the wood on your right. Keep following this track as it bends to the right and along the side of the hill (there may be muddy sections here).

7 Pass a small pond amongst trees on your left. Stay with the track as it bends left up the last bit of hill to the stone topograph on Dover's Hill.

8 Take a few minutes to catch your breath and enjoy the stunning views. If you were here in spring, you might witness the annual 'Olimpick Games' which have been played on the hill since 1612, and continued on and off to the present day. The games involve painful-sounding sports such as 'shin-kicking' and 'pike-tumbling'. Finally, follow the edge of the hill back to point 4, and retrace your steps back to Chipping Campden for a well-earned rest.

Congratulations, you have just started the Cotswold Way

2. Broadway and the Tower

This enchanting walk leads you through the picturesque Cotswold high street of Broadway, along historic tracks and up to the intriguing Broadway Tower with its spectacular views across the Severn Vale into Wales. The perfect chance to taste a little more of all the Cotswolds has to offer.

Distance:
4 miles or 6.5km

Duration:
2½ - 3 hrs (Without stops)

Difficulty:
Moderate, some steep sections and stiles

Public transport:
No. 606 bus from Cheltenham and Chipping Campden. 1, 2 & H3 between Stratford on Avon and Chipping Campden; Rural 4 Cresswells from Evesham. (See the 'Explore the Cotswolds' public transport guide or visit www.traveline.info)

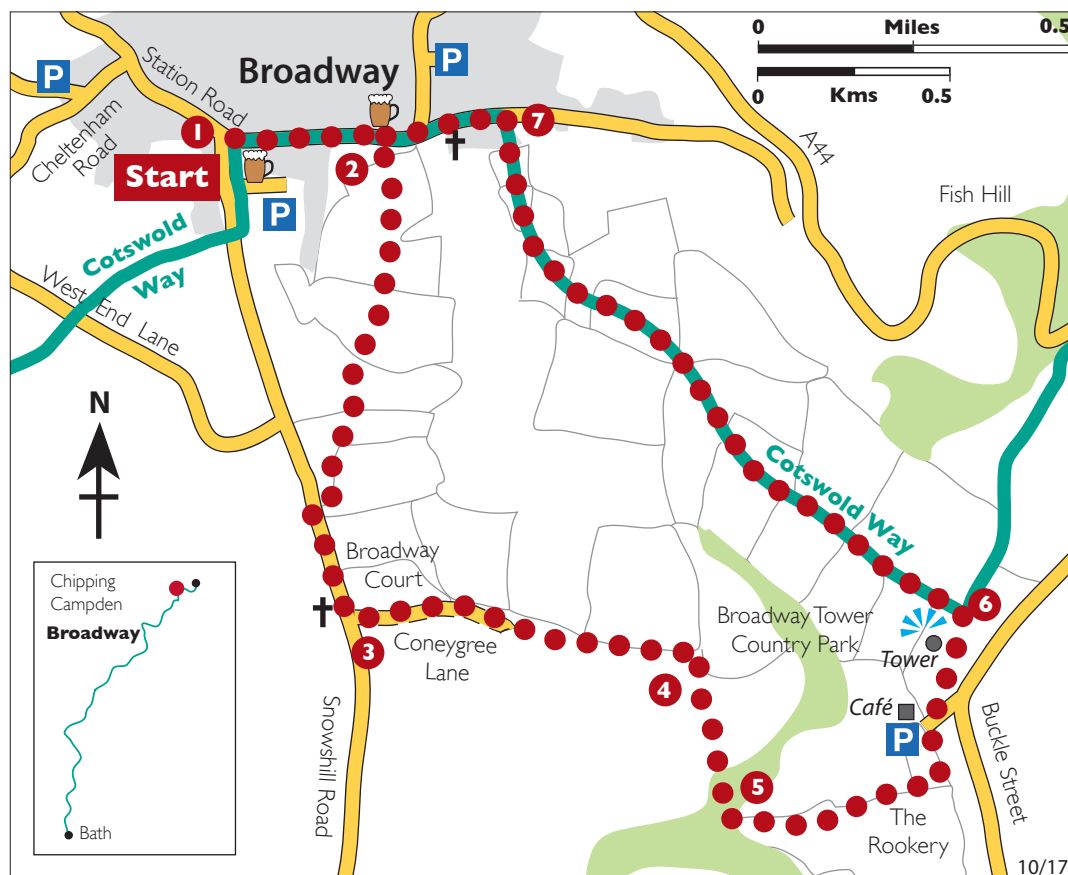
Start/Finish:
Grid reference SP 096/375
(OS Explorer sheet OL45)
Postcode WR12 7AA

Refreshments:
Numerous cafés and pubs in Broadway. Café at Broadway Tower Country Park
Public toilets in Broadway..

Parking
There is car parking off Cheltenham Road, behind the High Street and off Leamington Road.

1 Start at the war memorial at the bottom of the grass-fringed High Street and walk eastwards up past the red phone boxes. Continue on past the shops until you reach a sign pointing right, 'activity park & picnic area'.

2 Follow this path between the avenue of trees with the playground on your left, and pass through the kissing gate at the end. Continue



straight across the field, through the kissing gate at the other side, over a small footbridge and through another gate into a 'ridge and furrow' field. Be wary of muddy areas near these gates after wet weather. Continue to follow the direction arrows through two more kissing gates and fields until you reach the road. Watching for traffic, turn left and continue up Snowhill Road until you reach St Eadburgha's Church, parts of which date back to the 11th Century.

3 Turn left just after the church, through the gateway into Coneygree Lane, named after the medieval 'free' rabbit warren granted here by King Henry III in 1251. Follow the track up hill for just over half a mile (0.8km).

4 At the top of the track, turn right and continue on through a 2-in-1 gate, following the path through the field, passing to the right of the house. Follow the

track a further 200m then turn left through another 2-in-1 gate just after two stone gate posts.

5 Walk up the track until you reach Rookery Farm. Keeping the farm buildings on your left, continue straight on up the metalled track then through a kissing gate on the left. Go across the field and through the gate into the grounds of the café. Just by the main entrance pass through the tall kissing gate and head on up towards the tower.

6 You are now at the second highest point in the Cotswolds with its beautiful landscape laid out beneath you, so take a few minutes to soak in the breath-taking views over fields, hills and hedgerows as far as South Wales in the distance.

A climb up the tower, a folly built in 1798 for Lady Coventry, is well worth the extra 55 feet – on a clear day, you can see 13 counties from the top! To continue the

walk, pass through a second high kissing gate below the tower onto the Cotswold Way and turn left down towards a gate. Follow the Cotswold Way signs down the hill for a mile (1.6km) including one flight of steps with a wonderful dry-stone wall on your right which is part of a long term volunteer restoration project.

Towards the bottom, the path levels out; continue to follow the signs through two metal kissing gates and over a stream, heading for the houses at the far side of the last field. Pass through two more gates and follow the alley towards the road.

7 Turn left and continue down the High Street, back towards the memorial at the start. Broadway, the 'Jewel of the Cotswolds', is the perfect place to seek out a pub or café to rest tired feet and to plan your next walk on the Cotswold Way.

3. Stanton, Snowshill and the Edge

This beauty of a walk leads you between two of the most picturesque villages in the Cotswolds; over hilltops, down valleys and through shaded woodlands. Whilst slightly more challenging than others in the series, your efforts will be rewarded by invitingly warm pubs and some of the most splendid views in the country.

Distance:

6 miles or 9.7km (Shorter route 2½ miles or 4km)

Duration:

3½-4½ hrs (Shorter: 1½-2½ hrs)

Difficulty:

Moderate, some steep sections and stiles

Public transport:

No. 606 bus from Cheltenham and a short walk (See the 'Explore the Cotswolds' public transport guide or visit www.traveline.info)

Start/Finish:

Grid reference SP 071/342 (OS Explorer sheet OL45)
Postcode WR12 7NE

Refreshments:

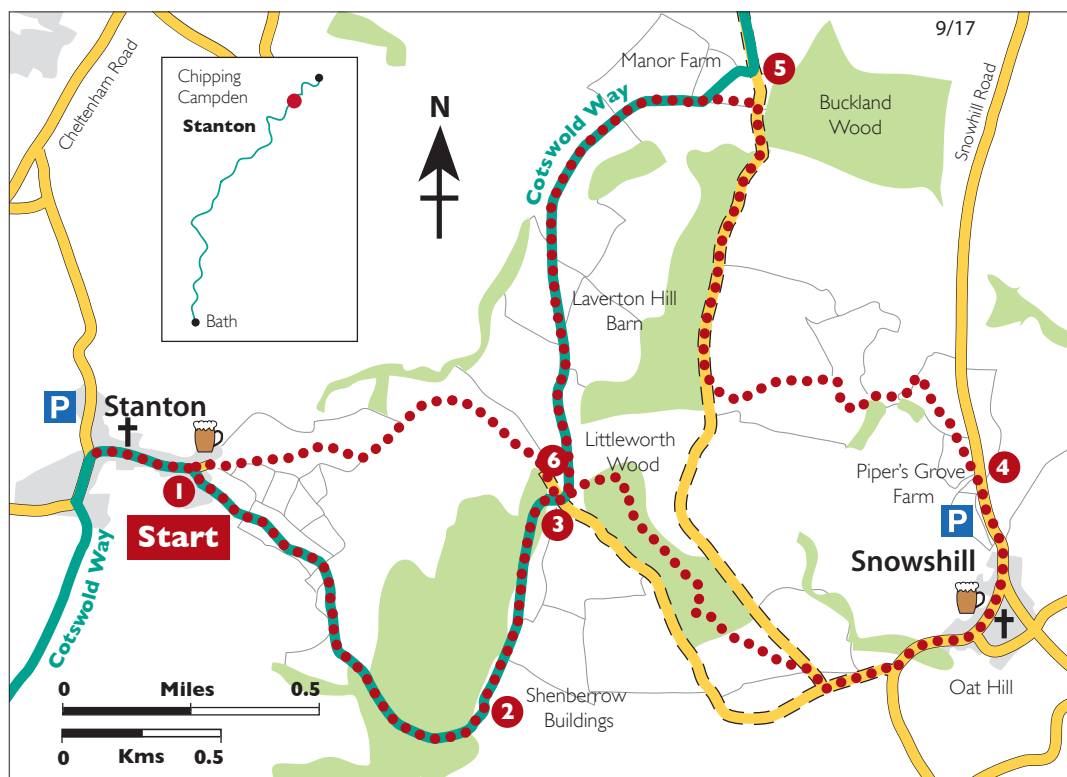
Pub at Stanton. Further pub at Snowshill Manor and café at Snowshill Manor and garden. (National Trust members free).

Parking

Parish Council car park next to the cricket ground on main road out of village. Parking also available at the Mount Inn for customers only.

Please do not park in village centre.

1 Start at the Cotswold Way signpost towards the top of the village, just down from the Mount Inn. Look for the old lamppost on the triangle of grass and follow the Cotswold way up the road to the right, past the thatched cottage. Just before the water station, which may be hidden by trees in the summer, turn right at the marker post as the Cotswold Way leaves the track to follow a footpath down to the right



and through two gates. After you pass the small pond on your right, watch your footing and climb steeply up the track beneath tall trees until you reach the waymarker posts at the top.

2 Continue through the kissing gate to the left of the house, and follow the track across the field for half a mile (0.8km) until you reach a cattle grid at the end.

3 At this point you leave the Cotswold Way for a while (For the shorter route, skip forward to point **6** and turn left to take the track downhill back towards Stanton, ignoring the Cotswold Way signpost). Turn right along the road to Snowshill and after some 50 metres head down the wide path sharp left, opposite new gates. Keep right to enter Littleworth Wood, and some 50 metres further down turn right. Follow this path, keeping straight through this peaceful little woodland, owned and managed by the National Trust, until you reach the gate at the end. Continue down across the next field towards the kissing gate at the far left corner;

turning right along the road and left at the T junction. Take another left turn and continue down into Snowshill. Pass through the delightful village between the pub and the church, past the carpark.

4 Turn left at the entrance to Snowshill Manor and go through a kissing gate immediately on your right then down through the field past a line of trees. Head through the next field and pass through the kissing gate at the far side, turning left to follow the fenceline downhill. Go through the gate at the bottom and veer left up through the woods, turning right just before the next gate. Continue up along the edge of the woods with the fence on your left, watching for muddy patches after wet weather, and go through the gate at the top. Walk steeply left up the narrow field towards the line of trees until you reach an old iron kissing gate. Turn right and follow the farm track for half a mile (0.8km) until you reach a field gate between the two woodlands.

5 After pausing for a few minutes to catch your breath, go through

the kissing gate on your left and follow the footpath down across a field to the track at the bottom. Turn left to rejoin the Cotswold Way and continue up the trail for about a mile (1.6km), past a house and old quarries on your left, until you reach the waymarker post at the top next to where you left the Cotswold Way nearly four miles earlier (6.5km).

6 Turn right along the track down towards a field gate, and continue downhill along the steep-sided path. Be careful to watch your footing along this track, but also not to miss the awe-inspiring views over Stanton and across the Severn Vale into Wales that open up below you – once tasted, this slice of Cotswolds will never be forgotten. Passing through the last gate at the bottom of the track, you emerge next to the Mount Inn. Continue down to the left of the pub towards the start point, or take the chance to rest tired feet at a warm and welcoming Cotswold inn – the perfect end to a perfect walk.