

Guided walks with Cotswold Wardens near Stroud, Tetbury, & Malmesbury for December, 2023

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.

Thursday, 7th December, 2023 Hawkesbury Upton, "Around The Monument"

Difficulty: **moderate** Duration: **3 hours** Distance: **6.0 miles**

Start point: Village car park, GL9 1AU

The car park is owned by the village trustees who will appreciate a donation placed into the red honesty box which is situated on the wall of the hall if you should park there. The box is near the defibrillator.

Discover the area around Hawkesbury Upton where the famous landmark of the Somerset Monument can be seen and explore the quiet beauty of the Kilcott valley.

A packed lunch needed.

Wednesday, 13th December, 2023 - Start: 10:00 am Painswick tour

Difficulty: **Moderate** Duration **2.5 hours** Distance: **5 miles**

Start point: Ramblers' free car park, Golf Course Road, Painswick.

This will include the viewpoint Painswick Beacon, then Spoonbed Farm and the perimeter of the Rococo Gardens.

Friday, 15th December, 2023 - Start: 9:30 am

"Dining at The Devil's Table: Crickley Hill Country Park"

Difficulty: **moderate** Duration: **1.5 hours** Distance: **2.5 miles**

Start point: café at Crickley Hill Country Park, GL4 6SX

We will visit the upper and lower quarries of this special exposure of Cotswold Limestone, the early Neolithic to Romano-British occupations, and finish with an excursion along mixed woodland paths.

Tuesday, 19th December, 2023 - Start: 9:30 am

Green Dragon, Cowley to Colesbourne and Upper Coberley

Difficulty: **moderate** Duration: **2.5 hours** Distance: **6.5 miles**

Start point: "Green Dragon" car park Gather at the top of the car park, nearest to the woods

Very easy walking with wide open views and interesting history (including WW2)