



Cotswold Way in Stages

In 2013/14 I planned the logistics and walked the Cotswold Way in stages for a group of 12 people. Each stage was **6 to 7 miles** long and was matched to car parking facilities. There were 16 stages, we completed one a month, over 16 months. For 12 people we used a mini bus and a small car. The logistics for each stage were:

Mini bus and a small car (2 drivers) meet at local pick-up point (in our case Brockworth) and pick-up 10 people; drive the bus and car to stage end point; leave car and all (12) return on bus to stage starting point; leave bus at starting point; all 12 complete the walk; using the car both drivers return to stage starting point – car driver goes home; bus driver collects bus and drives to end point; collects remaining walkers and drives back to local pick-up point.

We used a mini bus as we were a group of 12; for small groups you need a minimum of two cars and match to group size.

The route and stages described below go from Chipping Campden to Bath. To go from Bath to Chipping Campden just reverse the stages – car park suggestions are still valid). For the start points map references (approximate) are given for OS Landranger maps.

Stage 1. Chipping Campden to Broadway.

Start: St. James Church, Church Street, Chipping Campden (SP 1548 3945);

Park: Chipping Campden School car park or Market Square car park.

Stage 2. Broadway to Stanway.

Start (end point of previous Stage): The Swan Hotel, High Street, Broadway (SP 0949 3755).

Park: Leamington Road car park, Broadway.

Stage 3. Stanway to Winchcombe.

Start (end point of previous stage): At junction with B4077 at Stanway (SP 0631 3209).

Park: On B4077 (on side of road) near crossing of Cotswold Way.

Stage 4. Winchcombe to Cleeve Common.

Start (end point of previous stage): White Hart Inn, Winchcombe (SP 0251 2831).

Park: Bull Lane car park, Winchcombe.

Stage 5. Cleeve Common to Pegglesworth.

Start (end point of previous stage): Cleeve Hill Golf Club (now closed) (SP 9888 2700)

Park: On Common just past the Golf Club.



Stage 6. Pegglesworth to National Star Centre (Ullenwood).

Start (end of previous stage): Top of Lineover Woods by A436 (SP 9875 1850).

Park: At side of A436 near Pegglesworth House.

Stage 7. National Star centre to Coopers Hill.

Start (end point of previous stage): National Star Centre (SP 9449 1679).

Park: On road side near National Star centre (opposite Cotswold Hills Golf course).

Stage 8. Coopers Hill to Edgemoor Inn (Pitchcombe).

Start (end point of previous stage): Base of Cheese Roll, Coopers Hill (SP 8928 1480).

Park: Car park at foot of Cheese Roll, Coopers Hill.

Stage 9. Edgemoor Inn to Wycliffe College, Stroud.

Start (end of previous stage): Edgemoor Inn (SP 8505 0907).

Park: In layby on A4173 opposite Edgemoor Inn.

Stage 10. Wycliffe College to Uley.

Start (end of previous stage): Bus stop just past Wycliffe College (SP 8152 0471).

Park: Side road opposite Wycliffe College near bridge over canal.

Stage 11. Uley to Stancombe Park.

Start (end of previous stage): Top of Uley Bury (ST 7867 9932).

Park: In layby on B4066 at top of Uley Bury (Cliff Wood).

Stage 12. Stancombe Park to Wortley.

Start (end of previous stage): B4060 at crossing of Cotswold Way (ST 7405 9672).

Park: On side road, off B4060 at crossing by Cotswold Way.

Stage 13. Wortley to Horton.

Start (end of previous stage): Wortley on road to Ozleworth Bottom (ST 7673 9160).

Park: Side road in Wortley (on left), opposite Elmtree Farm.

Stage 14. Horton to Junction 18 off M4 (Tormarton Interchange).

Start (end of previous stage): Horton School (ST 7622 8427).

Park: At cross-roads in Horton, by School.



Stage 15. Junction off M4 to Battlefields.

Start (end of previous stage): Slip road off A46 by Junction 18 of M4 (ST 7555 7762).

Park: Parking area of A46, south of Junction 18 by Beacon Lane Plantation.

Start 16. Battlefields to Bath

Start (end of previous stage): On Freezinghill Lane by Battlefields Monument (ST 7206 7026),

Park: Alongside of road at Battlefields Monument.

End of walk: Bath Abbey Church Yard near entrance to Pump Room.

Park: Use Landsdown Park and Ride, near Bath Racecourse.

No stages were easy walking, most consisted of hills and valleys. For all stages proper walking equipment (boots and waterproofs were required – walking sticks very beneficial). As there are very few amenities along the way it is essential to carry water, first aid kit and mobile phone.

If anyone would like more information or has questions please send to CWA website for the attention of Harvey Mattinson.

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