

50 Things to See and Do on the Cotswold Way ...

1 Photograph your boots on the Cotswold Way end marker outside the old market place in Chipping Campden



2 Pause at Dovers Hill and maybe practice for the Robert Dover Cotswold Olimpick Games held here every May



3 Take a moment to wonder why the Fish Hill is so called – it's a long way from any water



4 Discover the Nuclear Bunker near Broadway Tower and maybe arrange a tour underground





5 Can you name the 16 counties visible from Broadway Tower?



6 Sample the shops and cafes in Broadway, one of the Cotswold's most popular villages



7 Spot the Stott lanterns around the pretty village of Stanton or maybe watch a cricket match



8 Peer through the gates of Stanway House used for the filming of Wolf Hall and many others





9 Pause near Stumps Cross to view the Stanway Fountain, the tallest gravity fed fountain in the world



10 Wander around the ruins of the National Trust's Hailes Abbey which dates back to the 13th century



11 Take a break in Winchcombe and find out about the Winchcombe Walking Festival



12 Take a trip around Sudley Castle and its lovely gardens



13 Find the dummy entrance to the Neolithic Belas Knap long barrow and speculate why it was put there.





14 Give yourself a pat on the back for having reached the top of Cleeve Hill, the highest point on the Cotswolds at 330m



15 Search for orchids and butterflies at the SSSI Prestbury Hill Reserve near Cleeve Common



16 Look for "Roman Snails" in Dowdeswell Wood but remember they're a protected species



17 Search the Woodland Trust's Lineover Wood for the beech tree with the largest girth in England





18 Take a detour to walk on the Leckhampton Loop circular walk to see the Devil's Chimney in the old Leckhampton Quarry and speculate how it was formed



19 Watch out for rolling cheeses at the foot of Coopers Hill



20 Take a short detour on a footpath to Painswick Beacon and spot the Severn Bridges and the Welsh mountains



21 Count the yew trees in Painswick churchyard





Take a moment to thank Tony Drake, one of the founders of the Cotswold Way, at his unique memorial just outside Painswick



23 Congratulate yourself on reaching the halfway point of the Cotswold Way



24 Have a drink at the Edgemoor Inn and enjoy the views



25 Read the Latin inscriptions on the inside of the opening to the well next to Cliffwell Cottage





26 Use the 3D topograph at Haresfield Beacon



27 Follow the trail through the vines at Woodchester Valley Vineyard and decide to sample their wines sometime



28 Walk along the Stroudwater Canal past its historic mills



29 Admire the William Morris stained glass windows in Selsley church



30 Hug a beech tree in the Woodland Trust's Stanley Woods





31 Enjoy a picnic at Coaley Peak with views across the Severn Valley



32 Take a short detour to walk the footpath around Uley Bury hill fort



33 Climb Cam Long Down and be rewarded by 360 degree views



34 Pause at the stone seat at Drakestone Point and give thanks to Sir Stanley Tubbs for bequeathing all of Stinchcombe Hill and its woods to the public



35 Climb the Tyndale memorial for a birds eye view of the Cotswold escarpment





36 Walk around the Brackenbury Ditches hill fort now deep in the Westridge Woods and recently restored by the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

37 Reward yourself with tea & cakes in a café in Wotton-under-Edge



38 Feel a sense of history as you enter the sunken lane near Wortley Hill

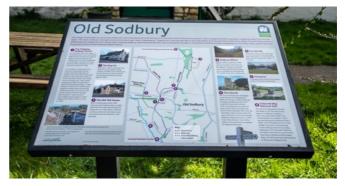


39 Look down on the National Trust's Horton Court and maybe see the filming of a period drama





40 Read the Old Sodbury interpretation board at the end of Chapel Lane and spot the former chapels



41 Admire the new drystone walls built by Dodington Estate



42 Take a detour to walk round the National Trust's Dyrham Park



43 Sit on the memorial seat to Cyril Trenfield, the other founder of the Cotswold Way





44 Write in the message book in Dyrham Wood



45 Read about the Battle of Lansdown



46 Watch out for the Grim Reaper near Pipley Barn on Lansdown Golf Course





47 View the Avon Valley, Bristol and Kelston Round Hill from Prospect Stile



48 Enjoy the descent into Bath from North Common



49 Photograph the perfect symmetry of Bath's Royal Crescent



50 Eat a Bath Bun at the end marker outside the Abbey and maybe make a donation for the maintenance and improvement of the trail to virginmoneygiving.com/fund/cotswayassoc50

