

## **Walk No. 7**

### **Wotton-under-Edge, Bournestream, Tyndale Monument, Brackenbury Ditches (4.5 miles)**

**Time:** 2.5 hours

#### **Description**

This walk starts from the Civic Centre Car Park (ST755934) behind the Shell Garage. Turn Left out of car park, follow Gloucester Street then Bradley Road to Junction with Westridge Road (ST750936) and turn Right into Westridge Road. Follow road then path straight on into field. Cross field into woods and follow lower path along edge of woods keeping open fields to Left. Follow hillside around Left to Bournestream. At junction with track up hill (Sharp Right) continue straight forward on smaller track which eventually turns Right and goes steeply uphill to meet a downhill track (ST748947). Turn Left downhill, and at bottom continue straight on through lower edge of woods. Path follows hillside around Right. Look for small steep track to Right off main path. Follow uphill for 30m to meet main track (ST745949). Turn Left and follow main track uphill to junction with main paths at the top of the hill (ST747952). Continue forward and then turn Left on main path uphill across field to Nibley Monument (ST744955). Retrace steps to woods. On entering woods bear Right and follow the yellow markers. When the Iron Age fort (Brackenbury Ditches) is reached take the Right Hand path around the fort (ST747948). After passing the Fort turn Right and follow the main path onto Cotswold Way eventually arriving at Wotton Hill (ST751937). From Wotton Hill follow the Cotswold Way which descends steeply down to Wotton.

#### **On the way:**

##### Tyndale Monument

The monument is dedicated to William Tyndale, translator of the bible into English who was born nearby in around 1494 and martyred in Flanders in 1536. The monument is 111' high and the base is 26' 6" square. It is built of local stone from Hampton Quarry near Stroud. The foundation stone was laid in 1863 and the monument was completed in 1866 at a cost of £1550. There are fine views from the top (120 step spiral staircase).

##### Brackenbury Ditches

The Iron Age fort is thought date from 650 to 500BC. It is triangular in shape and the outer ramparts enclose around 8 acres. The inner enclosure has an area of around 5 acres.

##### Wotton Hill

Trees were originally planted here in 1815 to celebrate victory at the Battle of Waterloo and were replanted in 1887 to commemorate the jubilee of Queen Victoria. The trees were replanted in 1952. The hill was also used as a beacon in 1588 to warn of the arrival of the Spanish Armada. The trees are Corsican and Scots Pine.



