



Wotton Walking Festival

A guide to the wonderful walks

Friday 5th May - Sunday 7th May

Welcome to the launch of the Wotton Walking Festival

We are looking forward to showing off our town and the surrounding countryside during the three days of the festival and also hope that we can encourage many more people to get out walking – it is so good for our physical and mental wellbeing!

If you are local you may discover walks that you have not been on before, and if you are new to the area – a very special welcome to you.

Wotton is a charming country town, steeped in history, nestled in the southern Cotswold Hills, equidistant from Gloucester and Bristol, Cheltenham, Cirencester and Bath. Wotton forms part of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Cotswold Way National Trail runs through the town.

Trust in You CIC have been meeting with some town councillors and a group of enthusiastic and knowledgeable voluntary walk leaders to plan a series of 12 walks to take place over the 3 days of the festival. Walks vary in length, some with historical interest, one timed to hear the dawn chorus, and one for young families so there should be something to tempt most walkers.

Booking is essential for some walks, please check individual walk details for information.

Happy Walking!



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For general information...



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Tourist Information in Wotton (including rail and bus information):

- One Stop Shop, Civic Centre, GL12 7DN (01453) 521659
towncouncil@wotton-under-edge.com
- Heritage Centre, The Chipping GL12 7AD (01453) 521541



Directions when travelling by car

From M5, Junction 14

Take B4059 (signposted Wotton-under-Edge), turning left at T junction on to B4058. Continue through Charfield, this road will bring you into Wotton-under-Edge.



From M4, Junction 18 (Bath/Stroud A46)

Leave Motorway at Tormarton Interchange (signposted Stroud/Bath A46), and at roundabout take 2nd exit (signposted Stroud A46). At Petty France, turn left (signposted Hawkesbury Upton/Hillesley). Follow local signs to Wotton-under-Edge.



Where to park

Chipping Car Park GL12 7AD

36 short-stay spaces (maximum stay 3 hours between 8.00am-6.00pm) and 36 long-stay spaces (maximum stay 23 hours)

The Civic Centre GL12 7DN

42 long-stay spaces (maximum stay 23 hours)

Potters Pond GL12 7HF

23 long-stay spaces (maximum stay 23 hours)
Disabled parking spaces are available at all the Car Parks.

The car park at Wotton Auction Rooms, Tabernacle Road, GL12 7EB is also open for the duration of the Walking Festival. Our thanks to Philip Taubenheim for use of the 50 car space facility.

Key to our guide



Bring a packed lunch



Well behaved dogs welcome



Suitable for buggys



A quick look at our walks

Where to park, meet and eat

Friday 5th May

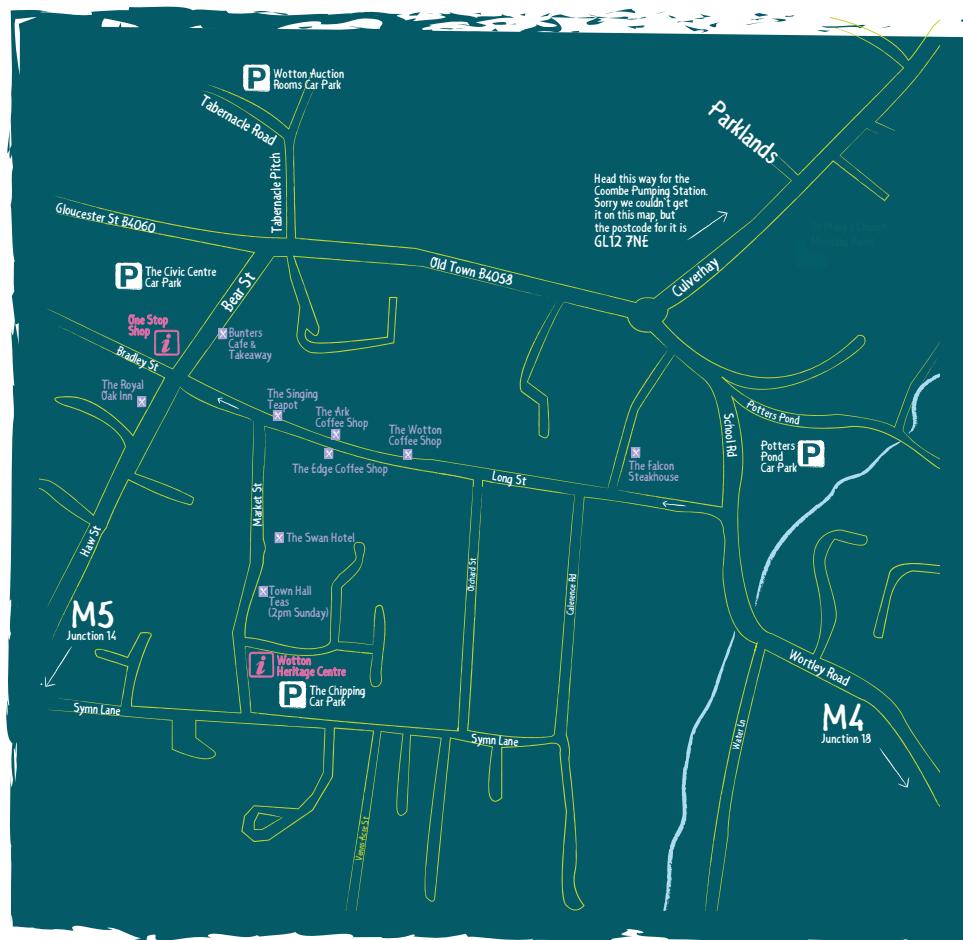
- 5.30am Dawn walk through Tyley Bottom
- 10am Historical Town Walk
- 10am The Three Hills
- 2pm Nind Nature Reserve Wortley Gardens

Saturday 6th May

- 10am Wotton Pubs
- 10am Like a Rollercoaster
- From 10am Children's Adventure Trail
- 2pm Tyndale Monument North Nibley via Bourne Stream
- 2pm Historical Town Walk

Sunday 7th May

- 10am Laycombe Wood
- 11am Wotton, Tyley Bottom, Ozleworth, Newark
- 2pm Bluebells in Westridge Woods



Walks on Friday 5th May

5.30am Dawn walk through Tyley Bottom-a deep exploration of a wonderful place

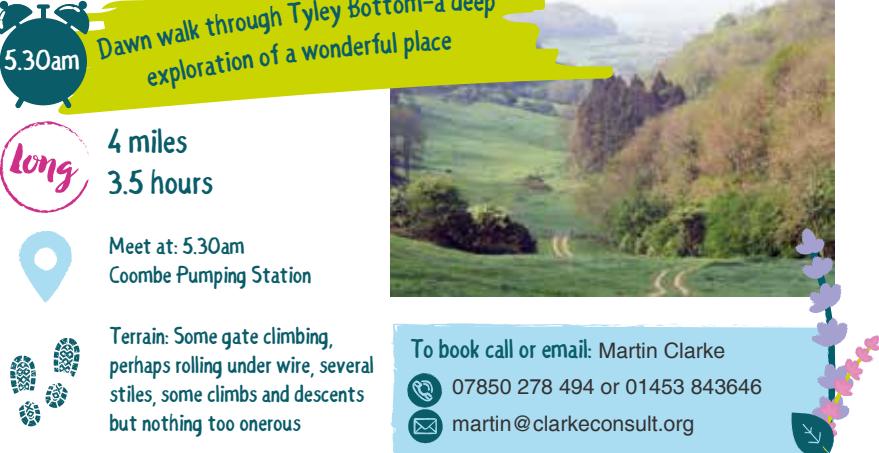
Long

4 miles
3.5 hours

Meet at: 5.30am
Coombe Pumping Station

Terrain: Some gate climbing, perhaps rolling under wire, several stiles, some climbs and descents but nothing too onerous

To book call or email: Martin Clarke
07850 278 494 or 01453 843646
martin@clarkeconsult.org



An early morning exploration of Tyley Bottom as it awakes. The route will take in Coombe Lakes, several ponds and springs, three ruined cottages and some non-public areas returning via Frogend Farm to Coombe. We'll also have an expert joining from WWT Slimbridge to help us identify those early morning bird songs!

10am Historical Town Walk

Short

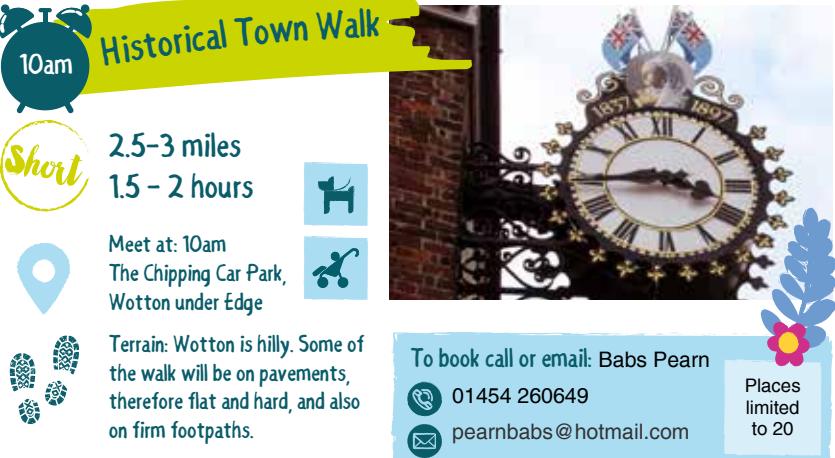
2.5-3 miles
1.5 - 2 hours

Meet at: 10am
The Chipping Car Park, Wotton under Edge

Terrain: Wotton is hilly. Some of the walk will be on pavements, therefore flat and hard, and also on firm footpaths.

To book call or email: Babs Pearn
01454 260649
pearnbabs@hotmail.com

Places limited to 20



A local historical walk, mainly looking at buildings and the area of the woollen industry, which was important to Wotton under Edge from the C13th until its decline in the middle to late C19th.

10am The Three Hills

Medium

5 miles
3 hours

Meet at: 10am
Wotton Auction Rooms Car Park, Wotton under Edge

Terrain: Two good climbs, with good views, 3 stiles.

For information call: Raymond Allen
01453 844470 Or 07875 849 439



Some beautiful and at times far reaching views up Tor Hill, through Coombe Village, along Coombe Hill and up Wotton Hill.

2pm Nind Nature Reserve and Wortley Gardens

Medium

4 miles
2 hours

Meet at: 2pm
The Chipping Car Park, Wotton under Edge

Terrain: Stiles approx 12 plus gates

For information call or email: Jeff Trueman
07791 278 008
jeff_trueman@yahoo.co.uk



A circular walk from Wotton, to Kingswood and on to Nind Nature Reserve, returning across fields to Wotton, passing farms, lakes and gardens along the way. Includes approx. ¼ mile of The Cotswold Way.

Walks on Saturday 6th May

Wotton Pubs

10am

Short 3.1 miles 1.5 hours

Meet at: 10am Wotton heritage Centre, The Chipping

Terrain: A few steep gradients, paved all the way



To book call or email: David Baird
📞 07816 464 178
✉️ davidbaird.baird368@gmail.com

Places limited to 20

A circular walk around the town, passing the locations of Wotton's old inns and ale houses, finishing near two that are still open.

Like a Rollercoaster

10am

Long 9.5 miles 5.5 to 6 hours

Meet at: 10am Wotton Auction Rooms Car Park,

Terrain: 3 good climbs, 16 stiles



For information call: Raymond Allen
📞 01453 844470 or 07875 849 439

A climb up to Coombe Hill and on to Bowcott Farm, up and over to Dursley then another up and over to Waterley Bottom. Climb again to Nibley Knoll and on to Wotton Hill. For people used to walking hills and distance – who will be rewarded with beautiful scenery.

From 10am

Children's Adventure Trail (staggered starts)

Great for families! 3 miles 1 hour

Fun for children aged 8-12 years but younger confident walkers are very welcome too!

Meet from 10am St Mary's Church

Terrain: Uneven surfaces, 8 narrow gates, 2 stiles, wet/muddy in places, steep sections. The trail crosses the B4058 near the end.



To book call or email: Stella Laing
📞 07881 563186
✉️ sre.laing@yahoo.co.uk

A walk of 3 miles around Wotton's lanes and paths. Use your observation skills to follow "patterans" (traditional route markers). Suitable for groups of up to 4 children who MUST BE ACCCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. Accompanying adults please ensure markers are left intact for later groups. Not suitable for dogs who may chew the sticks used as markers! Please note, the trail finishes approx ½ mile from where it starts.

2pm

Tyndale Monument, North Nibley via Bournstream

Medium 4.5 miles 2.5 hours

Meet at: 2pm Civic Centre Car Park, Gloucester Street

Terrain: No stiles, several short steep sections



For information call or email: Roger Claydon
📞 07855 640 813
✉️ rogerclaydon@msn.com

This walk starts from the Civic Centre Car Park behind the Shell Garage. It follows a low level route through the National Trust woodland past Bournstream and goes under the Brackenbury Ditches. The route then goes uphill steeply to Nibley Knoll and on to the Tyndale Monument above North Nibley. The return route passes through Westridge Woods following the escarpment edge past the ancient Brackenbury Ditches encampment to Wotton Hill where a fine view can be had. From Wotton Hill the path descends steeply down to Wotton and return to the car park.

don't miss this walk
that we've had to squeeze
at the bottom of the page!

2pm

Historical Town Walk

Repeated today at 2pm - see Friday 5th May for details of the walk.

Walks on Sunday 7th May

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Laycombe Wood

10am

Medium

4.3 miles
2.5 hours

Meet at: 10am
Potters Pond Car Park,
near the Ram Inn

Terrain: Steep gradients, and
several stretches of very uneven
ground



For information call or email: David Baird
 07816 464 178
 davidbaird.baird@gmail.com

A varied walk with some beautiful views. Starts with a streamside walk to Coombe, a climb up Rushmire Hill, a woodland walk to Laycombe Ditch, finishing with a stroll around Coombe Hill.

**Wotton, Tyley Bottom,
Ozleworth, Newark**

11am

long

6.5 miles
3.5 - 4 hours

Meet at: 11am
The Chipping Car Park

Terrain: Steep hill out of Tyley Valley – otherwise moderate terrain. Some stiles.



For information call or email: Derek Thomas
 01453 844018 or 07743 001 837
 derekthomas7@btinternet.com

A walk through stunning countryside with fine views of the Cotswold escarpment when on high ground. We will pass through Ozleworth Park with its Mansion and Church. Pass Newark Park before the descent into Wotton.

Bluebells in Westridge Woods

2pm

Medium

4.5 miles
2 hours

Meet at: 2pm
The Chipping Car Park

Terrain: No stiles but steep hill and very steep bank.



For information call or email: Jeff Trueman
 07791278008
 Jeff_trueman@yahoo.co.uk

A scenic walk from Wotton up the hill and through Westridge Woods towards Waterley Bottom. Returning to Wotton via Coombe and along the stream returning to The Chipping.

Friday May 5th (7.30pm)
Swinging Sixties evening, Civic Centre*

**Enjoy other activities
this weekend in Wotton...**

Saturday 6th May & Sunday 7th May (10am - 4pm)
Photography Competition - "My Wotton"
Under the Edge Arts, The Chipping*

Saturday 6th May (7pm)
National Theatre Live: Rosencrantz And Guildenstern Are Dead (Encore) Wotton Cinema www.wottoncinema.com

Saturday 6th May (7.30 pm)
Festival Concert - Bristol Ensemble Baroque to the Sixties, St Mary's Parish Church*

Sunday 7th May (11am)
Band on the Hill 11am, Wotton Hill*

Sunday 7th May (2pm - 5pm)
Town Hall Teas, Wotton Town Hall
Enjoy some delicious home made cakes and a well earned cuppa

*These are all part of the
www.wottonartsfestival.org.uk
for more information



Please read below to get you ready and prepared for our wonderful walks...

- The Wotton under Edge area is hilly and many of the walks will be strenuous - please consider any health issues you may have before deciding to join the walks.
- For all but the shortest walks wear suitable footwear and bring waterproofs and/or warmer clothing. There have been more reports of ticks than usual in recent years. For this reason we suggest that you wear long-sleeved shirts and trousers rather than shorts.
- Please ensure that you take a drink with you and a snack or packed lunch where necessary.
- Please do not walk ahead of the leader unless asked.
- Many walks involve stiles and/or kissing gates so we apologise that for this reason many of the walks may not be accessible for people with some mobility issues or may be unsuitable for push chairs. Please check with walk leaders in advance.
- Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Walk leaders will be happy to advise you further when you contact them in advance.
- Dogs are allowed on some walks (see individual walk details). The owner is responsible for their dog at all times. Dogs must be well behaved and kept on a short lead and under control at all times. The owner must ensure that their dog does not trip, alarm or inconvenience other people or cause damage, they must clean up after their dog. Walks may contain stiles which dogs could find difficult to negotiate. When walking through a field containing livestock or horses, people with dogs should walk at the back of the group. Dogs must not worry livestock or horses. If the livestock/horses become threatening then please let the dog go. The dog will be able to run away and the livestock/horses' interest will be diverted from the walkers to the dog.
- Please do not feed any animals you meet on the walks and make sure that you take all litter home with you.
- The duration of each walk has been estimated by the walk leader. Sometimes walks take longer than estimated e.g. if there are large numbers of walkers or difficult conditions underfoot on the day or it is necessary to change the route slightly due to path closures. Please bear this in mind if you use a short stay car park.
- In the unlikely event that it becomes necessary to alter or cancel a walk we will post on Facebook and Twitter as soon as possible. If you are travelling a long distance for a specific walk we advise you to check before travelling: @WottonWalkingFest or <https://www.facebook.com/WottonWalkingFestival/> or phone the individual walk leader. See programme for details.
- All of the walks are free – donations to Wotton Walking Festival are at the walkers' discretion.

DISCLAIMER: Each walker is responsible for their own safety and for determining their capability to complete the chosen walk. The walk leaders personally and the festival organisers shall not be held liable for, nor accept any liability for, any accident, injury, loss or damage sustained as a consequence of participation in a walk.

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