

# A weekend with walks in Moreton-in-Marsh



## Moreton-in-Marsh and nearby Longborough

### Moreton-in-Marsh

The town has a long and wide High Street, a clue to its origins as a planned market town of the 13th century. Today, Moreton is still a market town boasting the largest open-air street market in the Cotswolds which takes place every Tuesday.

It is also well-placed at the crossing of the Roman Fosse Way, still a major link across the Cotswolds, and the London to Worcester road for which it served as a coaching town.

There are some fine buildings, including its rare Curfew Tower which still has its original clock and bell, dated 1633. Houses and shops of the 18th and 19th century line the High Street, and in the centre is the Redesdale Hall,

dating from 1887, the town's main public hall.

The annual Moreton Show is a major celebration of past and present farming life in this area, which has a delightful feel of several counties still mixed together here on the northern edge of the Cotswolds

### Nearby Longborough

Well-sited up the hill slopes above the Evenlode Valley just north of Stow-on-the-Wold. Quite a large village and the source of one of the original Cotswold Morris Dancing traditions. Longborough has 'Walkers are Welcome' status and has many lovely footpaths with interesting things to see en-route. The village has a local shop and cafe and nearby is the Cotswold Food Store.

## AT A GLANCE

- The biggest street market in the Cotswolds
- Longborough Festival Opera
- Glorious Batsford
- Traditional Cotswold market town



### Walking in and around Moreton and Longborough:

**Short walks** – all of these routes are available at Moreton Visitor Information Centre

**The Monarch's Way** - between Moreton-in-Marsh to Longborough - **2 miles**

**Heart of England Way** - from Longborough to Bourton-on-the Hill - **2 miles** – views of Sezencote House and some popular pubs along the route.

**Part of The Monarchs & Donnington Way** - from Moreton-in-Marsh there is the Donnington/Monarchs way leading to Blockley. This lovely route goes via the Falconry Centre and Batsford Arboretum and Mill Dene Garden - **2 miles** – one of the most popular routes.



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**Diamond Way** - to Dorn and Aston Magna – heading north under **1 mile** to Dorn, **2 miles** to Aston Magna.

**Series of short walks** – pleasant walks in North Cotswolds and around Moreton, all under 5 miles £1.80.

## Longer walks:

*Moreton-in-Marsh is also on the route of the following longer distance routes:*

### The Donnington Way

Based on the Cotswold brewery of Donnington in Stow-on-the-Wold, the Way's theme is the brewery and its 15 pubs. It visits Bourton-on-the-Water, Naunton, Guiting Power, Broadway, Chipping Campden and Moreton-in-Marsh.

### The Monarchs Way

This long-distance footpath follows the route that Charles II took during his escape after the battle of Worcester in 1651. For 6 weeks, hotly pursued by the parliamentary forces under Oliver Cromwell, he went north, then south through the Cotswolds and the Mendips to the south coast and finally along the South Downs to Shoreham, where he then escaped to France. This long-distance walk (**610 miles**) uses footpaths and bridleways following the route that Charles took and enables you to visit many historic sites and buildings.

### The North Cotswold Diamond Way

This long distance path is a roughly diamond-shaped walk in the north Cotswolds (nominally **60 miles** in length) which centres on Stow-on-the-Wold. The walk extends to Ebrington in the north, Oddington in the east, Northleach in the south and Guiting Power in the west. The Diamond Way takes the walker through some of the



many delightful small villages in the area with golden stone cottages and welcoming country pubs.

### Things to do in Moreton and Longborough

- Longborough Festival Opera.
- Batsford Arboretum.
- Bourton House Garden, Bourton-on-the-Hill.
- Cotswold Falconry Centre, Batsford.
- Sezincote House and Gardens.
- Longborough village shop and cafe.

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#### Cottages

##### Honeysuckle Cottage, Blockley

[www.thecountrycottage.co.uk](http://www.thecountrycottage.co.uk)

##### Old Brewery House, Stow-on-the-Wold [www.staycotswold.com](http://www.staycotswold.com)



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