

A weekend with walks in Tetbury



AT A GLANCE

- Stay in a cosy cottage or B&B
- Shop for gifts and antiques
- Visit Westonbirt Arboretum
- Enjoy a choice of eating out
- Browse the market stalls (Wednesdays & Saturdays)
- Visit Highgrove shop



Tetbury - A town with royal connections

The Market Hall in the centre of Tetbury is an immediate reminder of the history of the town. It was built in 1655 for the sale of wool and yarn and is still used as a market today.

There are some other beautiful, historic buildings in the town, including along Long Street.

Tetbury is famous for its royal connections and the Prince of Wales' Highgrove House is nearby. The Highgrove Shop can be found in the centre of the town along with numerous antique shops, cafes and restaurants.

A walk down the old Chipping Steps and round into Gumstool Hill will reveal another part of Tetbury's history, with 17th century weavers' cottages. Gumstool Hill gets its name from the

reputed site of the old ducking stool, a very visible method of punishment. This area is still used for the annual Woolsack Races in May, where heavy woolsacks are carried up and down the 1-in-4 hill.

The tall spire of St Mary's church is a landmark from the west. Inside, the church is a Gothic style gem of space and light with a magnificent ceiling. Tetbury's old police cells now form the Tetbury Police Museum.

Close to Tetbury is Westonbirt National Arboretum. Renowned for its spectacular autumn colours, the arboretum is a wonderful place to explore all year round and offers 17 miles of pathways through the Old Arboretum and Silk Wood.

Walking in or around Tetbury:

All of these routes are available to download or to buy from Tetbury Visitor Information Centre

Tetbury Ups and Downs [approx 1.75 miles](#)

This town tour, mostly on pavement and tarmac, winds through the narrow streets passing historic buildings, the Market Hall, parish church, merchants' houses and craftsmen's cottages. There are some steep ups and downs. [Downloadable](#)

Tetbury Old Railway Walk [approx 1.5 miles](#)

In 1889 after many years of frustrated plans, a branch line was built to Tetbury from Kemble, which enabled the town to compete with neighbouring towns transporting livestock and produce. This walk follows part of the old track and includes lovely views. Available to purchase from Tetbury VIC.



The Great
Cotswold
Outdoors

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Around the Lanes [approx 2.25 miles](#) -

You're never far from the centre of Tetbury on this walk down quiet lanes and across fields. It may be short but you'll get plenty of exercise climbing over all the stiles. Available to purchase from Tetbury VIC.

Follow the Herd to Long Newnton [approx 3.5 miles](#) – Follow the old drove path to the ancient common, then along a quiet country road before returning across fields to Tetbury. Available to purchase from Tetbury VIC.

Walk to Westonbirt Arboretum [approx 5.5 miles](#) – A circular walk through country lanes, park and farm lands, skirting the Highgrove estate to the Hare & Hounds hotel. Return through Doughton using old road and farm tracks. Available to purchase from Tetbury VIC.

Wonder Walks: Westonbirt Arboretum [approx 4.75 miles \(start approx 7 miles from Tetbury\)](#) – Westonbirt Arboretum was voted one of the Seven Wonders of the Cotswolds. This pleasant circular walk over farmland includes a public path through the main drive of Silk Wood in the National Arboretum, which is worth a visit at any time of year. Downloadable.

Ramble from Sherston to Easton Grey [approx 6.4 miles \(starts approx 6 miles from Tetbury\)](#) - This walk follows the infant Bristol Avon as it links attractive stone villages on the south eastern fringes of the Cotswolds. Downloadable.

Grand Estates and Picturesque Villages [approx 9.5 miles](#) – This circular walk follows country lanes, farm and park lands, skirting Highgrove and Beaufort Polo Ground to Westonbirt Arboretum. Return via



the pretty village of Shipton Moyne, through Estcourt Estate and across fields to Tetbury. Downloadable.

Things to do in Tetbury

- Hunt for antiques
- Discover year-round colour at Westonbirt Arboretum
- Visit the Police Museum
- Enjoy the atmosphere of Badminton and Gatcombe Horse Trials
- Visit the Gothic church
- Watch the historic Woolsack Races in May

Accommodation that welcomes walkers

Bed & Breakfast
Carriers Farm, Sherston nr Tetbury
www.carriersfarm.co.uk

Hotel Accommodation

Mayfield House Hotel



Delightful, family run 28 room Country hotel, award-winning restaurant, a friendly lounge & bar with real ale from the cask, a fine wine cellar - we'll make you feel especially at home exploring these Glorious Cotswolds.

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