

# A weekend with walks in Tewkesbury



## AT A GLANCE

- Find the imposing sculptures
- Fantastic history at the Heritage Centre
- Stay in a cosy cottage
- Visit Tewkesbury Farmers' Market
- Take a romantic river trip
- Try some Tewkesbury mustard
- Visit the Norman Abbey



## Medieval Tewkesbury

### History, Alleyways and time to go boating...

Tewkesbury is an ancient settlement at the meeting of the Rivers Severn and Avon. Here, you will see one of the best medieval townscapes in England with its fine half-timbered, overhanging upperstoreys and narrow alleyways.

The beautiful Norman Abbey, built in the early 12th century, dominates the town and in 1471 the fields to the south saw the penultimate and decisive battle in the Wars of the Roses leading the house of York to power. Today, the battle is re-enacted at the internationally renowned Medieval Fayre in July.

In the past, mustard making (Shakespeare's Falstaff has the line 'Wit as thick as Tewkesbury Mustard'),

brewing and malting, pin making and the framework knitting of stockings were at one time major industries.

Visitors today can enjoy medieval streets and a picturesque riverside setting. A stroll down charming Church Street can take you back to a bygone age when half-timbered houses were crammed into any available space and Tewkesbury's famous alleyways came into existence. Around 30 delightful alleyways still remain open today and take you on a journey of discovery by linking the main streets to the river and beyond.

### Walking in and around Tewkesbury:

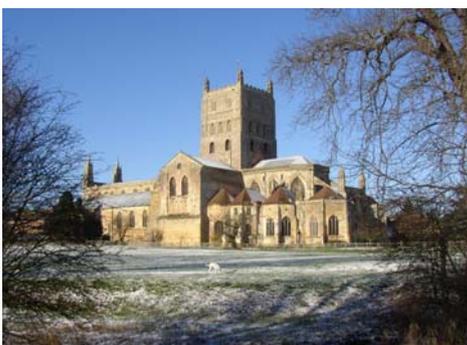
**Short walks** – all of these routes are available at Tewkesbury Visitor Information Centre

**The Battle Trail** – a short route 1 mile around the fields where the Battle of Tewkesbury was fought in 1471. You can relive these medieval times and imagine what life was like then in 'The Bloody Meadow.'

**Historic Tewkesbury Alleyways & Heritage Trail** – two historical routes in one, the first taking you through winding alleyways, for which Tewkesbury is famous; the second shows the history of some of the beautiful buildings Tewkesbury has.

A series of 3 short walks from Tewkesbury:

**Tewkesbury & Deerhurst 5.5 miles** set in the flood plain landscape of the Severn Valley, this walk offers a variety of three different distances. Down the



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river to the ancient village of Deerhurst, passing 11th century Odda's Chapel. Then to the area of the Battle of Tewkesbury fought in 1471.

**Twynning Circular & River Avon 3.5 miles** Following the bank of Shakespeare's River Avon is one of the key features of this route with also a taste of rural village life in Twynning. Take a detour to the ancient medieval market town of Tewkesbury with its splendid 12th century Abbey.

**Tewkesbury & Shuthonger 5.75 miles** See the meeting point of Elgar's Severn and Shakespeare's Avon in this lovely river walk. You will also see key wildlife sites, wildflower meadows and the Mythe Bridge, designed in 1824 by the famous architect Thomas Telford. You can gain a wonderful view of Tewkesbury by taking a detour to the top of Mythe Tute.

**The Severn Ham** – a beautiful walk taking in some lovely nature in the river ham, there are several short routes.

### Longer walks:

*Tewkesbury is also on the route of two major longer distance routes*

**The Gloucestershire Way** – runs for **100 miles** through the contrasting areas of Gloucestershire, including the Forest of Dean, Severn Vale and the Cotswolds. En-route, you will get fantastic views, river valleys and beautiful towns. This route also connects to The Cotswold Way and The Wychavon Way in Winchcombe.

**The Severn Way Walk** – follow Britain's longest river, the Severn, for **210 miles** from source to sea. On this fantastic walk you can enjoy both Welsh and English countryside,



stopping in Tewkesbury to discover the ancient medieval townscape or the bustling city of Gloucester.

### Visitor Information Centre

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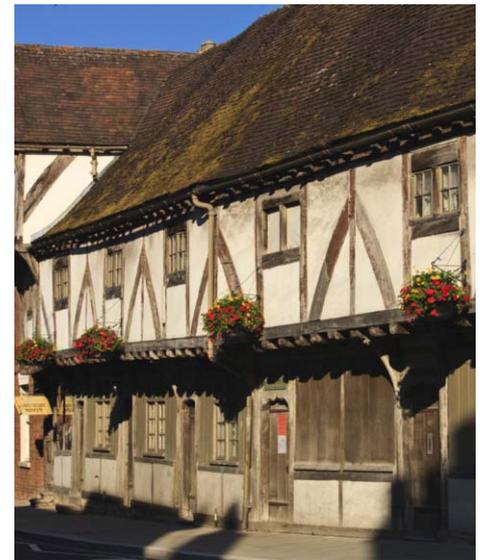
### Things to do in Tewkesbury

- Tewkesbury Abbey
- Tewkesbury Heritage Centre
- Tewkesbury riverboat trips
- The Town Museum
- The John Moore Countryside Museum & Merchant's House
- The Old Baptist Chapel & Court
- The Roses Theatre

### Accommodation that welcomes walkers

#### Cottage

9 Mill Bank, Tewkesbury  
[www.tewkesbury-cottage.co.uk](http://www.tewkesbury-cottage.co.uk)



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