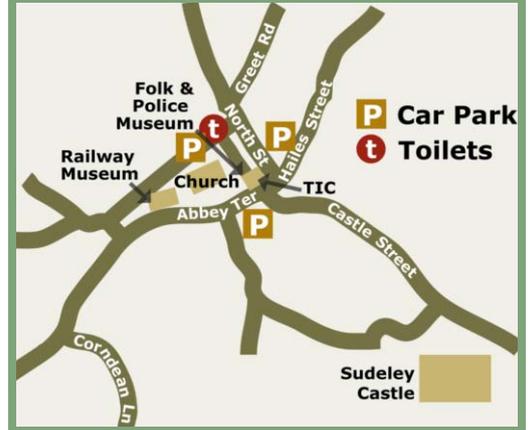


A weekend with walks in Winchcombe



AT A GLANCE

- Fabulous views
- Historic market town
- Royal history and gorgeous gardens at Sudeley Castle
- Antique shops
- Traditional retailers and boutique clothing
- Annual May walking festival



Winchcombe - historic Cotswold town and centre for walkers

Arts, shops a castle and time for tea...

Winchcombe has a wonderfully timeless quality about it, Cotswold stone cottages enhanced by black and white half timbered buildings, narrow side streets and charming houses make up the centre of this fabulous town, now famous for being a centre for walkers.

Set above the River Isbourne, Winchcombe is arguably the hidden jewel in the Cotswold crown. A wander down Castle or Vineyard Street will show you rows of lovely cottages and the beauty of the Cotswold countryside. One of the loveliest rows of cottages in the country is Dent's Terrace. These almshouses with their beautiful fronts and gardens are the work of Emma

Dent (Sudeley Castle – 1850's) who forged strong links between the castle and the town.

As well as the town centre, must see places include Sudeley Castle with its 1,000 years of royal history and stunning gardens at any time of year; the church which is home to an altar cloth made by Catherine of Aragon and 40 grotesques (which are shaped to look like local characters of the 1460's) or one of the towns other attractions – Winchcombe Pottery, the Folk & Police Museum or the Railway Museum.

Winchcombe is a delight for visitors, with a good range of local shops including delis, traditional retailers, boutique clothing and antique shops to browse. The town also boasts a Michelin recognised restaurant, a

wealth of historic pubs, some with a modern twist, several tea rooms and galleries to while away the afternoon.

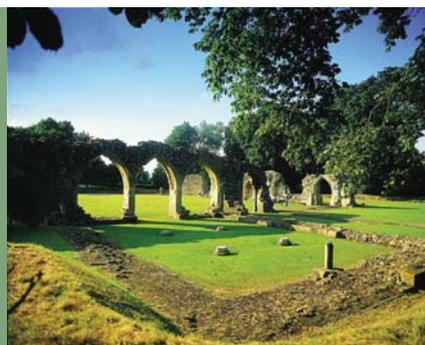
Walkers are welcome in Winchcombe:

Winchcombe has 'Walkers are Welcome' status and many lovely footpaths with interesting things to see en-route. You can visit a remote Roman Villa, Belas Knap Long Barrow, a Neolithic burial site, as well as climb to the top of the Cotswold scarp and get fantastic views.

www.walkersarewelcome.com

Walking in and around Winchcombe:

Short walks – all of these routes are available from Winchcombe Visitor Information Centre



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Historic Winchcombe – 5 miles / 8km showing the rich history of the Cotswolds, this walk passes the famous Sudeley Castle with its strong royal connections, and then climbs steeply onto the Cotswolds scarp. The climb is worth the effort for the magnificent views across Gloucestershire and to see Belas Knap one of the great burial mounds of ancient Britain.

There are a series of 10 circular routes ranging from 2 – 9.5 miles that start from Winchcombe and visit some of the interesting things around the town. These range from Hailes Abbey, Belas Knap Long Barrow, Spoonley Wood Roman Villa to the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway.

http://www.winchcombewelcomeswalkers.com/walks/self-guided_walks.asp

Final press map showing all the footpaths around Winchcombe.

Short walks around Winchcombe

Winchcombe Heritage walk - a walk around the town highlighting buildings of interest.

Longer walks:

Winchcombe is also on the route of several major longer distance routes:

The Cotswold Way – Approx 100 miles of Cotswold countryside following the escarpment in a linear walk with panoramic views of the Severn Vale. See sights along the way such as Belas Knap Long Barrow, an ancient burial ground.

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 Severn Way in Tewkesbury.

The Wardens Way – starting in Winchcombe, this route passes through Guiting Power and the famous Slaughters reaching the beautiful Cotswold village of Bourton-on-the-Water.

The Windrush Way – starting in Winchcombe and passing Sudeley Castle this route travels through the Cotswolds and onto the River Windrush and Bourton-on-the-Water.

Winchcombe Way – this is a new 42 mile figure of eight trail centered around Winchcombe. The waymarked trail is designed to show walkers the hidden gems of the northern Cotswolds.



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Things to do in Winchcombe and nearby:

- Sudeley Castle
- Winchcombe Pottery
- Winchcombe Folk & Police Museum
- Winchcombe Railway Museum
- Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway
- Hailes Abbey
- Snowhill Manor
- Stanway House & Fountain
- Prescott Hillclimb
- Snowhill Lavender

Accommodation that welcomes walkers

Hotel Accommodation

The White Hart Inn, Winchcombe
www.whitehartwinchcombe.co.uk

Visitor information centre

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