Berkeley to Gloucester

1. From Berkeley market square head north along Marybrook Street SP SHARPNESS.
2. TR SP HALMORE/BREADSTONE.
3. TL SP HALMORE/PURTON.
4. TR SP GOSSINGTON/SLIMBRIDGE.
5. TL SP SLIMBRIDGE.
6. TL along LIGHTENBROOK LANE.
7. TL at KINGSTON ROAD.
8. Cross bridge over the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and TR along the towpath. Continue past the next bridge.
9. TR over SPLATT BRIDGE and into Frampton on Severn.
10. TL SP SAUL/FRAMILODE/ARLINGHAM. Head towards ARLINGHAM.
11. TR SP OVERTON LANE.
12. TL SP UPPER FRAMILODE.

IMPORTANT - It is at the next junction that the easier route leads to Gloucester and then Winchcombe as opposed to the more strenuous route that leads to Painswick and then to Winchcombe.

13. For GLOUCESTER TL SP LONGNEY/ELMORE.
14. TL SP ELMORE.
15. TL SP STONEBENCH/GLOUCESTER.
16. At Canal Bridge TL onto towpath and cycle along the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal.
17. Continue along the canal until you reach Sainsbury's Superstore. Cycle under swing bridge, continue along canal path, cycle past the red light ship until you get to Llanthony Rd, cross rd into Glos Docks.

At a Glance

An easy ride taking in the beautiful countryside along the quiet country lanes of the Severn Vale and the tow path of the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal leading you into the historic City of Gloucester and its beautiful Cathedral. (Please note, there is no additional circular route emanating from Gloucester).

Grade - Easy.
Distance - 28 miles / 45 km

Points of interest

1. Purton Boat Graveyard
2. Slimbridge Wildlife and Wetlands Trust
3. Frampton on Severn Village Green (Largest in England)
4. St. Augustine's Farm, Arlingham
5. Gloucester Docks
6. Gloucester Quays Retail Outlet
7. Gloucester Antiques Centre
8. Gloucester Waterways Museum
9. Gloucester Cathedral
10. Folk Museum
11. Soldiers of Gloucester Museum
12. Tailor of Gloucester
13. City Museum and Art Gallery
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The centre-piece of Berkeley is the magnificent 12th century Berkeley Castle with its dark and brooding bloodstained history, where Edward II was brutally murdered in 1327. It is the oldest inhabited castle in England, having been home to 24 generations of the Berkeley family. The little town itself is well worth exploring and includes Dr Jenner’s House. It was from this house in 1796 that Edward Jenner pioneered the vaccination against smallpox that changed the world. Edward Jenner was born in Berkeley and The Chantry, where the museum is located, was his home for 38 years.

Gloucester is the cathedral city of the Cotswolds. Rich in history, the city boasts a wealth of architectural gems, numerous visitor attractions, and a Premiership Rugby team and can be truly regarded as a great English city.

Besides the awe-inspiring cathedral, Gloucester’s waterside location and stunning Victorian Docks add an extra special dimension to your visit. You can take a boat trip, explore one of the many museums or indulge in some retail therapy at the Gloucester Quays shopping outlet centre.

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Gloucester (Hub city)

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