



Walk part of the Cotswold Way through beechwoods and grasslands to the scarp and the lofty heights of Painswick Beacon. Return through classic Cotswold countryside to Cranham.

Distance: 8 km/5 miles with ups and downs of 270m/880ft (some steep). Stiles on the return leg.

Time: 2¾ hours

Start: Cranham, 2 miles N of Painswick off the A46. Small car park in woods beside village speed limit sign. SO 893130 near satnav GL4 8HP.

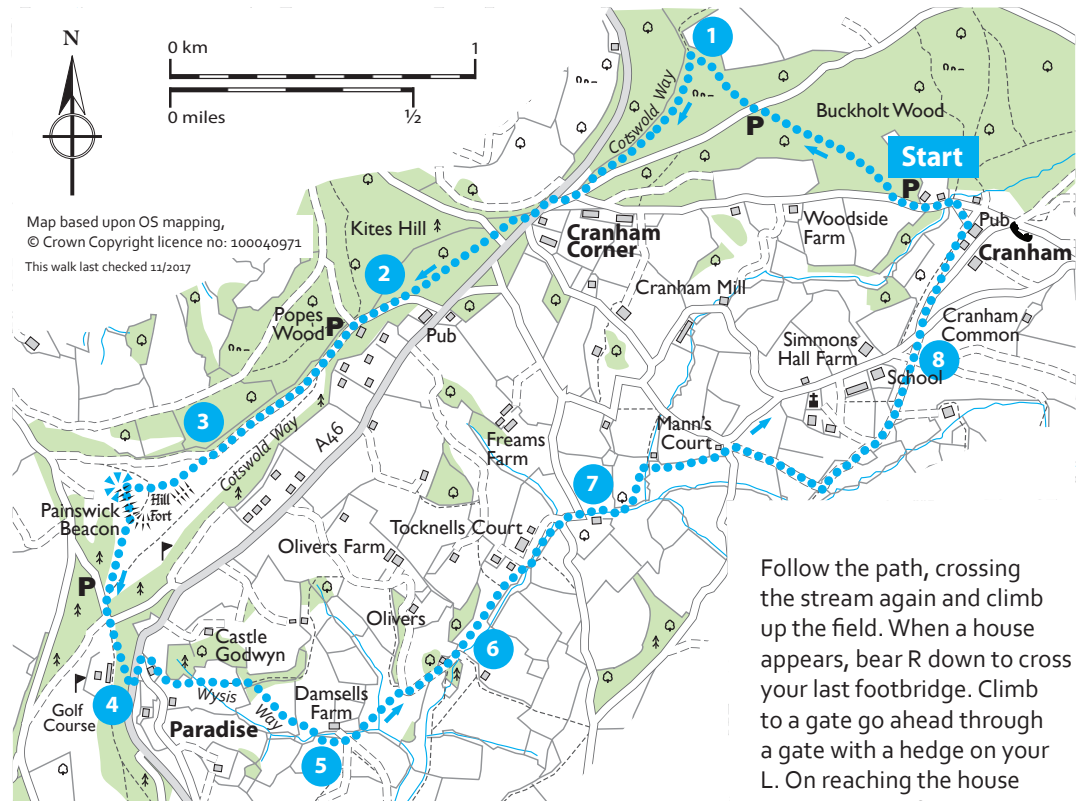
Refreshments:

Royal William on the A46 and Black Horse at Cranham.

Route: From the rear of the parking area take the wide path into wood to R of barrier and follow public footpath signs. Climbing gently, cross a road and carry on up to the Cotswold Way **1**.

Turn L on the Cotswold Way downhill to reach a road. Turn R to the A46. Cross with care, turn L on the pavement. Where it ends turn R into the trees alongside a wall, then 2nd left, following Cotswold Way, to cross a minor road. Take the L-hand track through the woods to soon join a lane (the Royal William pub is on the L) **2**.

Walk up the lane which becomes a wide track, going under a barrier, still following Cotswold Way. Where the Cotswold Way veers off L on a narrow path, stay on the track which rises alongside the golf course. After five minutes you climb past the 7th tee **3** to see Painswick Beacon ahead. Head across the grass to the R of the pillar and take the short ridge path to the topograph and the views. Carry on along the ridge, down stone steps



to a path heading towards a quarry beyond a road. Turn L along the road. When it turns L take the path ahead (Wysis Way) down through trees to the A46 **4**.

Cross and turn L past a house on R, and turn R down steep steps. (To avoid the steps, walk on and turn R down the lane). Take the path opposite to a stile and turn R into the next field. Turn L down through a gate and down to a stream. Cross and bear half R to a gate and enter a wood. After 40 metres turn R over a stile and leave the wood through a gate. There is a bench by the gate to sit and admire the view. Follow the path straight ahead downhill to cross a footbridge and gate. **5** Turn half left and follow a permissive path

through a gate to a stile in the opposite hedge straight ahead.

Bear L and head for a thatched garden shelter. Cross the stile and head for a gate by a lane. Turn R down the lane past a cottage on L. Look for two stiles on L entering a field. **6** Take the R-hand stile and follow the path towards Tocknells Court. Cross the Painswick Stream and follow it upstream to a stile onto a lane. Turn left on the lane and on the corner where the lane turns L, **7** take the path on R through a kissing gate. After a house (once a mill) a footbridge leads up to the mill pond.

Follow the path, crossing the stream again and climb up the field. When a house appears, bear R down to cross your last footbridge. Climb to a gate go ahead through a gate with a hedge on your L. On reaching the house (Mann's Court) follow the diverted path to the R, around the garden, then climb up to a high stone stile on to a lane. Take 15 paces up the lane and turn R between two pillars onto a gravel drive. It leads to a house and a waymark post where you turn L steeply uphill and climb along the fenced edge of the wood to Cranham Common. Take the lane ahead past houses on your L to the top and the open common **8**. After your lane crosses another, you soon fork L onto a grassy path, then a track, to the Black Horse Inn. Turn L down to a road, turn L again past a Scout centre and after 100m uphill your walk is done.

See the next page for more details about the walk.

Walks With Stiles

Cranham to Paradise

A peak with a view

The Cotswold Way has some two dozen "summits" in its 102-mile switchback route between Chipping Campden and Bath.

Walking the National Trail from end to end you'll ascend 4,850 metres (almost 16,000 feet) and that's more than climbing Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain, from sea level.

If you believe a peak should have a point (not a mere bump) at the top, Painswick Beacon can claim to be the highest in the Cotswolds. At 283 metres it can't match the two highest points of Cleeve Cloud or Broadway



Tower, but it beats Crickley, Coaley, Haresfield and Cam Long Down.

Oddly, the Cotswold Way only skirts the side of the peak. This walk takes you to the top, where the Cotswold Wardens have installed a shining topograph to help you identify the dramatic views across the Severn to the Forest of Dean and beyond.

THE COTSWOLD WAY

A Roll of Honour

GODFATHERS OF THE WAY:

Tony Drake and Cyril Trenfield, Ramblers and Cotswold Wardens, who campaigned for more than 50 years to establish it.

Volunteers who developed, waymarked and regularly maintain the paths.

National Trail Officers who improved the route and made it safer.

Local councils and landowners who have played their part.

And all those who walk it and leave nothing behind but footprints.

Try another?



There are 13 more circular walks based on the Cotswold Way, created for people who'd like to walk some of the best bits. Between 2 and 6 miles, they are graded easy, moderate or difficult. All can be reached by bus.

They start at Chipping Campden, Broadway, Stanton, Winchcombe, Cleeve Common, Seven Springs, Cranham, King's Stanley, Uley, Dursley, Wotton under Edge, Old Sodbury and Bath.

Do you wish to know more about these walks? Or about the full route, accommodation, maps, guides, and everything you could wish to know about the Cotswold Way? Then just go to

https://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/en_GB/trails/cotswold-way/



Walk the Cotswold Way to Bath

For many years the Cotswold Wardens have been leading groups along the Cotswold Way from May through to March in monthly stages, starting at Bath and walking north to Chipping Campden.

These walks are so popular that we offer the same service for those wishing to walk south from Chipping Campden to Bath.

With people who can only walk weekends in mind, the walks will be on the first Saturday of each month, and members of the group will bring their own picnic lunch.

The original walks will continue on the first Wednesday of the month, stopping sometimes for lunch at local inns. The average daily walking distance on both walks is 10 miles.

Experienced Warden walk leaders will introduce you to features of the Cotswolds landscape along the way. Each month a bus or coach



will take you to the start and collect you at the finish of the day's walk. The Wednesday group's bus starts from Winchcombe and the Saturday group's coach from Cold Ashton, just north of Bath. The only charge is for your share of the transport costs.

For more information or to book your place on the Wednesday group your contact is Linda Blackwell on 01242 604155 or email lblackwell58@icloud.com

For the Saturday group John Bartram is your man on 0117937 4561 or email woodlandsbarn@btinternet.com

These walks fill up quickly, so early booking is advised.