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2. Broadway and the Tower

This enchanting walk leads you through the picturesque Cotswold high street of Broadway, along historic tracks and up to the intriguing Broadway Tower with its spectacular views across the Severn Vale into Wales. The perfect chance to taste a little more of all the Cotswolds has to offer.

Distance:
4 miles or 6.5km

Duration:
2½ - 3 hrs (Without stops)

Difficulty:
Moderate with some steep sections

Public transport:
No. 606 bus from Cheltenham and Chipping Campden. 1, 2 & H3 between Stratford on Avon and Chipping Campden; Rural 4 Cresswells from Evesham. (Visit www.travelinesw.com)

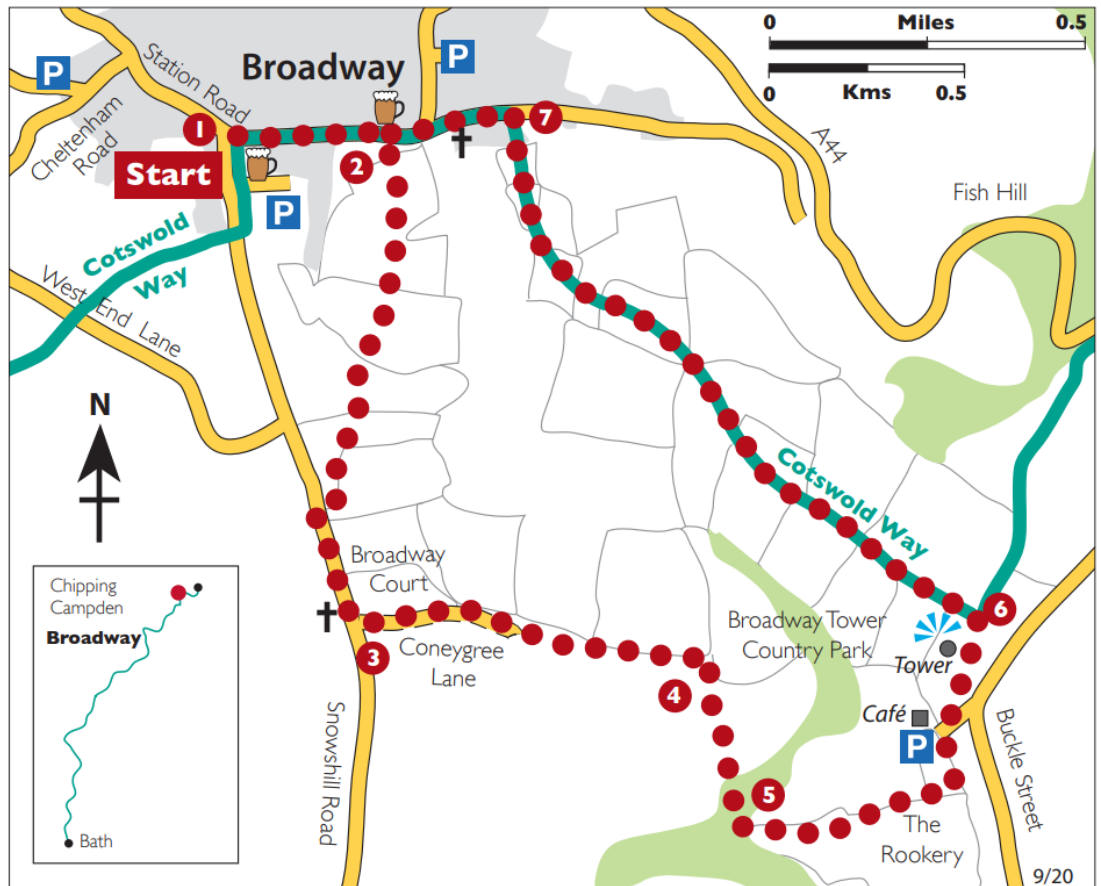
Start/Finish:
Grid reference SP 096/375
(OS Explorer sheet OL45)
Postcode WR12 7AA

Refreshments:
Numerous cafés and pubs in Broadway. Café at Broadway Tower Country Park. Check opening hours. Public toilets in Broadway.

Parking
There is car parking off Cheltenham Road, behind the High Street and off Leamington Road.

1 Start at the war memorial at the bottom of the grass-fringed High Street and walk eastwards up past the red phone boxes. Continue on past the shops until you reach a sign pointing right, 'activity park & picnic area'.

2 Follow this path with the playground on your left, and pass through the kissing gate at the end. Continue straight across the field, through the kissing gate at the other side, over a small footbridge and through another gate into a 'ridge and furrow' field. Be wary of muddy areas near these gates after



wet weather. Continue to follow the direction arrows through two more kissing gates and fields until you reach the road. Watching for traffic, turn left and continue up Snowhill Road until you reach St Eadburgha's Church, parts of which date back to the 11th Century.

3 Turn left just opposite the church, through the gateway into Coneygree Lane, named after the medieval 'free' rabbit warren granted here by King Henry III in 1251. Follow the track up hill for just over half a mile (0.8km).

4 At the top of the track, turn right and continue on through a 2-in-1 gate, following the path through the field, passing to the right of the house. Follow the track a further 200m then turn left through another 2-in-1 gate just before two stone gate posts.

5 Walk up the track until you reach Rookery Farm. Keeping the

farm buildings on your left, continue straight on up the metalled track then through a kissing gate on the left. Go across the field and through the gate into the grounds of the café. Just by the main entrance pass through the tall kissing gate and head on up towards the tower.

6 You are now at the second highest point in the Cotswolds with its beautiful landscape laid out beneath you, so take a few minutes to soak in the breath-taking views over fields, hills and hedgerows as far as South Wales in the distance.

A climb up the tower, a folly built in 1798 for Lady Coventry, is well worth the extra 55 feet – on a clear day, you can see 13 counties from the top! To continue the walk, pass through a second high kissing gate below the tower onto the Cotswold Way and turn left down towards a gate. Follow the Cotswold Way signs down the hill for a mile (1.6km) including one

flight of steps with a wonderful dry-stone wall on your right which is part of a long term volunteer restoration project.

Towards the bottom, the path levels out; continue to follow the signs through two metal kissing gates and over a stream, heading for the houses at the far side of the last field. Pass through two more gates and follow the alley towards the road.

7 Turn left and continue down the High Street, back towards the memorial at the start. Broadway, the 'Jewel of the Cotswolds', is the perfect place to seek out a pub or café to rest tired feet and to plan your next walk on the Cotswold Way.

Points of Interest



St Eadburgha's church

Was the original parish church of Broadway, a Christian place of worship which dates back to the 11th century. Long before the High Street became a major stagecoach stop on the route between Worcester and London, the village of Broadway once stood in a different place, further south towards Snowhill. It retains most of its ancient medieval features and is situated about a mile out of the village, nestled at the foot of the hill on Snowhill Road.

For more information visit: visit-broadway.co.uk (opens in new window)



Broadway Museum & Art Gallery

Opened in 2013 is housed in a beautiful 17th Century former coaching inn. The building, built as The Angel Inn is now called Tudor House and has been extended and adapted over the centuries and retains many original features. It is one of a very few 17th Century buildings in Broadway today, that is open to the public.

For more information visit: broadwaymuseum.org.uk (opens in new window)



Broadway Tower

Is an iconic landmark on top of the beautiful Cotswolds escarpment. It was the brainchild of the great 18th century landscape designer, "Capability Brown". His vision was carried out for George William 6th Earl of Coventry with the help of renowned architect James Wyatt and completed in 1798. The location for the Tower was wisely chosen, a dramatic outlook on a pre-medieval trading route and beacon hill. Set within a 200-acre estate of parkland, allowing visitors to experience great English heritage in an inspiring location, there is the Tower Museum and its roof viewing platform, and even a Nuclear Bunker (the bunker is only open on weekends).

For more information visit: broadwaytower.co.uk (opens in new window)



Lygon Arms Hotel

First recognised on the parish register in 1532, when it was originally known as The White Hart Inn. It has long been a significant part of the village's history and has become one of Broadway's most iconic destinations. Oliver Cromwell himself occupied a room here immediately before engaging the Royalists at the fateful Battle of Worcester on 3rd September 1651, when Charles II was put to flight and the War won for the Parliamentarians.

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www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk



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