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Stroud is a delight to wander round and you'll find an eclectic mix of galleries, cafés and shops to explore – selling everything from fossils to fairies and vintage to vinyl – and one of the best farmers' markets in the country. The Cotswold Way runs close by and Rodborough, Minchinhampton and Selsley Commons overlook the town, offering the perfect spot for a picnic or to fly a kite, whilst enjoying the stunning views. Wotton-under-Edge, nestled in the Severn Vale, is an excellent centre for walking as you can join the Cotswold Way here. There is a vibrant community arts centre, interesting heritage centre and, in summer, an outdoor swimming pool. Don't miss the little town of Berkeley which is well worth exploring, not only for magnificent Berkeley Castle but also Dr Jenner's House, Museum and Garden.

[www.cotswolds.com/Stroud](http://www.cotswolds.com/Stroud)



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## The Bell Inn Experiences

Selsley GL5 5JY  
Tel 01453 753801  
[www.thebellinnselsley.com](http://www.thebellinnselsley.com)



Join us for a tour of the Cotswolds through local Gin. Three fun hours of ginspiration including quizzing, talking and of course tasting. Or why not join pub dog Bacchus for a pub walk. Plenty of sniffs and treats for

our four legged companions in the beautiful Cotswold countryside starting and finishing, where better than a pub!



## Cattle Country Farm Park

Berkeley GL13 9EW  
Tel 01453 810510  
[www.cattlecountry.co.uk](http://www.cattlecountry.co.uk)



At Cattle Country we pride ourselves on our huge range of activities for children of all ages; outdoor play equipment and lots of farm animals to meet, GRAZE café serving delicious, locally-sourced food and two huge play barns perfect for rainy days. Cattle Country promises a great day out for all the family, in Berkeley, Gloucestershire.



## Berkeley Castle

Berkeley GL13 9PJ  
Tel 01453 810303  
[www.berkeley-castle.com](http://www.berkeley-castle.com)



The oldest Castle in England to have been lived in by the same family that built it. Edward II was murdered here, and there are incredible links with William Shakespeare, Elizabeth I, Francis Drake and Edward Jenner. Immerse yourself in our amazing history, gardens and grounds, Yurt Tearoom, gift shop and an exciting schedule of events. Please check our website for more information and to book your tickets.



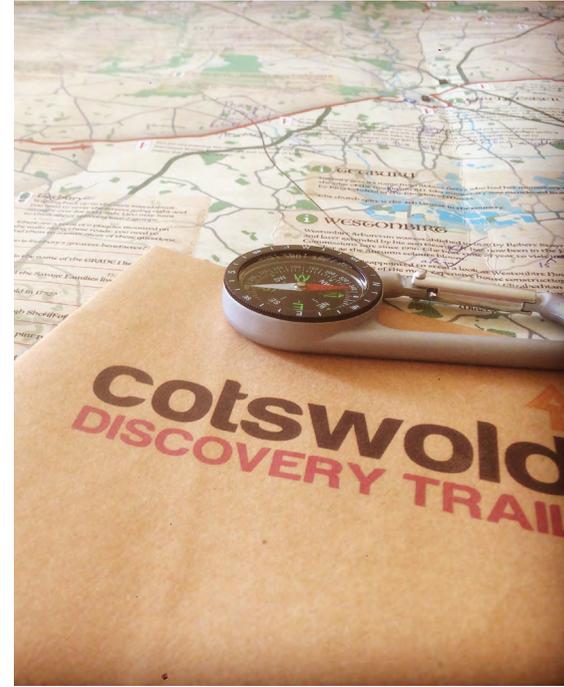


## Cotswold Canals Trust

Stroud GL5 3JS  
Tel 01453 752568  
[www.cotswoldcanals.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldcanals.org.uk)



The Cotswold Canals offer many interesting things to see and do. Whether it's a quiet stroll along the restored towpath or something more active. There are so many ways to enjoy this beautiful treasure. The Cotswold Canals Trust operates two visitor centres at Wallbridge and Saul Junction which offer friendly, helpful advice about the canals and their restoration.



## Cotswold Discovery Trail

Tel 01453 768598  
[www.cotswolddiscoverytrail.com](http://www.cotswolddiscoverytrail.com)



With the Cotswold Discovery Trail, you will discover the history and heritage of the Cotswolds with our beautifully designed treasure trail maps and trail pack. There are two fun-filled trails to follow which guide you around the Cotswolds, spanning the four historic counties of Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Worcestershire and Wiltshire and over 5,500 years of history. Each trail takes a day to complete in a car, structured around many highlights where you explore on foot, with a total drive time between 2-3 hours.

For any enquiries please contact us at [info@cotswolddiscoverytrail.com](mailto:info@cotswolddiscoverytrail.com)



## Cotswold Country Flowers

Dursley GL11 5AS  
Tel 07967 416799  
[www.cotswold-country-flowers.co.uk](http://www.cotswold-country-flowers.co.uk)



A visit to this Cotswold cut flower garden is a memorable one; 'a flower cutters paradise, such a lovely experience', said one visitor.

Fiona grows and supplies gorgeous, freshly cut British flowers from her garden near Stroud.

She runs flower filled workshops (suitable for absolute beginners) and other events such as *Pick Your Own Flowers* and *Open Gardens*. Her *Garden to Vase* workshops allow you to cut your choice of flowers from the garden before learning how to make and wrap a hand-tied bouquet.

In the late autumn she offers *Dried Flower Wreath* making workshops and closer to Christmas, at her *Christmas Wreath* workshops you will learn how to weave a willow wreath adorned with seasonal foliage.

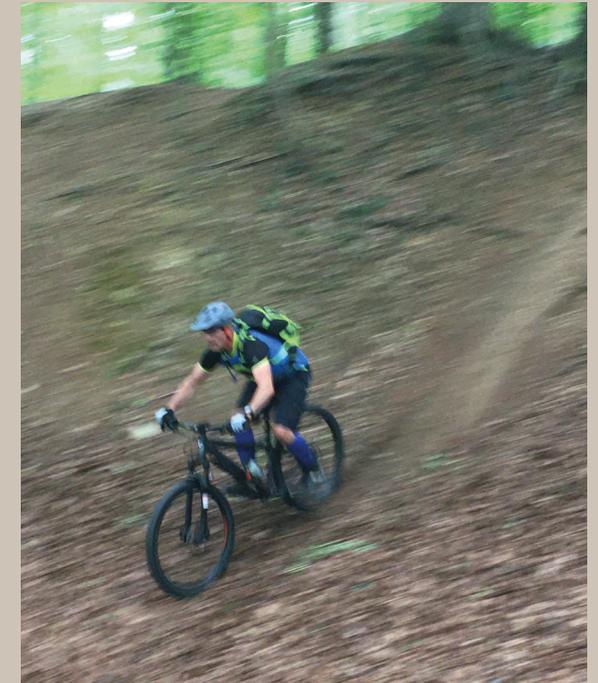
## Cotswold Mountain Biking

Dursley GL11 5AS  
Tel 07717 122119  
[www.cotswoldmountainbiking.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldmountainbiking.co.uk)



Welcome to Cotswold Mountain Biking where my aim is to share my passion for off-road cycling in this stunning part of the Cotswolds! My guided rides are offered as private rides for adults and/or teenage children (age 13 years or above). The maximum group size is five riders. The rides will typically be half day 'round routes' that take about 3½ hours/25-30 km with approx 600-800m of ascent (and descent!).

Don't worry if you haven't got your own bike as you can hire one from me – two of my hire bikes are electric MTBs so you'll be sure to fly up the hills, as well as down!





## Dr Jenner's House, Museum and Garden

Berkeley GL13 9BN  
Tel 01453 810631  
[www.jennermuseum.com](http://www.jennermuseum.com)



From Gloucestershire in the 1790s to Somalia in the 1970s, Dr Jenner's House, Museum and Garden traces the impact of one of the pivotal events in world history, in the place where it happened. Today you can see Jenner's Study, explore his garden, including the historic Vinery and the modern Physic Garden, and stand in the Temple of Vaccinia, where Jenner vaccinated the people of Berkeley free of charge.



## The Museum in the Park

Stroud GL5 4AF  
Tel 01453 763394  
[www.museuminthepark.org.uk](http://www.museuminthepark.org.uk)



Discover this fascinating local history museum at the heart of the beautiful grounds of Stratford Park. There is an art gallery with changing exhibitions too, and the enchanting Walled Garden which inspires and delights throughout the seasons.

## Dunkirk Mill Museum

Nailsworth GL5 5HH  
Tel 01453 766273  
[www.stroudtextiletrust.org.uk](http://www.stroudtextiletrust.org.uk)



Admire the powerful waterwheel driving historic textile machinery that used to put the finishing touches to fine West of England woollen cloth in this former fulling mill.

Only disabled parking on site.  
Walk one kilometre from Egypt Mill Hotel, Nailsworth on the Cycle Trail towards Stroud to get to the Museum.



## Newark Park

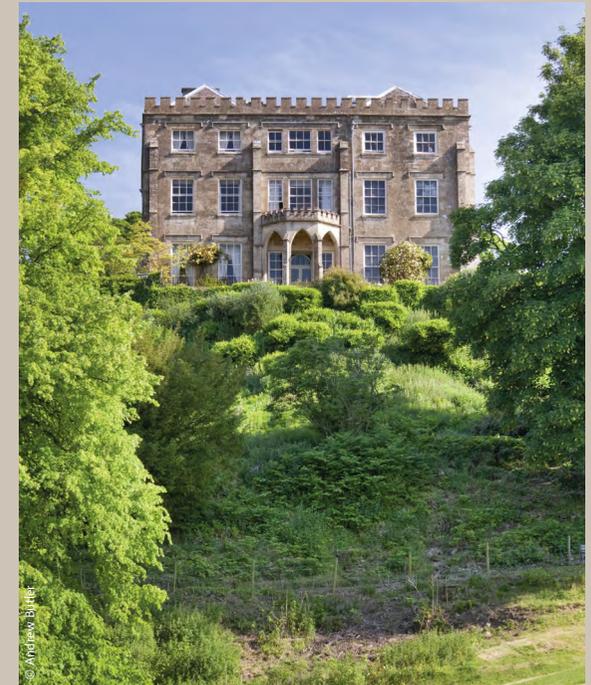
Ozleworth, Wotton-under-Edge GL12 7PZ  
Tel 01453 842644  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/newark-park)



Newark Park stands proud on top of the Cotswold escarpment, looking down into the Ozleworth valley and to the Mendips beyond.

Newark House, with its Tudor origins and later extensions, has intriguing stories to tell, with a quirky collection of furnishings and impressive views. The gardens and estate feature a number of seasonal specials: from snowdrops in February, bulbs and wild garlic in spring, colourful borders in summer to the cyclamen and estate colours in autumn.

In the relaxing gardens you can enjoy a small selection of light snacks and refreshments from our tea pavilion.



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## Nympsfield Long Barrow

Coaley, Dursley GL11 5AU  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)  
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Nympsfield Long Barrow stands high on the Cotswold scarp near Frocester, with spectacular views over the Severn Valley. Constructed in the Neolithic period, it has long been the subject of local legends and bizarre stories, including one that it was a refuge for lepers.



## Sharps and Sparks Outdoor

Courses are based at:  
Nailsworth and Notgrove  
Tel 07917 063033  
[www.sharpsandsparksoutdoor.com](http://www.sharpsandsparksoutdoor.com)  
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Connect with your outdoors by booking one of our experiences. From bushcraft, where you learn or enhance your skills for living comfortably outdoors, to woodland crafts, navigation skills or an introduction to hammock camping. All courses are carried out in stunning locations in the North and South Cotswolds.



## Purton Ships Graveyard

Purton, Berkeley GL13 9HU  
[www.friendsofpurton.org.uk](http://www.friendsofpurton.org.uk)

Purton lies on the southern bank of the River Severn about half a mile north of the port of Sharpness.

Known as the Purton Ships Graveyard, or Purton Hulks, the area has a large number of purposely abandoned boats and ships that were beached on this area of the River Severn with the aim of reinforcing the river bank.

Most of the vessels were laid-up in the 1950s and now, as a result, the ground level has built up meaning you can now see a few barges lying on top of earlier ones.

This unusual site, with the vessels in considerable decay, forms the largest ship graveyard on the mainland and explanatory boards help visitors understand more about the vessels and site.

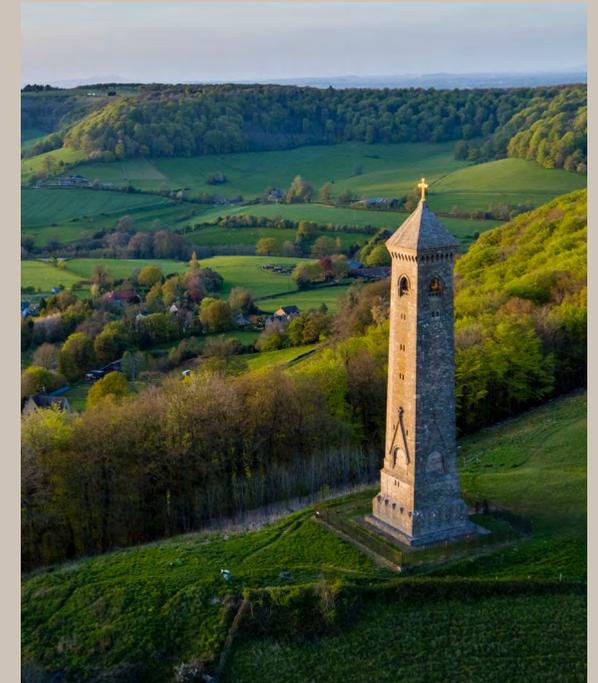
## Tyndale Monument

North Nibley, Dursley GL11 6DS  
[www.northnibley.org.uk/monument.php](http://www.northnibley.org.uk/monument.php)

Standing on the Cotswold escarpment overlooking North Nibley you will see the Tyndale Monument. This striking 111 foot tower was built in memory of the writer, William Tyndale, thought to be born nearby and famous for translating the Bible into English. Although his exact birthplace is not known, he spent his childhood in the Dursley area before going to Oxford to study Greek.

The memorial was suggested some three centuries later with the monument inaugurated in 1866 three years following the foundation stone being laid.

Inside the tower a narrow, dark, winding staircase leads to an enclosed viewing platform. If you have the energy and don't suffer from claustrophobia, the view is worth the climb.





## Uley Long Barrow (Hetty Pegler's Tump)

Coaley, Dursley GL11 5BH  
[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)



Uley Long Barrow is a partially reconstructed Neolithic burial mound, at least 5,000 years old, and impressively sited overlooking the Severn Valley. It's known locally as Hetty Pegler's Tump, after Hester Pegler who owned the land in the 17th century. Between 15 and 20 skeletons have been recovered

from the burial mound over the years, but we know little about the subsequent history of these finds. Two skulls went to Guy's Hospital in London, but it is said that most of the bones were reburied in Uley churchyard. The barrow as seen today is largely the result of excavation and reconstruction between 1854 and 1906.



## Woodchester Mansion

Nymphsfield, Stonehouse GL10 3TS  
Tel 01453 861541  
[www.woodchestermansion.org.uk](http://www.woodchestermansion.org.uk)



Unique, amazing – a hidden unfinished neo-Gothic house in Woodchester Park. This Grade I listed building has been saved from dereliction but will never be completed. Visitors can also learn about the Mansion's colonies of Horseshoe bats and watch them live in their roosts via CCTV. Mansion open Fridays to Sundays plus Bank Holidays from Good Friday to the last Sunday in October. Check website for details. When open there is a minibus to the Mansion on the hour from 11am to 4pm or a 20-minute walk. Refreshments. Guided tours at 11.45am and 2.30pm. Parking in Woodchester Park car park (National Trust).



## Woodchester Valley Vineyard

Woodchester GL5 5HR  
Tel 07523 967219  
[www.woodchestervalleyvineyard.co.uk](http://www.woodchestervalleyvineyard.co.uk)



Woodchester Valley is a family-owned boutique vineyard and winery in the South Cotswolds producing a range of award-winning still white, rosé and sparkling wines.

Join us on one of our tours and learn about the world of English wines. Our tours are friendly, informal and informative and will give you an insight into the world of wine-making plus the chance to try a range of our multi award-winning wines.

Or why not stay with us? We have accommodation on site ranging from our luxurious vineyard barn suites, perfect for a weekend getaway, to self catering dog-friendly homes, ideal for a family holiday. The perfect base for exploring the Cotswolds!





## Woodchester Park

Nympsfield, near Stonehouse GL10 3TS  
Tel 01452 814213

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woodchester-park](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/woodchester-park)



Woodchester Park is home to the remains of an 18th and 19th century landscape park, a Victorian mansion, ancient woodlands, pasture and an abundance of wildlife. Follow the three permissive

routes around the parkland and have fun spotting all the wildlife.

In spring smell the wild garlic growing in the woods and hear woodpeckers tapping on the trees in summer. Feel the crunch of fallen leaves beneath your feet in autumn while winter puddles are great for making a splash.



## Wotton-under-Edge Museum and Heritage Centre

Wotton-under-Edge GL12 7AD  
Tel 01453 521541

[www.wotton-under-edge.com/visit-wotton/the-town](http://www.wotton-under-edge.com/visit-wotton/the-town)



Housed in a converted fire station and located in The Chipping, the Centre contains a sizeable collection of archives, records, photographs and genealogical material. There are three or four different exhibitions each year which display items of interest of local, and on occasion, national history. In addition, there is a full programme of lectures. Visit the website for current information.



## WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre

Slimbridge GL2 7BT  
Tel 01453 891900

[www.wwt.org.uk/slimbridge](http://www.wwt.org.uk/slimbridge)



Discover a safe haven of wide open spaces bursting with wetland nature. Fill your lungs with fresh air, stretch your legs and get ready to explore this extraordinary wetland paradise, whatever the weather. Splash about at *Welly Boot Land* or go wild in *Riverlife* outdoor play areas. Discover the world of amphibians at *Toad Hall* or see if you can spot all six species of flamingo. Learn all about marvellous mammals – look out for the secretive water voles and see how many cute harvest mice you can count. Visit the *Arctic Adventure* experience and imagine life on the Arctic Tundra, where WWT studies wildlife including Bewick's swans, or step back in time at *Scott House Museum*. For those looking to experience the wild parts of the reserve, take a walk to one of the many bird hides and explore the fully accessible Estuary Tower to take in the stunning sights of the Severn Estuary.





Find out more at

[www.cotswolds.com](http://www.cotswolds.com)

