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## 3. Stanton, Snowhill and the Edge

This beauty of a walk leads you between two of the most picturesque villages in the Cotswolds; over hilltops, down valleys and through shaded woodlands. Whilst slightly more challenging than others in the series, your efforts will be rewarded by invitingly warm pubs and some of the most splendid views in the country.

### Distance:

7 miles or 11.3km (Shorter route 3 miles or 4.8km)

### Duration:

3½-4½ hrs (Shorter: 1½-2½ hrs)

### Difficulty:

Moderate, some steep sections and stiles

### Public transport:

No. 606 bus from Cheltenham or Broadway and a ½ mile (0.8km) walk. (Visit [www.travelinesw.com](http://www.travelinesw.com))

### Start/Finish:

Grid reference SP 067/343 (OS Explorer sheet OL45)  
W3W: [forge.easels.iceberg](https://www.what3words.com/?w3w=forge.easels.iceberg)

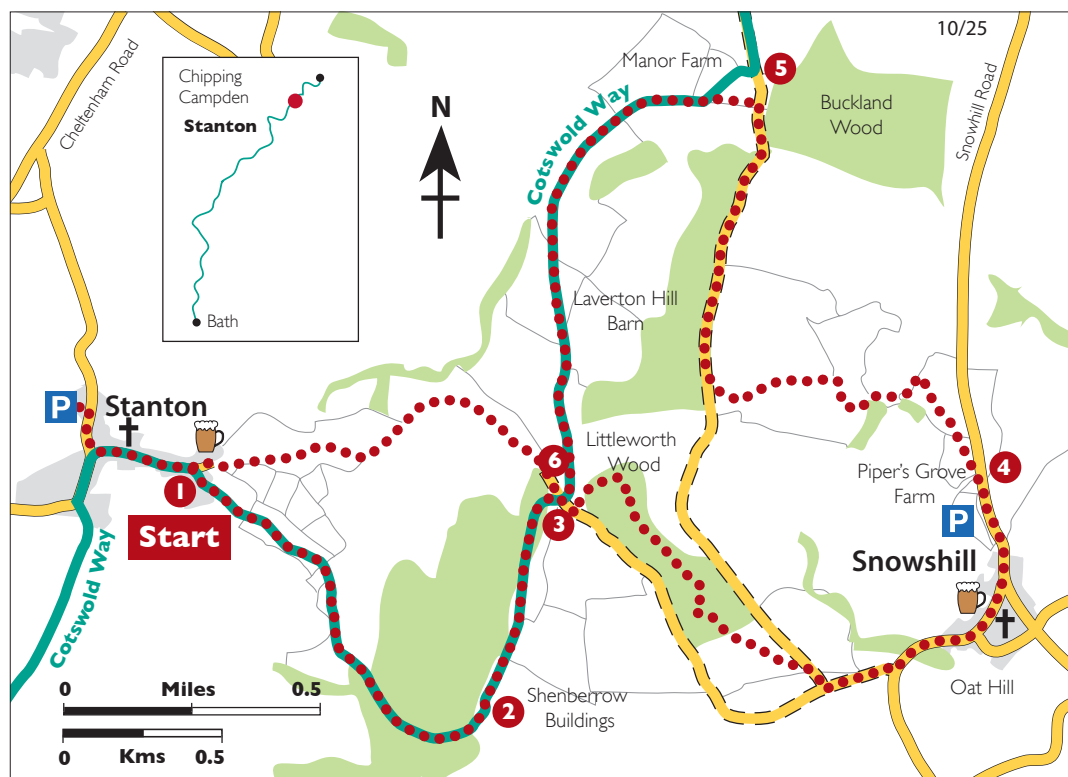
### Refreshments:

Pub at Stanton Closed Mondays.  
Pub at Snowhill and café at Snowhill Manor and garden. (National Trust members free). Check opening hours.

### Parking

Parish Council car park next to the cricket ground on main road out of village. Parking also available at the Mount Inn for customers only. Please do not park in village centre.

**1** Turn right out of the village car park and in 50m bear left up Stanton main street and continue to a Cotswold Way signpost towards the top of the village near an old lamppost on a triangle of grass. Bear right here following the Cotswold Way past a thatched cottage. Continue for approx 500m and as you approach a field gate ahead, turn right at the marker post as the Cotswold Way leaves the



track to follow a footpath down to the right and through a gate. Watch your footing, and follow the trail all the way to the top, crossing two stiles.

**2** Continue through the gate to the left of the house, and follow the track for half a mile (0.8km) until you reach a cattle grid at the end.

**3** At this point you leave the Cotswold Way for a while (For the shorter route, skip forward to point **6** and turn left to take the track downhill back towards Stanton, ignoring the Cotswold Way signpost). Turn right along the road to Snowhill and after a short distance turn sharp left, opposite field gates, and head along a path to the left of the wood signposted 'Restricted Byway'. Turn right to enter Littleworth Wood, in approx 100 metres turn right opposite a bench. Follow this path, keeping straight through this peaceful little woodland, owned and managed by the National Trust, until you reach the gate at the end. Continue down across the next field towards the

gate at the far left corner, turning right along the road and left at the T junction. Take another left turn and continue down into Snowhill. Pass through the delightful village between the pub and the church, past the carpark.

**4** Turn left at the entrance to Snowhill Manor and go through a gate immediately on your right then across the field keeping to the right of a line of trees. Head through the next field and pass through the gate at the far side, turning left to follow the fenceline downhill. Go through the gate at the bottom, over a footbridge and boardwalk, veer left to follow the waymarked path turning right up through the woods. Beyond the trees, go through a gate and walk steeply up the narrow field towards the line of trees until you reach an old iron gate. Turn right and follow the farm track for half a mile (0.8km) until you reach a field gate between the two woodlands.

**5** After pausing for a few minutes to catch your breath, go through the gate and then veer left to follow

the footpath between fences across a field to the track at the bottom. Turn left to rejoin the Cotswold Way and continue up the trail for about a mile (1.6km), past a house and old quarries on your left, until you reach the waymarker post at the top next to where you left the Cotswold Way nearly four miles earlier (6.5km).

**6** Turn sharp right along the track down towards a field gate, and continue downhill along the steep-sided path. Be careful to watch your footing along this track, but also not to miss the awe-inspiring views over Stanton and across the Severn Vale into Wales that open up below you – once tasted, this slice of Cotswolds will never be forgotten. Passing through the last gate at the bottom of the track, you emerge next to the Mount Inn. Continue down to the left of the pub towards the start point, or take the chance to rest tired feet at a warm and welcoming Cotswold inn – the perfect end to a perfect walk.