

# The Cotswolds Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty



## National picture

### The Cotswolds AONB:

- covers 2,038sq kms (790sq miles).
- was designated in 1966, extended in area in 1990.
- designation purpose is to ensure the conservation and enhancement of the natural beauty of the Cotswolds
- is the largest of the 38 AONBs in England and Wales.
- the primary or enabling legislation for the designation of the area as an AONB was the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.
- in June 2000 the Government confirmed that AONBs had the same landscape quality and status as National Parks.
- IUCN - World Conservation Union recognises the Cotswolds AONB as a Category V protected landscape, a protected area managed mainly for landscape protection and recreation.

## Local picture

15 local authorities and 283 parish or town councils and parish meetings have territory in the AONB.

County councils	% area	sq kms	sq miles
Gloucestershire	63.7	1299	505
Worcestershire	2.4	49	19
Warwickshire	5.1	104	40
Oxfordshire	12.1	246	95
<b>Unitary authorities</b>			
Bath & North East Somerset	3.6	73	28
South Gloucestershire	6.3	128	49
Wiltshire	6.8	139	54
<b>District council</b>			
Cotswold	43.8	893	346
Stroud	10.9	222	86
Tewkesbury	8.5	173	69
Cheltenham	0.5	10	4
Wychavon	2.4	49	19
Stratford	5.1	104	40
Cherwell	0.2	5	2
West Oxfordshire	11.9	242	93

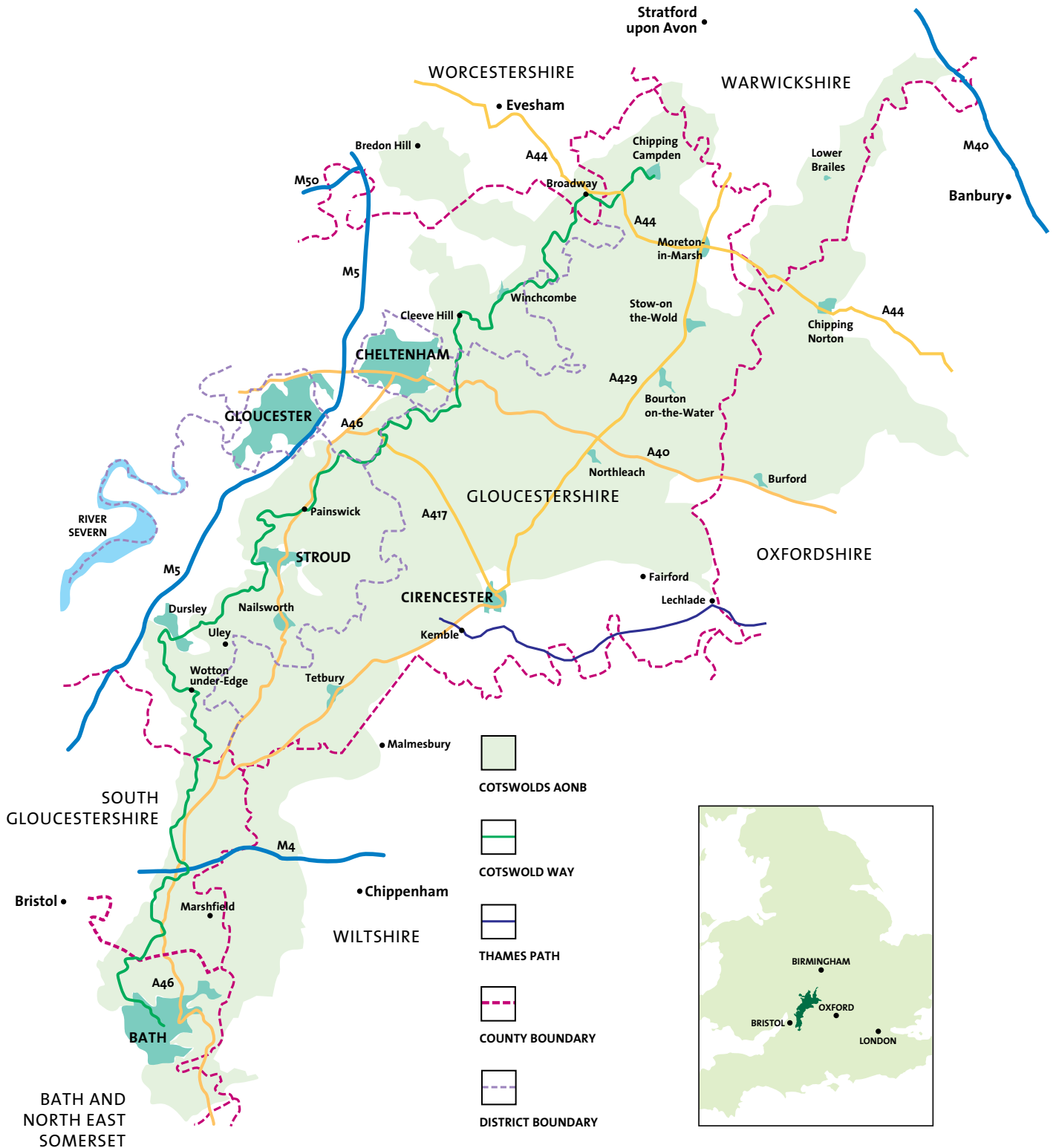
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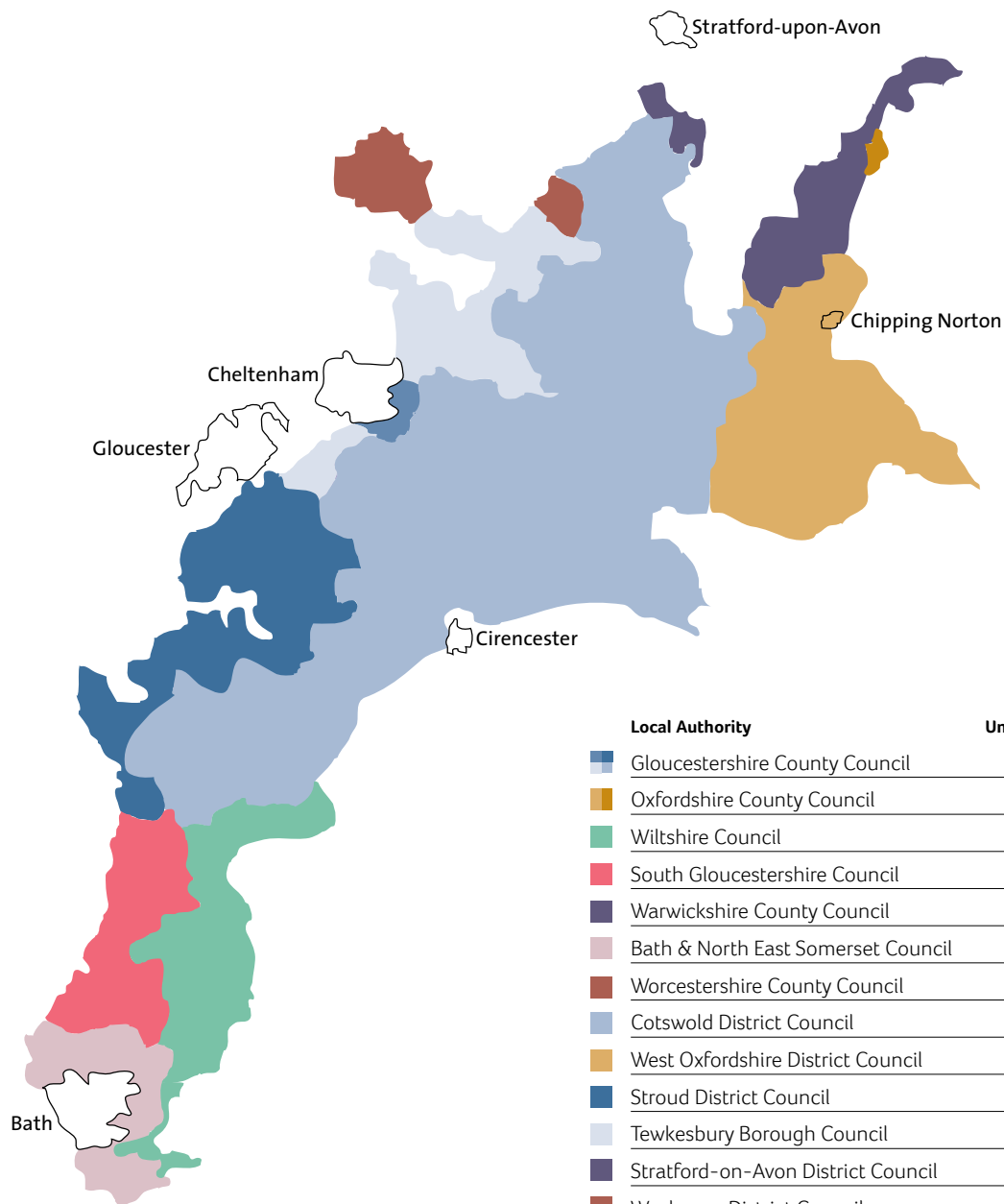
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## Local Authority Boundaries



Local Authority	% AONB Area	
	County and Unitary Authorities	District and Borough Authorities
Gloucestershire County Council	63.7	
Oxfordshire County Council	12.1	
Wiltshire Council	6.8	
South Gloucestershire Council	6.3	
Warwickshire County Council	5.1	
Bath & North East Somerset Council	3.6	
Worcestershire County Council	2.4	
Cotswold District Council		43.8
West Oxfordshire District Council		11.9
Stroud District Council		10.9
Tewkesbury Borough Council		8.5
Stratford-on-Avon District Council		5.1
Wychavon District Council		2.4
Cheltenham Borough Council		0.5
Cherwell District Council		0.2
	<b>100%</b>	<b>83.3%</b>

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