

Cotswold Way Walk 2026

Thank you for your interest in walking the Cotswold Way with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens.

The idea of walking the Cotswold Way in monthly sections started in 1993 using a base at Winchcombe in the north Cotswolds, with the Way being walked from South to North. A similar walk was started in May 2014, but based in the south Cotswolds with the walk being in a North to South direction. This has been very popular and we plan to repeat this walk in 2026.

The 102 miles of the Cotswold Way is divided into 10 sections of between 8 and 12 miles and will be walked on the first Saturday of each month, with the exception of the January walk which will take place on the 9th January. The walk will start in Chipping Campden on 2nd May 2026 and end in Bath on 6th February 2027. Every section of the walk would be classified as "strenuous" with some steep ascents. We average about 2 mph (including stops).

On each day the participants will assemble at the car park of **Cold Ashton Parish Hall** (just north of Bath) at **08.45** where a coach will transport walkers to the day's start point. Walkers should bring their own packed lunches for a picnic at an attractive spot en-route. The coach will meet the group at the end point of each day's walk and return them to Cold Ashton. As with all Cotswold Warden Walks, we regret no dogs are allowed.

Each walk will be lead by two Cotswold Voluntary Wardens who are familiar with the route and can provide information on aspects of interest. Walkers must have a good standard of fitness, as there are some stiff climbs. The series of walks will take us through the winter months so it is essential that appropriate footwear and clothing is worn.

The cost for the 10 stages of the CW Walk is **£220 per person**. This covers the cost of the coach plus car parking charges at Cold Ashton.

Due to limitations in coach access to various car parks on the Way, we are using a fairly small coach, therefore the maximum number of walkers is 23. Booking arrangements are as follows :-

1. If you would like to participate in the Walk please email me at the address below indicating the number of places you require, together with your mobile number and names of all walkers.
2. Providing there are spaces on the walk, I will send you details on how to make payment in order to confirm your place.
3. Only when I have received full payment will I add your name/s to the list of walkers.
4. If we are not able to generate sufficient interest in the CW Walk then payments will be refunded in full.
5. No refunds can be made for any stages that are not walked, but it is usually possible to complete the missing sections as part of the walk the following year.

If you require any further information please let me know.

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