

5-14 SEPTEMBER 2025



FREE Guided Walks From Stonehouse

● 10 days of walks ● For all ages & abilities



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Welcome to our 6th Stonehouse Walking Festival

The town of Stonehouse sits alongside the Stroudwater canal and the Cotswold Way. It won 'Best Small Town in Britain' last year in the RHS Britain In Bloom Competition. It also has a Community Arboretum.

We aim to celebrate the range of walks the Stonehouse area has to offer with free, guided, group walks.

Grades of walks

Easy: Mainly level terrain along pavements, footpaths, and across fields.

Also available are walks especially for those who may need mobility aids, or who are returning from injury or illness.

Moderate: Short sections with gradients and/or rough terrain; any climb taken at a relaxed pace.

Hard: A longer distance, some sustained steeper slopes needing a good level of stamina.

What you need to know

Most walks **start and end** in central Stonehouse unless otherwise stated.

Please use **public transport** if possible for getting to Stonehouse.

If arriving by car please be aware that the **free public car park** may be full and the short stay area is maximum 4 hours.

For long walks over 4 hours at weekends **other car parking options** will be offered when booking online.

A **free private bus transfer** is provided from Stonehouse for walks without a convenient bus/train route to the start point.

For Cainscross or King's Stanley walks please check **public bus** times from Stonehouse and take responsibility for catching the right bus/purchasing your own tickets. Walkfest team will aim to have a Steward at the bus stop.

For **train trips** from Stonehouse please purchase your own tickets in advance and meet Walk Leader on the platform at time stated, or at Kemble.

Toilets including a disabled toilet are available in the public car park.

Dogs are only welcome where stated in the walk descriptions.

Please **register for walks** on our website to be kept informed, and for us to know how many are coming.

Some walks **require booking** as spaces are limited. These are clearly marked on the schedule. For all other walks you may just turn up on the day.

Please read the guidelines on the back cover of this booklet before attending any of our walks.



View towards Doverow from Selsley Common

05 SEPT

Friday 18:00

Festival Launch Walk

Vineyards, railway, canal & Cotswold Way

2.5 hrs → 2 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Our launch walk will take us through one of Woodchester Valley's vineyards where we will stop to sample a Woodchester Valley award-winning wine made partly from Stonehouse grapes, or enjoy a soft drink.

Afterwards we will pick up the Cotswold Way, going down on to the canal at Ryeford. From here we will take the towpath back to Stonehouse as far as Bridgend, before returning via Regent Street to the car park.

- Please note that the steps (down) at the railway crossing are steep.
- No dogs please.

Walk Leader: Carol Kambites**06 SEPT**

Saturday 09:10

Thames Path 1 & Hailey Wood

First of 2 walks along the River Thames

4.5 hrs → 10 miles

Hard

📍 Stonehouse Railway Station GL10 2JW

After travelling to Kemble by train, we will be walking to the source of the River Thames and the southern entrance to Sapperton tunnel, part of the Stroudwater canal. The walk will continue on to Hailey Wood, part of the Bathurst Estate, and return to Kemble for our train to Stonehouse, arriving back by about 17.00.

- Bring a packed lunch for a picnic stop.
- Rail fare £9.70 return or £6.45 with Railcard.
N.B. Senior Bus Passes are valid on this route giving a third off the rail fare. The train leaves Stonehouse at 09.29 arriving at Kemble at 09.49.
- Toilet facilities whilst on the train.
- No dogs please

Walk Leader: Andrew Crabtree

Tel: 07531 278539

Email: amcrabtree1@gmail.com

**06 SEPT**

Saturday 10:30

Bridge Over the 'Missing Mile'

Canal restoration & the 'Missing Mile' project

4.5 hrs → 6 miles

Moderate 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A walk and tour of the Stroudwater canal to Westfield Bridge and the 'Missing Mile' where a new section of canal will be constructed across open fields, passing under the M5 and linking up to the existing canal at the A38 roundabout. You will learn how plans are progressing, the key role of volunteers on the project, the engineering design challenges and the strategic benefits of the project for our communities, environment, heritage and economic development.

- Bring refreshments for a stop at Coneygree orchard.
- Return through fields alongside the River Frome.
- Dogs allowed though we may encounter cows.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Chris Mitford-Slade

Project Director, Cotswold Canals Connected

(a partnership including Cotswold Canals Trust, Stroud Valleys Canal Company, Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Council & the Canal & River Trust)

**06 SEPT**

Saturday 10:30

Family Fun Walk

Pond dipping at Stonehouse Court Hotel

2 hrs max. → 1.5 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Gentle walk to include a children's activity. Pond dipping will take place on the lawn area at the back of Stonehouse Court Hotel. If you would like to bring your own picnic this can also be eaten on the lawn area. If you have children under 5 years of age, we will ask you to bring one adult per child. All necessary equipment will be provided.

- Suitable for young children.
- No dogs please.
- Booking required:
stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Jacky Edwards

All Pulling Together



06 SEPT

Saturday 11:00

Hills & Vale to Haresfield

via Doverow and Randwick

4.5 hrs → 8.4 miles

Hard

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A circular walk starting with a climb up onto Doverow Hill, then ascending into fields until joining Randwick woods. We stop for a coffee break at Randwick church before a steep climb up to Standish woods. Then a flat walk through the woods to the summit, Haresfield Beacon, for our picnic lunch break. We then descend, returning over fields and lanes, passing the Standish Hospital site, before crossing fields back into Stonehouse.

- Some stiles or equivalent.
- Wear long trousers and walking boots.
- Well-behaved dogs on lead welcome.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Fran Allen

Tel: 07983 173472

**06 SEPT**

Saturday 15:00

Trees of Stonehouse 1: Doverow

2.5 hrs → 2-3 miles

Moderate

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A tour of the Stonehouse Community Arboretum.

On this walk, local arboriculturist and founder of the Stonehouse Community Arboretum John Parker will give a tour of Doverow wood and the fields around it. We will discuss the importance of trees to people and nature, and some of the social history of trees and green spaces in Stonehouse.

John will also give us a flavour of his new book: The History of Doverow Wood, Stonehouse including the Doverow rising of 1862.

- Wear suitable walking boots as can be muddy.
- Dogs allowed.

Walk Leader: John Parker

of the Arboricultural Association

**07 SEPT**

Sunday 10:00

Canals and Commons

Historic canal and 3 spectacular commons

5 hrs

→ 11-12 miles

Hard

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

The canal at Fromebridge has been closed since March of this year and is planned to open in August, in time for the Stonehouse Walking Festival. The restoration of this section of canal and the creation of a new nature reserve at Fromebridge is shown on our website. On this walk you will learn about the restoration of the canal, the creation of the new nature reserve and the benefits this will bring to wildlife and communities, preserving our heritage and the future of the Cotswold Canals.

- Free return shuttle bus at 09.30 from Stonehouse car park or join the walk at 10.00 from Fromebridge Mill.
- Some rough terrain with gates and stiles.
- Dogs allowed though we may encounter cows.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Chris Mitford-Slade

Project Director, Cotswold Canals Connected

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Hard

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Starting in Stonehouse Car Park we go down to the canal and make our way all the way through Stroud to Bagpath. We then leave the towpath and scramble uphill to Rodborough Common, where we can lunch at Winstones Ice Cream.

From here we make our way across Minchinhampton Common and drop down through St Chloe to South Woodchester. We then climb up through the village into Dingle Wood and out onto Selsley Common where we pick up the Cotswold Way and walk back into Stonehouse via Middleyard and King's Stanley.

- Bring food and lots of water.
- Wear suitable footwear and clothing.
- Dogs allowed.

Walk Leader: Neil Gibbs

07 SEPT

Sunday 14:00

History of the High Street

Stonehouse History Group

1.5 hrs → 1 mile

Accessible 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

We walk along the High Street, past the Woolpack Inn to Laburnum Field and the Old Chapel Garden. Turning into Laburnum Walk we pass by Park Schools to Memorial Green, and return along the High Street to car park.

During the walk the leaders will explain the history behind various buildings and landmarks, and show historic photographs.

- Fully accessible walk with toilets available en route.
- No dogs please.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Shirley Dicker
Stonehouse History Group
Tel: 01453 824347

**08 SEPT**

Monday 10:00

Eastington Circular Walk

Beard's Mill and Eastington Church

3.5 hrs → 5.5 miles

Easy 📍 St Cyr's Church GL10 3QP

We set off along a track for Beard's Mill, situated next to the Bristol railway viaduct, opposite the weir on the River Frome. From there we walk across fields to St Michael and All Angels Church at Eastington for our short coffee stop. We then take lanes and field paths towards Frocester and then on to Stanley Downton. Depending on the terrain we'll return via fields or along the canal.

- Toilet stop en route.
- Some stiles and kissing gates.
- Can be very muddy in places if wet.
- No dogs please due to cattle in fields.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Pam May
Tel: 07971 916014

**07 SEPT**

Sunday 19:00

Sunset & Full Moon Walk

Up Doverow Hill & around the woods

1.5 hrs → 2.5 miles

Moderate 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

September's full moon is called the Corn/Harvest Moon. This is a women only walk. We will follow footpaths up Doverow Hill to the viewpoint where we should get a good view of the sunset over Stonehouse and the full moon (weather permitting). Then we will walk up and around Doverow Woods and come down through fields to Cotswold Green. No dogs please.

- Walk is weather permitting and sight of the full moon is not guaranteed.
- Bring a torch as it will be dark.
- Wear long trousers and walking boots.
- Some stiles or equivalent.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Chloe Cox
Love Her Wild

**08 SEPT**

Monday 10:00

Town Boundary Walk

An all-round view of Stonehouse

4 hrs → 8 miles

Moderate 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

This walk will follow as much as we can of the boundary of our civil parish, and will show Stonehouse in all its variety, from old to new, industrial to rural, hilltop to canal-side. Mostly level, apart from an ascent of Doverow Hill.

- Some stretches could be muddy so wear suitable walking boots.
- Some stiles or equivalent.
- No dogs please.
- Booking preferred: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Mike Davis



08 SEPT

Monday 15:00

Trees of Stonehouse 2: Canal and Ocean

2.5 hrs → 2-3 miles

Easy

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A tour of the Stonehouse Community Arboretum.

On this walk, local arboriculturist and founder of the Stonehouse Community Arboretum John Parker will give a tour of the trees around St Cyr's Church, Stonehouse Court Hotel and the Ocean.

We will discuss the importance of trees to people and nature, and some of the social history of trees and green spaces in Stonehouse.

- Dogs allowed.

Walk Leader: John Parker
of the Arboricultural Association

**09 SEPT**

Tuesday 10:00

Cotswolds from Coaley Peak

Parkland, vines, lakes, woods & views

4 hrs → 7 miles

Hard

Public Car Park GL11 5AU

This walk captures the breadth of what the Cotswolds has to offer. Walk through glorious Woodchester Park with its gothic mansion (brief loo stop) and lakes. Then climb through the vineyards of Woodchester with a stop for a drink and snack (bring your own) and absorb the views. Then past Bown Hill and a secluded valley emerging at Pen Hill. Complete the circuit through superb woodlands back to Coaley Peak and more great views down the Severn valley.

- Free return shuttle bus at 09.30 from Stonehouse PCP or park at Coaley Peak for 10.00 start from there.
- Some stiles or equivalent.
- Dogs welcome on short leads.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Stephen Taylor
Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

**09 SEPT**

Tuesday 10:00

4 Stanleys for a 'Rest'

Three local villages and an artist

3.5 hrs → 6 miles

Moderate

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A leisurely walk along country roads to Stanley Downton. Then across fields to Leonard Stanley, the home of Godsell's cheeses and milk and where the artist Sir Stanley Spencer lived and painted a number of local views. Continuing on to King's Stanley Court Farm, we will stop at 'The Rest' café where tea/coffee and a snack may be purchased. Suitably refreshed we will return to Stonehouse via the Cotswold Way and the Stroudwater canal.

- No dogs please.

Walk Leader: Andrew Crabtree
Tel: 07531 278539
Email: amcrabtree1@gmail.com

**09 SEPT**

Tuesday 14:00

Walk up Beatrice Webb Lane

History of Standish House & Hospital

2 hrs → 3 miles

Easy

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A leisurely walk across fields to the site of the old Standish Hospital. In addition to the original Grade II listed house, the two ward blocks are now apartments, the Grade II listed stable block has been restored and the hydrotherapy pool building has been converted into luxury homes. Admire the beautiful grounds with specimen trees and shrubs collected from all across the world.

Members of Stonehouse History Group will meet us there to talk about the history of Standish House and how it became a hospital.

- 1 stile to climb over. Fields can be muddy.
- Dogs allowed.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Gill Sermon



Walk Schedule

Visit our website for registration and booking details: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Date	Start time	Title of walk	Hours	Miles	Start from	Notes
Friday 5	18:00	Festival Launch Walk to the Vineyard	2.5	2	PCP	Celebrate with a glass of wine
Saturday 6	09:10	Thames Path 1 & Hailey Wood	4.5	10	SRS	Train to Kemble at 09.29
	10:30	Bridge Over the 'Missing Mile'	4.5	6	PCP	
	10:30	Family Fun Walk	2	1.5	PCP	
	11:00	Hills & Vale to Haresfield	4.5	8.4	PCP	
	15:00	Trees of Stonehouse 1: Doverow	2.5	2-3	PCP	
Sunday 7	10:00	Stroudwater Restoration Project at Fromebridge	2.5	3.7	FM	Free bus from PCP at 09.30
	10:00	Canals and Commons	5	11-12	PCP	
	14:00	History of the High Street	1.5	1	PCP	
	19:00	Sunset & Full Moon Walk	1.5	2.5	PCP	Women only
Monday 8	10:00	Eastington Circular Walk	3.5	5.5	StC	
	10:00	Town Boundary Walk	4	8	PCP	
	15:00	Trees of Stonehouse 2: Canal and Ocean	2.5	2-3	PCP	
Tuesday 9	10:00	4 Stanleys and a Rest	3.5	6	PCP	
	10:00	Cotswolds from Coaley Peak	4	7	CP	Free bus from PCP at 09.30
	14:00	Walk up Beatrice Webb Lane – Standish History	2	3	PCP	
Wednesday 10	09:30	Views all the Way	5	12	PCP	
	10:00	Eastington Farm Shop	3	5	PCP	
	11:00	Fair Shares Accessible Walk		0.5	StC	Boat trip option
	14:00	Meditative Woodland Walk (Shinrin Yoku)	2	2	PCP	

Date	Start time	Title of walk	Hours	Miles	Start from	Notes
Thursday 11	10.00	Fromebridge Nature Reserve	3-4	4.5	FM	Free bus from PCP at 09.30
	10.00	Railway Track to Cycle Track – to Stroud	3.5	5	PCP	Make your own way back
	14.00	Trees of Stonehouse 3: Town	2.5	2-3	PCP	
Friday 12	09.00	A Walk to Stroud via Hawkwood	3.5-4	5.5	PCP	Make your own way back
	10.00	Cainscross Southern Circuit	2	3-4	CX	Public bus: 64 to Ebley 'Chapel Lane'
	13.00	Cainscross Northern Circuit	2	3-4	CX	
	14.00	Walk & Tea at Moreton Hill Care Centre – More details online				
Saturday 13	09.10	Thames path 2 to Cotswold Lakes	4.5	10	SRS	Train to Kemble at 09.29
	09.30	Canal Walk for Mums	2	3.5	PCP	Mums only
	10.00	Selsley Common and the Stroudwater Canal	3.5	5.5	KS	Public bus: 62 to 'King's Head'
	14.30	Stroudwater Canal Then and Now	3	6	StC	
	15.00	Trees of Standish	2.5	3	PCP	
Sunday 14	10.00	To Haresfield Beacon	4-5	8	PCP	14.30 - 17.00 Stonehouse in Bloom Tea Party in Old Chapel Garden
	11.00	Shaping Stonehouse History	2	2	PCP	
	12.30	Doverow Hill Nature Walk	2	2	PCP	
	14.00	Wycliffe Wanderings	1.5	1.5	OCG	
	17.00	Festival Finale	2	3	OCG	

Grade of walk:		Walk starting points:	
Easy	CP	Coaley Peak Viewpoint GL11 5AU	OCG Old Chapel Garden GL10 2NA
Moderate	CX	Victory Park, Cainscross GL5 4JE	PCP Public Car Park GL10 2NG
Hard	FM	Fromebridge Mill, GL2 7PB	StC St Cyr's Church GL10 3QP
Tea Party	KS	The Rest, King's Stanley GL10 3PN	SRS Stonehouse Railway Station GL10 2JW

10 SEPT

Wednesday 09:30

Views all the Way

Landscapes from Randwick and Pitchcombe

5 hrs

→ 12 miles

Hard

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Starting at the Town Car Park we go up to Randwick Woods via the "Muckie" and then down into the Oxlynch valley. We then scale Ring Hill hillfort and join the Cotswold Way where we follow through until Edge Common.

After a stop, we continue via Scotsquar into Pitchcombe Woods and then scale the hill again up to Bird in Hand. We then re-join the Cotswold Way back through Randwick Wood and eventually drop back down to Stonehouse.

- Dogs allowed.

Walk Leader: Neil Gibbs**10 SEPT**

Wednesday 11:00

Fair Shares Accessible Walk

A gentle, accessible, wheelchair-friendly walk

→ 0.5 mile or less if needed

📍 St Cyr's Church GL10 3QP

This walk is available for those with mobility difficulties or needing mobility aids, and those living with dementia. Family and carers are welcome. Trained volunteers will be on hand for support. At any point if you feel you need to end the walk early, we will help you get back. This is a very gentle walk to enjoy the nature and wildlife available within a short distance of Stonehouse.

- Enjoy refreshments at St Cyr's before and/or after the walk.
- Well-controlled dogs are allowed on the walk.
- Option to go on a fully accessible boat trip with Cotswold Boatmobility at 2pm.
- Booking required for boat: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Chris Moore (Fair Shares)Email: stroud@fairshares.org.uk

Tel: 07810 732379

**10 SEPT**

Wednesday 10:00

Eastington Farm Shop

Through fields and woods to coffee stop

3 hrs

→ 5 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A gentle walk on level terrain but with uneven ground, stiles and electric fences to step over. We will pass St Cyr's church and follow a track to Five Acre Grove before crossing fields to Eastington Farm Shop where refreshments can be purchased.

We will then return down quiet lanes and across fields to Stonehouse.

- No dogs please as we will be passing through fields with cows.

Walk Leader: Carol Kambites**10 SEPT**

Wednesday 14:00

Meditative Woodland Walk

Shinrin-Yoku (Japanese Forest Bathing)

2 hrs

→ 2 miles

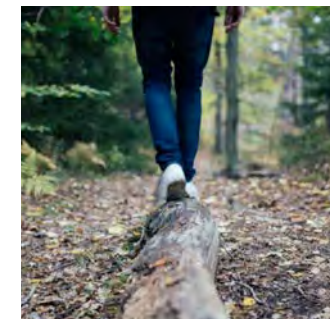
Moderate 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A slow, quiet walk to and from Doverow Hill Woods to relax and quieten the busy mind. This will result naturally from being guided through breathing techniques and practising mindfulness exercises (using the 5 senses), as well as doing a brief meditation under tree-cover.

- No dogs please.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk
- For more information please contact the walk leader.

Walk Leader: Dee AebischerEmail: dee.aebischer@yahoo.com

Tel: 07422 370937



11 SEPT

Thursday 10:00

Fromebridge Nature Reserve

Environmental walk beyond the 'Missing Mile'

3-4 hrs → 4.5 miles

Easy

📍 Fromebridge Mill GL2 7PB

A circular, environmental walk and tour west from Fromebridge Mill, beyond the 'Missing Mile' section, all the way to Saul Junction. We will cover the fish pass, the River Frome, a new wetlands area, canal restoration, water voles, a traditional orchard, and more. You will learn how the canal environmental programme has improved the habitats, wetlands, and biodiversity along the canal, and view the new wildlife reserve at Fromebridge.

- Free return shuttle bus at 9.30am from Stonehouse car park or join the walk at 10am from Fromebridge Mill.
- Dogs allowed though we may encounter cows.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

**Walk Leader: Peter Savage**

Environment Project Adviser, Cotswold Canals Connected

(a partnership including Cotswold Canals Trust,
Stroud Valleys Canal Company, Stroud District Council,
Gloucestershire County Council & the Canal & River Trust)

**11 SEPT**

Thursday 10:00

Railway Track to Cycle Track

Stonehouse to Stroud along a former railway line

3.5 hrs → 5 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

This leisurely, linear walk will take us along paved footpaths, across potentially muddy fields and along cycle tracks following parts of a former railway route and will recall the time when both Stonehouse and Stroud had two railway stations.

- The walk will finish in Stroud town centre.
- After the walk, participants will be shown how to return to Stonehouse by train, bus or by walking the Stroudwater canal towpath (about 3.2 miles).
- There will be time for a picnic and a rest.
- Toilet stop en route.
- No dogs please.

Walk leader: Andrew Crabtree

Tel: 07531 278539

Email: amcrabtree1@gmail.com**11 SEPT**

Thursday 14:00

Trees of Stonehouse 3: Town

2.5 hrs → 2-3 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A tour of the Stonehouse Community Arboretum.

On this walk, local arboriculturist and founder of the Stonehouse Community Arboretum John Parker will give a tour of some of the most interesting trees in the parks and streets of the town.

We will discuss the importance of trees to people and nature, and some of the social history of trees and green spaces in Stonehouse.

- Dogs allowed.

Walk Leader: John Parker

of the Arboricultural Association

**12 SEPT**

Friday 09:00

A Walk to Stroud via Hawkwood College

3.5-4 hrs → 5.5 miles

Hard

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

An undulating walk passing by Far Westrip Farm, through Ruscombe and Whiteshill before crossing the Painswick valley and climbing to Hawkwood College. This site has been inhabited since Medieval times and is nestled in wooded hills with a natural spring and stunning views to Doverow Hill and the Severn. This once private residence now offers courses and events in arts, sustainability and wellbeing. After refreshments, a final descent brings walkers into the busy market town of Stroud, where the walk finishes.

- Participants can return to Stonehouse via train/bus or walk back along the Stroudwater canal towpath.
- Some stiles or equivalent.
- Toilet stop on route.
- No dogs please.
- Booking preferred: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Rachel Armstrong

12 SEPT

Friday 10:00

Cainscross Southern Circuit:

Including parks, canal, river and wilderness

2 hrs

→ 3-4 miles

Moderate 📍 The Pavilion, Victory Park, GL5 4JE

We walk east via the churchyard and alleyways to the lake at The Lawn. We cross the canal at Dudbridge locks and follow the towpath west to the QEII playing fields and wilderness pond. We continue to Ebley Mill and then cross the river to return alongside the water meadows to Ebley Linear Community Orchard. Going north, we pass the cricket ground, cross the river and go east along the towpath before turning north again to pass the Lucombe oak and return to Victory Park where you can enjoy your own picnic.

- The 64 bus departs Stonehouse 'Medical Centre' at 09:27 and arrives Ebley 'Chapel Lane' at 09:34.*
- Free parking at St Matthews, Ebley GL5 4ST.
- Narrow lock gate bridge, narrow stile and steep steps.
- Dogs welcome.
- Booking preferred: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Gavin Lindsay
Cainscross Town Council

**12 SEPT**

Friday 13:00

Cainscross Northern Circuit:

Including parks, farmland and wilderness

2 hrs

→ 3-4 miles

Moderate 📍 The Pavilion, Victory Park, GL5 4JE

We walk north from Victory Park via alleyways to farmland on the eastern flank of Doverow Hill. Continuing north on the Cotswold Way to the Faerie tree we then turn north-east across to Elm Road playing fields. Then we walk south to Ruscombe brook and the wilderness walk at Hamwell Leaze before returning to Victory Park.

- The 64 bus departs Stonehouse 'Medical Centre' at 12:27 and arrives Ebley 'Chapel Lane' at 12:34.*
- Free parking at St Matthews, Church Road, Ebley GL5 4ST.
- Narrow stile, steep steps down and very muddy fields.
- Dogs welcome.
- Booking preferred: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Gavin Lindsay
Cainscross Town Council



*Bus times are correct at time of going to press.

Friday 14:00

Walk & Tea at Moreton Hill Care Centre

13 SEPT

Saturday 09:10

Thames Path 2 to Cotswold Lakes

4.5 hrs

→ 10 miles

Hard

📍 Stonehouse Railway Station GL10 2JW

After travelling to Kemble by train, we'll continue following last Saturday's walk along the Thames Path to the Cotswold Lakes. Having left the Thames Path, we'll cross over to the village of Oaksey. If time allows, we will stop at the Wheatsheaf Inn for refreshments before returning to Kemble for our train back to Stonehouse. No dogs please.

- Bring a packed lunch for a picnic stop.
- Rail fare £9.70 return or £6.45 with Railcard.
- The train leaves Stonehouse at 09.29 arriving at Kemble at 09.49. Return trip arrives around 17.00.

Walk Leader: Andrew Crabtree

Tel: 07531 278539

Email: amcrabtree1@gmail.com

**13 SEPT**

Saturday 09:30

Canal Walk for Mums

Pram-friendly stroll with coffee stop

2 hrs

→ 3.5 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

This will be a gentle pram-friendly walk for local mums to meet other mums and enjoy a bit of exercise. Toddlers are welcome, however, please be aware that we will be walking along the canal. We will stop at Kitsch Cafe in Ebley for a coffee refuel. There is a toilet there although no baby change facilities. No dogs please.

- Children are the responsibility of their guardian at all times.
- This is a women only walk.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Kate Walker

Holding Mumma - a local business that runs social events for mums.



13 SEPT

Saturday 10:00

Selsley Common and the Stroudwater Canal

3.5 hrs → 5.5 miles

Hard

📍 The Rest, King's Stanley GL10 3PN

Starting from The Rest at King's Stanley, we follow the Cotswold Way, climbing up to Selsley Common. On a clear day there are spectacular views across the valley. We return along the historic Stroudwater canal.

- The route is steep and uneven in places, can be muddy and there are 3 stiles.
- Refreshments can be purchased from The Rest after the walk.
- Wear long trousers and walking boots.
- The 62 bus departs Stonehouse 'Medical Centre' at 09:35 and arrives King's Stanley 'King's Head' at 09:51.*
- No dogs please due to grazing animals.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Helen Richardson**13 SEPT**

Saturday 15:00

Trees of Standish

Walk to the old Standish Hospital site

2.5 hrs → 3 miles

Easy

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

On this walk, local arboriculturist and founder of the Stonehouse Community Arboretum John Parker will take us across fields to the site of the old Standish Hospital and a rich arboretum with specimen trees collected from across the world. The grounds hold a lovely selection of trees including the UK Champion cork oak, a beautiful cut-leaf beech and a magnificent Wellingtonia.

We will discuss the importance of trees to people and nature, and some of the social history of trees and green spaces in our area.

- Wear waterproof walking boots as can be muddy.
- 1 stile to climb over.
- Dogs allowed.

Walk Leader: John Parker
of the Arboricultural Association

**13 SEPT**

Saturday 14:30

Stroudwater Canal Then & Now

Ocean to Westfield Bridge

3 hrs → 6 miles

Moderate 📍 St Cyr's Church GL10 3QP

A walk along the canal to hear about old and more recent canal history as well as future plans, plus answers to questions like: Why does Stonehouse Ocean exist? Why are 8 houses called 'Newtown'? Why 'Blunder Lock'? Why are 'Forest Green Rovers' a 'dead good team'? At Westfield Bridge we will look towards the 'Missing Mile' and see progress in the making. We return across fields beside the River Frome.

- St Cyr's will be open for tower tours and refreshments before the walk.
- No dogs please.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Andrew Franks
Cotswold Canals Trust

**14 SEPT**

Sunday 10:00

To Haresfield Beacon

Via Doverow Hill & Standish

4-5 hrs → 8 miles

Hard

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

We will climb Doverow Hill and descend to Standish, via footpaths and lanes, before climbing again towards Haresfield Beacon. Then following the Cotswold Way via the Topograph and through Standish and Randwick Woods plus The Fuzzies (a small wood in Westrip) until we are near Iron-bridge at Ryeford. We then take the footpath along the disused railway line back into Stonehouse.

- Please bring food & drink.
- Some stiles or equivalent.
- Wear long trousers and walking boots.
- No dogs please due to grazing animals.
- Booking preferred: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Nick Fawkes

14 SEPT

Sunday 11:00

Shaping Stonehouse History

The influence of the landscape

2 hrs

→ 2 miles

Moderate

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Looking at how ancient routeways made Stonehouse an important centre for travel and trade. Stonehouse had the only vineyard mentioned in Gloucestershire in the Domesday Book, and the route will include a visit to its modern successor on Doverow Hill. We will walk east along the High Street to the Woolpack Inn, along Bath Road, up Pearcroft Road to Woodchester Valley Vineyard. Back alongside the railway and down Queen's Road to the car park. No dogs please.

- Mainly roads, some uneven possibly muddy paths, one stile. Some uphill slopes, one steep, short hill.
- Walking shoes advised.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Janet Hudson

Stonehouse History Group

Tel: 01453 826334

**14 SEPT**

Sunday 12:30

Doverow Hill Nature Walk

What lives on Doverow Hill?

2 hrs

→ 2 miles

Moderate

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A leisurely walk up to and around Doverow Woods to see what lives there. We will look at what plants, trees and mushrooms occupy the woods and what insects, birds and animals we can see.

- Suitable for young children.
- Paths can be muddy so wear good walking shoes.
- No dogs please.
- Booking preferred: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Rachel Armstrong**14 SEPT**

Sunday 14:00

Wycliffe Wanderings

A history tour of Wycliffe Senior School

1.5 hrs

→ 1.5 miles

Easy

Old Chapel Garden GL10 2NA

Wycliffe believes that education is a rounded experience and involves the development of the person as an individual, not just the delivery of academic knowledge.

A guided tour of Wycliffe Senior School which is set in beautiful grounds with mature trees and several historic buildings including: School House; Haywardsend, an old Tudor farmhouse which is now a boarding house; Sibly Hall, and finally the Wesleyan chapel, built in 1911 – still used today by the local Methodist community. No dogs please.

- Accessible route available.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

Walk Leader: Rhonwen Morgan

Wycliffe College



14.30 - 17.00



Tea Party in Old Chapel Garden

14 SEPT

Sunday 17:00

Festival Finale

Canal walk and sunset at St Cyr's

2 hrs

→ 3 miles

Easy

Old Chapel Garden GL10 2NA

Our final walk will include the most scenic parts of the Stroudwater canal.

We will gather during Stonehouse in Bloom's tea party (from 14.30) in the Old Chapel Garden or Library if wet. At 17.00, we will follow the railway path to join the Cotswold Way and at the vineyard, drop down to the canal. We return along the towpath via the Ship Inn Community Space and to St Cyr's church with optional tower tours for the brave! Admire panoramic sunset views from the top and then return via the old vicar's path to the public car park.

- The walk will be flat except for steep steps at a railway bridge.
- Dogs allowed but not up the tower.

Walk Leader: Carol Kambites

Public Transport

Train:

Stonehouse Railway Station:
nationalrail.co.uk or
03457 484950.

Bus:

Buses to Stonehouse High Street:
stagecoachbus.com

Dogs

- Registered assistance dogs only unless stated otherwise in the brochure, in which case one well behaved dog per person is allowed.
- Please respect the fact that some people are not comfortable around dogs. Keep your dog under control and on a short lead at all times.

Walk Guidelines

- Please arrive at the start point at least 10 minutes before the stated time.
- A responsible adult must come with vulnerable people & under 18's.
- Please dress appropriately for the weather and wear suitable footwear. It is advisable to wear long trousers as some paths may be overgrown.
- Leaders may refuse to accept participants who in their opinion are ill equipped or unfit.
- There will be rest stops during longer walks so do bring some water, a snack and/or packed lunch.
- On most walks public toilet facilities may not be available after the start of the walk.
- Please consider any health or mobility issues you may have beforehand and advise walk leaders of any concerns you may have before setting off, or discuss by phone in advance on 07816 552171.
- Please do not walk ahead of the walk leader.
- You are responsible for your own safety and for determining your ability to complete the chosen walk.
- Attendance on a walk is at your own risk. If you should feel unwell during a walk or you wish to abandon the walk, please notify your walk leader.
- Walks can take longer than estimated e.g. large numbers of walkers, difficult walking conditions, obstacles en route.
- We reserve the right to make changes to, or cancel walks should unforeseen circumstances arise, including adverse weather conditions or a route becoming impassable. If in doubt phone 07816 552171 to make sure.
- Photos may be taken during walks by the walking festival organisers and may be used for future publicity purposes. Please advise your walk leader if you do not want to be featured in any photographs.