

## Day 3 Berkeley to Painswick 30 miles / 47 km

A ride in two parts, the first two thirds an easy flat ride through the Severn Vale, along quiet country lanes and the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal. The second half graded strenuous as you ascend the Cotswold escarpment and into the historic wool town of Painswick 'The Queen of the Cotswolds'. **GRADE - FIRST TWO THIRDS EASY, FINAL THIRD STRENUOUS.**

- From Berkeley market square head north along Marybrook Street SP SHARPNESS.
- TR SP HALMORÉ/BREADSTONE.
- TL SP HALMORÉ/PURTON.
- TR SP GOSSINGTON/SUMBRIDGE.
- TR SP SLIMBRIDGE.
- TL along LIGHTENBROOK LANE.
- TL at KINGSTON ROAD.
- Cross bridge over the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and TR along the towpath. Continue past the next bridge.
- TR over SPLATT BRIDGE and into Frampton on Severn.
- Turn left SP SAUL/FRAMLODE/ARLINGHAM. Head towards ARLINGHAM.
- TR SP OVERTON LANE.
- TL SP UPPER FRAMLODE. **IMPORTANT - It is at the next junction that the more strenuous route leads to Painswick and then to Winchcombe as opposed to the easier route to Gloucester and then to Winchcombe.**
- For Painswick TR along CASTLE LANE.
- Extreme care crossing A38. TR SP BRISTOL.
- TL SP STANDISH and bear round to the left.
- TL SP GOUCESTER.
- Care crossing the B4008. TR SP HARESCOMBE/HARESFIELD.**
- TR SP HARESCOMBE/BROCKTHORPE. Cross railway and bear round to the left.
- TR SP HARESCOMBE. In 300 yds bear left at farm yard.
- TL SP BROOKTHORPE/GOUCESTER.
- Bear left.
- At T junction with B4073 TR **Care crossing B4073.** Take a light descent into Painswick.
- Extreme Care crossing A4173. TL along SEVENLEAZE LANE.
- TR SP HOLCOMBE.
- Speed aware - Steep descent on narrow lane. Beware of oncoming traffic.
- At T junction with B4073 TR **Care crossing B4073.** Take a light descent into Painswick.

**Points of Interest**

1 Purton Boat Graveyard	2 Slimbridge Wildlife and Wetlands Trust	4 St. Augustine's Farm, Arlingham	7 Painswick Roccoco Gardens
3 Frampton on Severn Village Green (Largest in England)	5 Painswick Beacon	6 Prinknash Bird Park	8 Painswick Churchyard Yew Trees

## Day 4 Painswick to Winchcombe 30 miles / 48 km

A hilly route from start to finish taking you through the rolling Cotswold hills and capturing the essence of the Cotswold countryside. The route follows mainly quiet lanes, and has some strenuous climbs and steep descents. Low gears and good breaks are required and an awareness of oncoming traffic around lanes of minimal diameter. **GRADE - MODERATE/STRENUOUS.**

- From the main street outside the Church looking North TL sign WYCKS SQUARE and into ST MARY'S STREET going straight over the CROSS.
- At T junction TR into VICARAGE STREET.
- At fork TR SP SHEEPSCOMBE GREEN. **Speed aware - Steep descent on narrow lane. Beware of oncoming traffic.**
- At crossroads TL SP BIRDIP/CHELTENHAM.
- TR SP SPRINGFIELD CAUDLE GREEN. **Speed aware - Steep descent on narrow lane. Beware of oncoming traffic.**
- At fork TL SP BRIMPSFIELD.
- At T junction TL SP BIRDIP/CHELTENHAM.
- TR SP BISHOPS CLEEVE/TREDINGTON. **Extreme Care crossing A38.**
- TL SP HASFIELD/TIRLEY.
- TR SP HAWBRIDGE/CHELTENHAM.
- TR SP DEERHURST/UPPER APPERLEY.
- TL SP CHELTENHAM/TEWKESBURY.
- At A38 TL SP TEWKESBURY.
- TR SP BISHOPS CLEEVE/TREDINGTON. **Extreme Care crossing A38.**
- TL SP GOTHERINGTON.
- TR SP GOTHERINGTON.
- Cross over A435 road SP GRETTON/GOTHERINGTON. **Extreme Care crossing A435.**
- TR SP WINCHCOMBE and proceed into the town.
- At junction TL SP WITHINGTON/CHEDWORTH.
- At junction head straight on SP ANDOVERSFORD/CHELTENHAM SALPERTON/BROCKHAMPTON VILLA/COMPTON ABDALE.
- Speed aware - Steep descent on narrow lane. Beware of oncoming traffic.**
- TL SP HAZLETON/SALPERTON.
- At junction with A40 follow the lane straight in front of you which starts slightly to the right SP SALPERTON/BROCKHAMPTON. **Extreme Care crossing A40.**
- At junction with A436 cross straight over. **Extreme Care crossing A436.**
- At crossroads TR SP CHARLTON ABBOTS/WINCHCOMBE.
- Speed aware - Steep descent on narrow lane. Beware of oncoming traffic.
- At T junction TR SP WINCHCOMBE and head into your destination town taking care to cross the B4632.

**Points of Interest**

1 Great Witcombe Roman Villa	2 Miserden Park Gardens	5 Whittington Court (limited opening)	8 Folk & Police Museum
3 Collesbourne Park (snowdrops season)	4 Chedworth Roman Villa	6 Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway	9 Belas Knapp Long Barrow
		7 Sudley Castle	10 Winchcombe Pottery

### Key to Map Symbols:

- A Road
- B Road
- Minor Road
- Motoway
- Built-up Area
- Roundabouts
- Railway Stations
- Railway Lines
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Attractions / Points of Interest in the local vicinity
- Route attraction numbers start as you leave each hub town in a clockwise direction
- Cycle Shops or Cycle Hire (please note symbols indicate Cycle Shop within town/village and not precise location)
- Public Houses
- Visitor Information Centres
- Cycle Route
- Route Marker
- Route Start Point Marker
- Cycle Route into Town
- Cycle Route out of Town
- Turn left
- Turn right
- Signpost

**Travel Information** - facilities on or near the route are shown by the symbols listed in this Key. Further information can be obtained from our friendly Visitor Information Centres. Contact details are overlaid.

The representation on this map of road, track, cycle path or footpath is no evidence of the existence of a right of way.

Scale: all routes are for guidance only and are not to scale. Inset town maps are also not to scale. Height is shown in metres above sea level.

This map is for illustrative purposes only and we recommend carrying additional O/S Maps for further guidance.

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## Easier route Berkeley to Gloucester 28 miles / 45 km

An easy ride taking in the beautiful countryside along the quiet country lanes of the Severn Vale and the tow path of the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal leading you into the historic City of Gloucester and its beautiful Cathedral. **GRADE - EASY.** (Please note, there is no additional circular route emanating from Gloucester).

- From Berkeley market square head north along Marybrook Street SP SHARPNESS.
- TR SP HALMORÉ/BREADSTONE.
- TL SP HALMORÉ/PURTON.
- TR SP GOSSINGTON/SUMBRIDGE.
- TR SP SLIMBRIDGE.
- TL along LIGHTENBROOK LANE.
- TL at KINGSTON ROAD.
- Cross bridge over the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and TR along the towpath. Continue past the next bridge.
- TR over SPLATT BRIDGE and into Frampton on Severn.
- TL SP SAUL/FRAMLODE/ARLINGHAM. Head towards ARLINGHAM.
- TR SP OVERTON LANE.
- TL SP UPPER FRAMLODE.
- Continue along the canal until you reach Salisbury's Superstore. Cycle under swing bridge, continue along canal path, cycle past the red light sign until you get to Llanthony Rd, cross rd into Glos Docks.
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- At Canal Bridge TL onto towpath and cycle along the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal.
- At crossroads go straight over SP TEMPLE GUTTING/GUITING POWER. **Care crossing B4077.**
- TL SP NAULTON/TOW-ON-THE-WATER/THE PASSINGTONS.
- At cross roads turn immediate left SP NAULTON.
- TL SP STOW.
- TR SP THE SLAUGHTERS. **Care crossing B4068.**
- TL SP UPPER SLAUGHTER/LOWER SWELL.
- TR SP LOWER SLAUGHTER/BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.
- TR SP LOWER SLAUGHTER/BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.
- TR SP UPPER SLAUGHTER.
- TL at Stone Bridge/Small Grassed Roundabout.
- At T junction TL SP BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER/THE PASSINGTONS.
- At T junction TL SP BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.
- At T junction TR SP BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.
- TL and continue along 'LANSDOWNE'.
- TR SP Great Fissington/The Barringtons.
- TR at lane with small grassed tump. SP WEAK BRIDGE.
- At T junction with grassed triangle TR.
- At T junction TL SP BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.
- At T junction TL SP SHERBORNE.
- At cross roads TL SP SHERBORNE/WINDRUSH.
- At T junction TR SP LITTLE BARRINGTON/BURFORD.
- Just past telephone box TL cycle signpost BURFORD.
- At T junction with post box TL and continue to your DESTINATION Burford.

**Points of Interest**

1 Purton Boat Graveyard	3 Frampton on Severn Village Green	6 Gloucester Quay Retail Outlet	10 Folk Museum
2 Slimbridge Wildlife & Wetlands Trust	4 St. Augustine's Farm, Arlingham	7 Gloucester Antiques Centre	11 Soldiers of Gloucester Museum
	5 Gloucester Docks	8 Gloucester Waters Museum	12 The Tailor of Gloucester
		9 Gloucester Cathedral	13 City Museum and Art Gallery

## Easier route Gloucester to Winchcombe 28 Miles / 45 km

The first half an easy flat ride continuing along the Severn Vale from the City of Gloucester, along the quiet country lanes of central and north Gloucestershire. The second half graded moderate as you ascend into the Cotswolds to Winchcombe, home of Sudley Castle. **GRADE - EASY, FINAL THIRD MODERATE.**

- Rejoin the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal towpath from Gloucester Docks on the Llanthony Rd entrance to the docks.
- At the end of the docks at the lock into the River Severn TL, cross the road and take the footbridge over the River Severn.
- Cross the car park and follow the signs to Cycle Route 41.
- Exit cycle track at MAISEMORE BRIDGE, and TL over bridge.
- TR at Church Rd. **Extreme Care crossing A417.**
- Straight over at crossroads, signposted HARTPUY.
- TR SP LEDBURY. **Extreme Care crossing A417.**
- TR SP ASHLEWORTH. **Extreme Care crossing A417.**
- TR SP TYTHE BARN/VILLAGE HALL.
- TR SP HASFIELD/TIRLEY.
- TR SP HAWBRIDGE/CHELTENHAM.
- TR SP DEERHURST/UPPER APPERLEY.
- TL SP CHELTENHAM/TEWKESBURY.
- At A38 TL SP TEWKESBURY.
- TR SP BISHOPS CLEEVE/TREDINGTON. **Extreme Care crossing A38.**
- TL SP GOTHERINGTON.
- TR SP GOTHERINGTON.
- Cross over A435 road SP GRETTON/GOTHERINGTON. **Extreme Care crossing A435.**
- TR SP WINCHCOMBE and proceed into the town.
- At junction TL SP WITHINGTON/CHEDWORTH.
- At junction head straight on SP ANDOVERSFORD/CHELTENHAM SALPERTON/BROCKHAMPTON VILLA/COMPTON ABDALE.
- Speed aware - Steep descent on narrow lane. Beware of oncoming traffic.**
- TL SP HAZLETON/SALPERTON.
- At junction with A40 follow the lane straight in front of you which starts slightly to the right SP SALPERTON/BROCKHAMPTON. **Extreme Care crossing A40.**
- At junction with A436 cross straight over. **Extreme Care crossing A436.**
- At crossroads TR SP CHARLTON ABBOTS/WINCHCOMBE.
- Speed aware - Steep descent on narrow lane. Beware of oncoming traffic.
- At T junction TR SP WINCHCOMBE and head into your destination town taking care to cross the B4632.

**Points of Interest**

1 Nature in Art	2 Jet Age Museum, Staverton	5 Prescott Hill Climb	8 Folk & Police Museum
	3 Ashleworth Quay & Tith Barn	6 Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway	9 Belas Knapp Long Barrow
	4 Odda's Chapel Deerhurst	7 Sudley Castle	10 Winchcombe Pottery

## Day 5 Winchcombe to Burford 34 miles / 54 km

The first few miles of this stretch take you into the hills with the route levelling out towards Burford. You are going to visit some of the best known villages of the Cotswolds on this stretch and in higher summer some of them can be very busy, particularly Bourton-on-the-Water. Most of the route is along quiet country lanes. **GRADE - MODERATE/STRENUOUS WITH SOME CONSIDERABLE CLIMBS ON THE ROUTE.**

- From Hailes Street head north up Winchcombe along the B4632.
- TR SP LITTLE FARM/COTE/HAILES ABBEY.
- Straight on past Hailes Abbey sign following road with GATE signpost.
- Speed aware - Steep and long descent on narrow lane. Beware of oncoming traffic.**
- At crossroads go straight over SP CUTSDEAN/TADDINGTON/SNOWSHILL. **Care crossing B4077.**
- At crossroads TR SP FORD/STOW-ON-THE-WOLD.
- At crossroads go straight over SP TEMPLE GUTTING/GUITING POWER. **Care crossing B4077.**
- TL SP NAULTON/TOW-ON-THE-WATER/THE PASSINGTONS.
- At cross roads turn immediate left SP NAULTON.
- TL SP STOW.
- TR SP THE SLAUGHTERS. **Care crossing B4068.**
- TL SP UPPER SLAUGHTER/LOWER SWELL.
- TR SP LOWER SLAUGHTER/BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.
- TR SP LOWER SLAUGHTER/BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.
- TR SP UPPER SLAUGHTER.
- TL at Stone Bridge/Small Grassed Roundabout.
- At T junction TL SP BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER/THE PASSINGTONS.
- At T junction TL SP BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.
- At T junction TR SP BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.
- TL and continue along 'LANSDOWNE'.
- TR SP Great Fissington/The Barringtons.
- TR at lane with small grassed tump. SP WEAK BRIDGE.
- At T junction with grassed triangle TR.
- At T junction TL SP BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.
- At T junction TL SP SHERBORNE.
- At cross roads TL SP SHERBORNE/WINDRUSH.
- At T junction TR SP LITTLE BARRINGTON/BURFORD.
- Just past telephone box TL cycle signpost BURFORD.
- At T junction with post box TL and continue to your DESTINATION Burford.

**Points of Interest**

1 Hailes Abbey	3 Cotswolds Farm Park	7 Birdland Park & Gardens	11 Cotswolds Perfumery factory shops
2 Stanway House & Fountain	4 Dovecote at Naunton	8 Cotswold Motoring Museum & Toy Collection	12 Cotswolds Pottery studio and shop
	5 Museum at Lower Slaughter and Mill Wheel	9 Bourton-on-the-Water - Model Village	10 The Dragonfly Maze
			13 Tolsey Museum

## Day 2 Nailsworth to Berkeley 27 miles / 43 km

Apart from brief stints along A and B roads getting you up and down the Cotswolds, the route follows quiet unclassified lanes, leading you down into the Severn Vale. Strenuous in places. **GRADE - FIRST HALF MODERATE/STRENUOUS, SECOND HALF EASY.**

- Head for the main junction roundabout A46/B4014 at the bottom of the town and TL towards SP BATH and make the steady ascent out of the town along the A46.
- TR into a quiet lane just past Tippitts Pub. **Extreme care crossing the A46.**
- Head towards Kingscote and through the village going straight on down the lane with the phone box. SP THE WINDMILL. TR at the end. Then left onto the B4058 SP WOTTON and follow the road and further signposts to Wotton.
- Care crossing the A4135
- The road splits, TR SP WATERLY BOTTOMS.
- The last part of this lane is a **STEEP DESCENT** into the town.
- TR into a quiet lane just past Tippitts Pub. **Extreme care crossing the A46.**
- Head towards Kingscote and through the village going straight on down the lane with the phone box. SP THE WINDMILL. TR at the end. Then left onto the B4058 SP WOTTON and follow the road and further signposts to Wotton.
- TL with TWO telegraph poles on corner.
- Extreme care crossing A38.**
- TL SP ROCKHAMPTON/TROWBURY.
- TL SP HILL/SHEPPERDINE then follow the lanes to Berkeley.
- TL SP HUNTINGFORD.
- TL SP DAMERY/WOODFORD.
- Over motoway TL SP MIDDLE MILL LANE and bear right.
- At junction with RODBROUGH Hill bear left and take the cycle track Sustrans Route 45 - follow sign post WOODCHESTER/STONEHOUSE. You now travel along the cycle path formerly the railway line to Nailsworth.
- Descend steps at DUDBRIDGE ROAD. Cross road and follow cycle route signs 45 direction to WOODCHESTER. Turn left when track joins Nailsworth branch. Follow route 45 to Nailsworth passing Dunkirk Mill.
- At the end of the cycle path Station Road leads to the RAILWAY HOTEL. Take right turn, then left on the main A road.
- At roundabout TR, **care crossing A46** into Nailsworth.

**Points of Interest**

1 Ruskin Mill	3 Owlpen Manor	6 The Wotton-under-Edge Heritage Centre	9 Jenner Museum - Berkeley
2 Mazon Garden	4 Uley Bay Long Barrow (Nr Dursley)	7 Tindale Monument (Nr North Nibley)	10 Catle Country
	5 Newark Park	8 Berkeley Castle	

## Day 1 Stroud to Nailsworth 4.8 miles / 7.8 km

A short easy route designed to allow time to travel to Stroud, prepare and perhaps explore a little before embarking on your cycle holiday. The route is mainly on Cycle Path formed from the old Stroud/Nailsworth Railway line - Be aware of traffic getting from Stroud Train Station to the Cycle Path. **GRADE - EASY.**

- Exit the train station (North), turn left and head downhill (SW) to LADBIDGE.
- Straight over roundabout and past Travis Perkins, go through the underpass and follow cycle path along the side of the A46 BATH ROAD.
- At junction with RODBROUGH Hill bear left and take the cycle track Sustrans Route 45 - follow sign post WOODCHESTER/STONEHOUSE. You now travel along the cycle path formerly the railway line to Nailsworth.
- Descend steps at DUDBRIDGE ROAD. Cross road and follow cycle route signs 45 direction to WOODCHESTER. Turn left when track joins Nailsworth branch. Follow route 45 to Nailsworth passing Dunkirk Mill.
- At the end of the cycle path Station Road leads to the RAILWAY HOTEL. Take right turn, then left on the main A road.
- At roundabout TR, **care crossing A46** into Nailsworth.

**Points of Interest**

1 Stroud Farmers Market (Saturday Mornings)	3 Stratford Park & Museum in the Park	6 Cotswolds Playhouse	9 Apollo Cinema
2 Shambles Market (Fridays and Saturdays)	4 Cotswolds Canal Visitor Centre	7 The Lansdown Hall & Gallery	10 Woodchester Mansion
	5 Stroud Tourist Information Centre/ Subscription Room	8 Stroud Valleys Art Space	

## Day 7 Cirencester to Stroud 31 miles / 50 km

A mainly flat route through the South Cotswold countryside taking in Tetbury at around lunchtime and finishing the holiday week with a final descent into Stroud. **GRADE - EASY/MODERATE.**

- Join Sheep Street and head south continuing out of Cirencester and taking the bridge over the A429 Bristol Road.
- At Crossroads TL and continue along CHESTERTON LANE.
- At roundabout TL along MIDLAND ROAD.
- At mini roundabout TR along BRIDGE ROAD.
- Junction with grassed triangle and bus stop TR.
- At second grassed triangle bear left.
- At T junction TR then turn first left.
- At grassed triangle T junction TR, then immediately left SP SOMERFORD KEYNES.
- Follow track with SP NEIGHBRIDGE COUNTRY PARK and at end of track regain cartway straight on.
- At mini roundabout TL SP EASTCOURT.
- At crossroads TL SP CRUDWELL/CIRENCESTER.
- At T junction TL SP CHIPPENHAM/MALMESBURY.
- TR SP CHEADLOW/SHLEY/ LONG NEWTON taking care to cross the A429.
- At T junction TL SP TETBURY.
- At Marketplace Roundabout carry straight on direction CIRENCESTER/DURSLEY/AVENING.
- At spreading crossroads carry straight on (bearing Left) SP AVENING.
- TL along CHAVENAGE LANE.
- Turn Right.
- At Cross roads go straight over.
- Care crossing B4014.
- At T junction TR SP STROUD/CIRENCESTER.
- At T junction TL SP RODBROUGH/STROUD.
- Turn second right SP HAMPTON FIELDS/STROUD.
- At cross roads go straight over SP MENCHINGHAMPTON ONLY. Care crossing B4014.
- Direction straight on through village.
- At T junction TR SP STROUD/CIRENCESTER.
- At T junction TL SP RODBROUGH/STROUD.
- Speed aware - Steep descent on narrow lane. Beware of oncoming traffic.
- At traffic lighted crossroads TL -> straight on.
- At roundabout go straight on SP TOWN CENTRE. Care crossing A419 and continue into STROUD to reach your destination and complete your holiday!

**Points of Interest**

1 Butts Farm	2 Cotswold Water Park & Beach	4 Westcott (nearby)	6 Chavenage House
	3 Police Bygones Museum Tetbury	5 Highgrove Gardens (bookable)	