

# 6-15 SEPTEMBER 2024

## FREE Guided Walks from Stonehouse

● 9 days of walks ● For all ages & abilities



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# Welcome to our 5th Stonehouse Walking Festival

The small town of Stonehouse sits alongside the Stroudwater canal and the Cotswold Way. We aim to celebrate the range of walks the Stonehouse area has to offer with free, guided, group walks.

This year we are highlighting our surrounding 'peaks' and our 'trough'! We are following the progress of canal restoration works to restore the 'Missing Mile'.

## 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. Exact locations given.

Please use public **transport** if possible. If coming by car please be aware that the free public car park may be full.

**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 numbers are limited. These are clearly marked on the schedule. For all other walks you can just turn up on the day.

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

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06 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 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**



07 SEPT

Saturday 09:10

## Four Ways and a Path

Train trip to Kemble for a walk

4.5 hrs → 10 miles

Hard

Stonehouse Railway Station Car Park

After travelling by train to Kemble we will be walking sections of six long distance footpaths. Along the way we will come across the source of the river Thames and the southern entrance to Sapperton tunnel, part of the Stroudwater canal. The walk will then continue on and into Haley Wood, part of the Bathurst Estate before returning to Kemble for our train back to Stonehouse. We aim to be back by 5pm.

- Please bring a packed lunch for a picnic stop.
- Rail fare £9.30 return or £6.10 with a Railcard. NB Senior Bus Passes are valid on this route giving a discounted railfare. The train leaves from platform 1 at 9.29am and arrives at Kemble at 9.49am.
- No dogs please.

**Walk Leader: Andrew Crabtree**

Tel: 07531 278539 (evenings only) or email: amcrabtree1@gmail.com



07 SEPT

Saturday 10:00

## Bridge Over the 'Missing Mile'

Circular canal walk to Fromebridge Mill

5.5 hrs → 7 miles

Easy

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A walk along the Stroudwater canal to Westfield Bridge and beyond into the 'Missing Mile' where a new canal will be constructed across open fields, passing under the M5 and joining the 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. Dogs welcome.

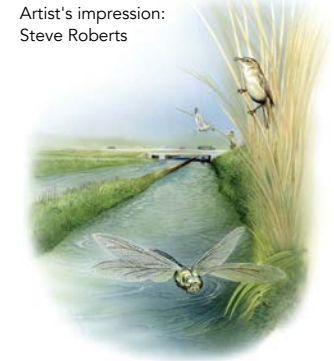
- Lunch break at Fromebridge Mill (order in advance).
- Sample the fruit at Coneygree Community orchard, then return through fields with cattle, alongside the river Frome, past a weir & viaduct.
- Booking required: stonehousewalks.co.uk

**Walk Leader: Chris Mitford-Slade**

Project Director of Cotswold Canals Connected

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

Artist's impression:  
Steve Roberts



07 SEPT

Saturday 10:30

## Family Fun Walk

A walk around the town's green spaces

2 hrs → 2 miles max.

Easy

All Pulling Together GL10 2DB

This is an accessible walk for those with buggies and prams, around the town's green spaces. We will start at All Pulling Together (APT), at the junction of Park Road & Elm Road. Adults will be expected to supervise their own children while using play equipment at each green space.

- The walk will end with a picnic.
- Bring your own lunch which can be left at APT during the walk.
- Free drinks provided.
- Toilets available at start/end of walk.
- Assistance dogs on a lead welcome.

**Walk Leaders: APT Volunteers**



Saturday & Sunday 11:00 - 16:00

Ghosthunters for ages 8+

Walking along the canal from Stonehouse Court Hotel to Ryeford, we will meet 'ghosts' who tell their stories from the Stroudwater Canal's past. Booking required from: [ccc-ghosthunters2024.eventbrite.co.uk](http://ccc-ghosthunters2024.eventbrite.co.uk).



08 SEPT

Sunday 18:00

Sunset & Green Walk

Walk to the old Standish Hospital site

1.5 hrs → 3 miles

Easy

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

An evening walk across fields to the site of the old Standish Hospital grounds, which has now been developed for housing. In addition to the original house, the two ward blocks are now apartments, the Grade 2 listed stable block has been restored and the hydrotherapy pool building has also been retained.

The grounds hold a lovely collection of trees including the UK Champion cork oak, a beautiful cut-leaf beech and a magnificent Wellingtonia.

The estate now has its very own bat house, and there is a chance we may spot a few near the pond.

- This is a flattish walk but with some rough terrain.
- Dogs welcome.

Walk Leader: Gill Sermon



08 SEPT

Sunday 10:00

Eastington Farm Shop

Cross country walk via the Bluebell Woods

3 hrs → 5 miles

Easy

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A walk across the fields to Eastington via the Bluebell Woods, with a chance to stop and buy a coffee at the Eastington Farm Shop, and back along the river Frome.

- This is a flat walk but with some rough terrain and a few difficult stiles.
- We will be passing through fields with cattle, so no dogs please.

Walk Leader: Carol Kambites



08 SEPT

Sunday 14:00

Stonehouse History Walk

High Street

2 hrs → 1-2 miles

Easy

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

From Stonehouse car park along upper High Street to the Globe Inn and Green. Back along High Street, up Queen's Road to Burdett Road Railway Station. Back along Bath Road to car park.

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

- No dogs please.
- Booking required with Shirley Dicker on 07848 851282.

Walk Leader: Shirley Dicker  
Stonehouse History Group



09 SEPT

Monday 10:00

Over Doverow to Standish

Circular walk via Standish Woods

2.5 hrs → 5 miles

Moderate

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

This circular walk goes up and over Doverow Hill, then up to Westrip, through Randwick, into the woods and down towards Moreton Hill Care Home, and back through the fields to Stonehouse near Cotswold Green.

The walk could be strenuous for some in terms of hills.

- Dogs are fine with all stiles/gates easily negotiable by them; there are occasional fields and short bits on roads where leads are needed.
- Bring refreshments.

Walk Leader: Peggy Grimshaw





09 SEPT

Monday 14:00

## Stroudwater Canal Then & Now

Ocean to Westfield Bridge and beyond

2-3 hrs → 4-6 miles

Easy

📍 St Cyr's Church GL10 3QP

On the walk you will 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'? Dogs are not advisable due to the narrow towpath.

The walk ends at Westfield Bridge looking towards the M5 and the 'Missing Mile'. Make your own way back or join the leaders as we return through the fields beside the River Frome.

- St Cyr's will be open for tower tours and refreshments before the walk.
- Booking required: [stonehousewalks.co.uk](http://stonehousewalks.co.uk)

**Walk Leader: Andrew Franks**  
Cotswold Canals Trust Volunteer



10 SEPT

Tuesday 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](http://stonehousewalks.co.uk)
- For more information please contact the walk leader.

**Walk Leader: Dee Aebischer**

Email: [dee.aebischer@yahoo.com](mailto:dee.aebischer@yahoo.com)  
Tel: 07422 370937



10 SEPT

Tuesday 10:00

## Up to Haresfield Beacon

Via the Cotswold Way and Standish

4.5 hrs → 8 miles

Hard

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

We will walk along the Cotswold Way to the fantastic view point at Haresfield Beacon and make our way back to Stonehouse via Standish.

- Please bring your own refreshments and bring suitable weather gear and boots.
- The paths will be steep/slippy in places.
- Dogs welcome on leads.

**Walk Leader: Theresa Watt**  
Tel: 07528 068607



10 SEPT

Tuesday 18:00

## Moreton Sunset Walk

Cotswold Way to Far Westrip

2 hrs → 4 miles

Moderate 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

This circular walk goes up to the top and over Doverow hill, and up the Cotswold way to Maiden Hill on paths through fields of crops or cattle. A narrow lane leads us to Moreton Hill Care home to admire the sunset with far reaching views over the Severn Valley, before descending towards Stonehouse. Dogs not recommended.

- Some stiles and two inclines.
- Wear long trousers and walking boots.
- Route may vary and is dependent on the weather and terrain on the day.
- Booking required: [stonehousewalks.co.uk](http://stonehousewalks.co.uk)

**Walk Leader: Gill Sermon**



# Walk Schedule

Visit our website for registration and booking details: [stonehousewalks.co.uk](http://stonehousewalks.co.uk)

Date	Start time	Title of walk	Hours	Miles	Start from	Notes
<b>Friday 6</b>	18:00	Festival Launch Walk to the Vineyard	2.5	2	PCP	Celebrate with a glass of wine
<b>Saturday 7</b>	09:10	Four Ways and a Path – TRAIN to Kemble	4.5	10	SRS	Bring food & drink
	10:00	Bridge over the 'Missing Mile'	5.5	7	PCP	Booking required on our website
	10:30	Family Fun Walk	2	2	APT	Bring lunch
	Ghosthunters walks: 11:00-16:00 from Stonehouse Court to Ryeford Booking required: <a href="http://ccc-ghosthunters2024.eventbrite.co.uk">ccc-ghosthunters2024.eventbrite.co.uk</a>					
<b>Sunday 8</b>	10:00	Eastington Farm Shop	3	5	PCP	
	Ghosthunters walks: 11:00-16:00 from Stonehouse Court to Ryeford Booking required: <a href="http://ccc-ghosthunters2024.eventbrite.co.uk">ccc-ghosthunters2024.eventbrite.co.uk</a>					
	14:00	Stonehouse History: High Street	2	2	PCP	Booking required 07848 851282
	18:00	Sunset & Green Walk	1.5	3	PCP	
<b>Monday 9</b>	10:00	Over Doverow to Standish	2.5	5	PCP	
	14:00	Stroudwater Canal Then and Now	2-3	4-6	StC	Booking required on our website
<b>Tuesday 10</b>	10:00	Up to Haresfield Beacon	4.5	8	PCP	Bring food/drink
	14:00	Meditative Woodland Walk	2	2	PCP	Booking required on our website
	18:00	Moreton Sunset Walk	2	4	PCP	Booking required on our website
<b>Wednesday 11</b>	09:30	Selsley Common and Canal	3.5	7	PCP	Bring food/drink
	11:00	Fair Shares Accessible Walk		0.5	APT	Bring lunch
	14:00	Freedom on Water: Accessible Boat Trip	1.5	2	SCC	Booking required 07793 066771
	14:00	Canal Walk to Ebley Mill	2	4	StC	

Date	Start time	Title of walk	Hours	Miles	Start from	Notes
<b>Thursday 12</b>	10:00	Beards Mill and Eastington	3.5	5.5	StC	
	10:00	Trees of Stonehouse 1: Around the Town	2.5	2-3	PCP	
	14:00	Standish Church Walk	3.5	6	PCP	
<b>Friday 13</b>	10:00	2 Churches and an Orchard	2	4	CC	
	14:00	Trees of Stonehouse 2: Doverow	2.5	2-3	PCP	
<b>Saturday 14</b>	10:00	Vistas of Coaley Peak	4.5	8	PCP	Bring food/drink
	10:00	Railway Track to Cycle Track	1.5	3	PCP	
	Wildlife Highways: 13:00 from Ship Inn to St Cyr's Church and on to the Chapel Garden for Stonehouse in Bloom Celebrations					
	14:00	Freedom on Water: Accessible Boat Trip	1.5	2	SCC	Booking required 07793 066771
	15:00	Trees of Stonehouse 2: Doverow	2.5	2-3	PCP	(Repeat)
	Wildlife Highways: 13:00 from Ship Inn to St Cyr's Church and on to the Chapel Garden for Stonehouse in Bloom Celebrations					
<b>Sunday 15</b>	09:00	Fromebridge to Saul Environmental Walk	3	4.5	PCP	Booking required on our website
	10:00	Kings Stanley for a 'Rest'	3.5	6	PCP	
	14:00	Trees of Stonehouse 1: Around the Town	2.5	2-3	PCP	(Repeat)
	14:00	Wycliffe Wanderings	1.5	1.5	CC	Booking required on our website
	18:00	Canal Walk Festival Finale	1.5	3	PCP	

**Grade of walk: Starting Points:**

- Easy
- Moderate
- Hard

- APT All Pulling Together GL10 2DB
- CC Community Centre GL10 2NS
- PCP Public Car Park GL10 2NG

- StC St Cyr's Church GL10 3QP
- SCC Stonehouse Court Car Park GL10 3RA
- SRS Stonehouse Railway Station

11 SEPT

Wednesday 09:30

## Selsley Common and Canal

A circuit to Selsley Common

3.5 hr → 7 miles

Hard 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

Once out of the town we climb to follow the Cotswold Way National Trail for much of the walk (900ft of ascent). From sheltered beech woodlands and over the rich open grassland of Selsley Common we guide you around remnants of an industrial past that shaped the landscape. Contrasting the grandeur of Victorian Mills alongside the sleepy beauty of the waterway, an Arts & Craft church and calcareous grassland with wildflowers. This journey between past and present reveals other facets of the glorious Cotswolds. There will be an easy walk back alongside the Stroudwater canal.



- Official assistance dogs only.

**Walk Leader: John Milroy**

Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

Email: [wjohnmilroy@gmail.com](mailto:wjohnmilroy@gmail.com)

11 SEPT

Wednesday 11:00

## Fair Shares Accessible Walk

A gentle, accessible, wheelchair-friendly walk

→ 0.5 mile or less if needed

📍 All Pulling Together GL10 2DB

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. Well-controlled dogs on leads are allowed.

- Bring your own food for a picnic at APT at the end of the walk. Free drinks will be available.
- Option to stay for refreshments at St Cyr's, do the boat trip at 2pm, and return to APT afterwards.

**Walk Leader: Chris Moore (Fair Shares)**

Tel: 01453 760555 or 07810 732379

[stroud@fairshares.org.uk](mailto:stroud@fairshares.org.uk)



11 SEPT

Wednesday 14:00

## Freedom on Water

Accessible boat trip

1.5 hrs → 2 miles

Easy 📍 Stonehouse Court GL10 3RA

This is an alternative 'walk': for those who would like a boat trip. We will go east from the Ocean Bridge next to St Cyr's, as far as Ryeford and return. Our new boat 'Symphony' is especially designed to carry up to 4 wheelchairs and several foot passengers. It is wheelchair and mobility aid accessible. We make the best of all weathers. Families and carers are all welcome.

- Disabled parking is available.
- Refreshments and toilets are available at St Cyr's Church and Stonehouse Court.
- Booking required with Cotswold Boatmobility on 07793 066771 or email: [info@cotswoldboatmobility.org.uk](mailto:info@cotswoldboatmobility.org.uk)

**Walk Leader: Jo Morris**

of Cotswold Boatmobility



11 SEPT

Wednesday 14:00

## Canal Walk to Ebley Mill

Return via meadows and fields

2 hrs → 4 miles

Easy 📍 St Cyr's Church GL10 3QP

Easy, flat walk along the canal from St Cyr's Church to Ebley Mill with a break at Kitsch cafe. We will return via the meadows and along the River Frome.

- Well-behaved dogs on a lead are allowed.
- St Cyr's will be open for tower tours and refreshments before the walk.
- Outbound route suitable for those with push chairs, wheelchairs and mobility scooters.
- Option to return along the canal.

**Walk Leader: Linda Fallon**





12 SEPT

Thursday 10:00

## Beards Mill & Eastington

Countryside, canal and railway

3.5 hrs

→ 5.5 miles

Easy

📍 St Cyr's Church GL10 3QP

We set off along a track for Beards Mill, situated next to the Bristol railway viaduct, opposite the weir on the river Frome. From there we walk across fields along what is known as the cinder track. Then we continue to Eastington, past the Anglican church, over the road to Eastington Spring Hill, and up to a farm. After a short stretch along the lane, we turn into the ginnel alongside The Lazy Goose and take more field paths towards Frocester and into the bluebell woods. We then make our way to Stanley Downton. Depending on the terrain we'll return via fields or along the canal.

- There are 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](http://stonehousewalks.co.uk)

**Walk Leader: Pam May**

Email: [pammay2912@gmail.com](mailto:pammay2912@gmail.com)



12 SEPT

Thursday 14:00

## Standish Church Walk

A circular walk through farmlands with views

3.5 hrs

→ 6 miles

Moderate

📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

This scenic and mainly flat walk ventures eastwards through farmland and along country lanes with lovely views to Arlebrook, before crossing the railway and making our way to Standish village hall. After a hot cuppa, there will be time to visit St Nicholas Church, a 600-year-old building with beautiful stained glass windows and an impressive memorial. The return is along a bridle path, and footpaths across fields (some with livestock) to emerge by Great Oldbury and return to Stonehouse.

- Meet the farmers at 'Stonehouse Milk' for a quick tour and a pint on the way back to the town centre.
- There are quite a few tricky stiles on this walk.
- Wear long trousers and waterproof boots as pathways can be overgrown, muddy and uneven.
- No dogs please.

**Walk Leader: Gill Sermon**



12 SEPT

Thursday 10:00

## Trees of Stonehouse 1

Around the 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. On the walk 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.
- Repeated on Sunday 15th at 2pm.

**Walk Leader: John Parker**

of the Arboricultural Association



13 SEPT

Friday 10:00

## 2 Churches and an Orchard

St Cyr's to St Michael & All Angel's in Eastington

2 hrs

→ 4 miles

Easy

📍 Community Centre GL10 2NS

This circular walk goes via fields to St Michael & All Angel's Church in Eastington where we will stop for teas/coffees (bring some change) before walking over to Conneygee orchard to sample the fruit from the apple trees. We then follow the route of the Stroudwater canal back to St Cyr's Church in Stonehouse, which will be open for optional tower tours.

- The Community Centre may be open before the walk to purchase teas/coffees and breakfasts.
- We may be walking through fields with cattle.
- Well-behaved dogs on leads welcome.
- Booking preferred: [stonehousewalks.co.uk](http://stonehousewalks.co.uk)

**Walk Leader: Damien Fallon**

Tel: 07864 077664





13 SEPT

Friday 14:00

## Trees of Stonehouse 2

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.

On the walk 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.
- Repeated on Saturday 14th at 3pm.

**Walk Leader: John Parker**  
of the Arboricultural Association



14 SEPT

Saturday 10:00

## Vistas of Coaley Peak

4.5 hrs → 8 miles Hard 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

We will walk along the Cotswold Way to the stunning location of Coaley Peak through lovely woodlands and meadows and make our way back to Stonehouse via Leonard Stanley.

- Please bring your own refreshments and wear suitable weather gear and boots.
- The paths will be steep/slippy in places.
- Dogs welcome on leads.

**Walk Leader: Theresa Watt**  
Tel: 07528 068607



14 SEPT

Saturday 10:00

## Railway Track to Cycle Track

Stonehouse to Stroud following 2 railway routes

1.5 hrs → 3 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 two railway routes and will recall the time when both Stonehouse and Stroud had two railway stations. The walk will end in Stroud town centre.

- Visit the farmers' market, shops/cafes, etc. and take the bus/ train or walk back to Stonehouse at your leisure.
- There are a few steep steps en-route.
- No dogs please.

**Walk Leader: Andrew Crabtree**  
Tel: 07531 278539 (evenings only) or  
email: amcrabtree1@gmail.com



Saturday 13:00

## Wildlife Highways

2 hr walk from Ship Inn to St Cyr's Church and on to the Chapel Garden for Stonehouse in Bloom Celebrations.

14 SEPT

Saturday 14:00

## Freedom on Water

Accessible boat trip (Repeat from Wednesday)

1.5 hrs → 2 miles Easy 📍 Stonehouse Court GL10 3RA

- Booking required with Cotswold Boatmobility on 07793 066771 or email: info@cotswoldboatmobility.org.uk

14 SEPT

Saturday 15:00

## Trees of Stonehouse 2

Doverow (Repeat from Friday)

2.5 hrs → 2-3 miles Moderate 📍 Public Car Park GL10 2NG

15 SEPT

Sunday 09:00

## Fromebridge to Saul

Environmental walk beyond the 'Missing Mile'

3 hrs

→ 4.5 miles

Easy

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A circular, environmental walk 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 is improving the habits, wetlands, and biodiversity along the canal and the vision for the new wetlands area and walks at Fromebridge. Well-behaved dogs welcome.

- Free return shuttle buses at 9am and 9.30am from Stonehouse. Donations to cover costs welcome.
- Walk starts 10am from Fromebridge Mill (GL2 7PB).
- Booking required: [stonehousewalks.co.uk](http://stonehousewalks.co.uk)

**Walk Leader: Peter Savage** Environment Project Officer for Cotswold Canals Connected

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

Artist's impression:  
Steve Roberts



15 SEPT

Sunday 10:00

## Kings Stanley for a 'Rest'

Cotswold Way to 'the Stanleys' via Ryeford

3.5 hrs

→ 6 miles

Moderate

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

A leisurely walk along the canal to Ryeford and taking the Cotswold Way to Kings Stanley Court Farm where we will stop at 'The Rest' café where tea/coffee and a snack may be purchased. Continuing on to Leonard Stanley the home of Godsell's cheeses and where the artist Sir Stanley Spencer lived and painted a number of local views. We will then return to Stonehouse via Stanley Downton.

- There are a few inclines and good views up to Selsley Common.
- No dogs please.

**Walk Leader: Andrew Crabtree**

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email: [amcrabtree1@gmail.com](mailto:amcrabtree1@gmail.com)



15 SEPT

Sunday 14:00

## Trees of Stonehouse 1

Around the town (Repeat from Thursday)

15 SEPT

Sunday 14:00

## Wycliffe Wanderings

A history tour of Wycliffe Senior School

1.5 hrs

→ 1.5 miles

Easy

Community Centre GL10 2NS

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](http://stonehousewalks.co.uk)

**Walk Leader: Rhonwen Morgan** from Wycliffe



15 SEPT

Sunday 18:00

## Canal Walk

Festival finale

1.5 hrs

→ 3 miles

Easy

Public Car Park GL10 2NG

The festival will conclude with an evening walk including one of the most scenic parts of the Stroudwater canal.

The walk will be flat except for steep steps at a railway bridge crossing. We will walk along the edge of the railway line to join the Cotswold Way, drop down to the canal at Ryeford Road and return through St Cyr's churchyard.

- Dogs allowed.

**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

- Only registered assistance dogs on leads please unless stated otherwise, in which case one well behaved dog per person is allowed.
- Please respect the fact that not everyone is 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 the 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.