



Walk on the

WILD SIDE

THE CHOCOLATE BOX COTSWOLD VILLAGE OF BROADWAY SETS THE SCENE FOR JO VAUGHAN THIS MONTH



NOT ONLY is the quaint Cotswold town of Broadway full of character; the nearby Club site is too.

Arranged in two tiers, the top portion of the site's road runs past the old railway station yard, in which a toilet block resides today.

The site is just a five-minute walk from the town, where you'll find a good selection of eateries, some fascinating small shops and, in high season especially, a few hundred other tourists to boot! Our walk takes us far from the madding crowd though, as it skims past the villages of Childswickham, Laverton and Buckland before returning to Broadway's centre.

If you undertake this walk during the warmer months you may be lucky enough to find an old-fashioned ice-cream cart selling delicious Italian-style ices halfway along the high street. I bet you can't resist!

General information

- NEAREST CLUB SITE:** Broadway Caravan Club Site, Station Road, Broadway WR12 7DH. Tel 01386 858786
- DISTANCE:** 6 miles/9.6km
- TERRAIN:** Grassy paths and short sections of road
- NUMBER OF STILES:** 14
- ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT:** Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 45 – The Cotswolds
- LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:** Easy to moderate
- REFRESHMENTS:** Broadway town centre
- TOILETS:** None



DIRECTIONS

1 At the site's entrance, cross the road and turn left along the pavement, beneath the railway bridge. Walk along this road until you come to a road sign marked 'Childswickham'. Turn left, walk past the derestricted sign and continue towards the church spire. Be careful as there's no footpath along this quiet lane.

2 At the T-junction keep right (where you rejoin a pavement). Just after a long right-hand bend turn left down a narrow road marked 'Public Bridleway' and 'No Through Road'. Continue ahead along the lane as it gets narrower having passed two houses. At the end, opposite The Old Vicarage, veer left down another narrow, muddy track, passing a sign for 'Bridge Cottage'.

3 Cross the narrow wooden bridge over a stream, and follow the yellow arrow ahead to the church where you must pass through a kissing gate. Walk past the church's front entrance, and through a more neglected kissing gate having kept straight ahead.

4 Cross over a stile and continue across the field following a yellow arrow. Cross another stile and turn left and then right, following the field's edge around two sides.

5 At the far left corner of the field cross a wooden bridge adorned with a yellow arrow and follow the field's line around to the left. Keep left just past a telegraph pole, then right, so you're now following a line of trees with a stream directly to your right.

6 Continue ahead at the end of the field towards a lane in the distance. Don't go through the metal gates that lead to the lane – instead turn left along the right flank of a field. Halfway down the field turn right across a stone slab bridge following a yellow arrow towards a house. Cross the stile found halfway down the field and continue straight ahead.

7 At the end cross the stile, descend to the road and turn right along it. Pretty soon, before the weight limit (150-yards sign) turn left following a small public footpath through a field's centre. Continue ahead

through another grassy field following a small yellow arrow. At the next wooden fence with another yellow arrow, veer left following its direction, passing almost immediately over a stile.

8 Continue across the dismantled railway, through a rickety metal gate and follow the short path through a new wooden gate. Cross the small wooden step over the short wire fence and then turn right to walk around the field's perimeter (along the line of the dismantled railway). At the field's end cross another short wooden step, pass through the wooden gate and cross the bridge. Then turn left towards the road.

9 Follow the yellow arrows to the road, crossing the stream as directed. Cross the wooden bridge and then the road, passing through a wooden kissing gate ahead of you. Continue down the footpath, cross a stile at the end of the field and cross the lane. Head over another stile directly ahead and keep to the right side of the field until just past the end of a garden, where you veer right over another stile.

10 Continue ahead and then keep right again to the field's far right corner. Go through a wooden gate, cross a dirt track and head directly over another stile. Then follow the direction of the public footpath sign that points towards a telegraph pole in the centre of the field. Pass this and then cross over two more stiles. Continue straight ahead, keeping a line of trees directly to your left.

11 At the end of the field cross the stile and continue. Cross another stile and continue past some greenhouses before heading over another stile. Follow the footpath to the right and descend to the road. Turn right to walk through the village.

12 Walk past the church and continue along the road, past the 'No Through Road – Unsuitable for Motors' sign. Continue to the very top of the hill before turning left (sp 'Cotswold Way Public Footpath – Broadway 1'), through a wooden gate. Go through another gate and turn right following a similar sign.

13 Pass through two more wooden gates and continue along the right-hand side of a field. Cross through a metal kissing gate and veer right following the yellow arrow (sp 'Cotswold Way'), which takes you along a descending path through woodland. Pass through another wooden gate and continue down the hill, following the arrows. Pass through two kissing gates, cross a lane and continue through another gate ahead (sp 'Cotswold Way').

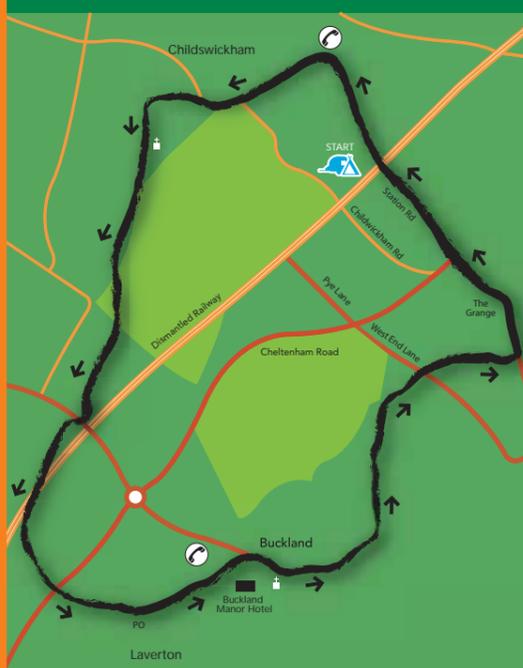
14 Walk towards the church. Pass through a kissing gate and over a wooden railed bridge. Pass through another kissing gate and continue to the road. Turn left to walk along the pavement and pass the Crown and Trumpet pub before leaving the Cotswold Way by continuing straight ahead to the T-junction. Turn left and continue back to the campsite.



Local attractions

- **Broadway Magic Experience**, 76 High Street, Broadway WR12 7AJ. Cost: £2.50. Displays of old and new teddy bears and toys, as well as animated scenes.
- **Barnfield Cider and Wine Mill**, Tuck Mill, Broadway Road, Broadway WR12 7HB. Tel 01386 853145. Visit the six-ton, horse-driven stone cider mill dating from 1780 and taste the local cider, wines and honey. Disabled access – fine in both the shop and the mill.
- **Broadway Tower**, Broadway Tower Country Park, Broadway WR12 7LB. Tel 01386 852390 or see broadwaytower.co.uk. Cost: £3.50. A folly in a spectacular location. Disabled access – not around the park or tower, but access to the restaurant and picnic area is fine.

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Tourist information

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