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The personal pocket foldaway maps indicate a network of safe quiet country lanes, which interconnect the market towns and surrounding villages, railway stations, as well as visitor attractions. They give families and non-frequent cyclists a clearer idea of how to get round the Cotswolds by bicycle.

There are six circular routes which are freely available at tourist information centres, libraries, village shops, as well as post offices, or from the District Council Tourism section. Small wooden directional signs will be gradually installed on signposts at every junction to navigate the routes.

This guide contains:

route **1**

route **2**

## summary:route1

A varied and interesting 30 mile circular ride through some of the best landscape in the north of the Cotswold Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

A clockwise circuit is suggested, which allows for great views down Westington Hill into Chipping Campden.

This is not a particularly difficult ride. It consists mostly of gentle inclines and descents, although there are some steepish ascents around Batsford Park (Cadley Hill) and Kineton Hill. If you want to get the hills out of the way early on you might want to start your ride at Paxford or Ebrington.

The ride takes in valleys, woodland, sweeping views, interesting villages and Chipping Campden, one of the best-preserved towns in Britain.

The route mostly follows lightly trafficked rural lanes, though there is a short (0.4 miles) stretch along the busy A44. Care also needs to be taken crossing other A & B classified roads.



## directions:route1

- 1** Starting at Chipping Campden High Street, head northwards on B4035 towards Aston Subedge. A short distance after leaving the town you pass Kingcomb Lane on the left, then very soon afterwards the road forks. Take the right fork along the B4081 towards Mickleton.

After 0.3 mile take the minor road to Hidcote. Stay on this road until, after a steady climb, you come to a T-junction. Turn right. (Alternatively turn left for Hidcote Manor - NT). **2**

After a mile or so you reach the village of Ebrington. Pass through the village until you reach a green with a large tree. The Ebrington Arms is on the far side of the green. Take the lane to the right of the pub, 0.7 mile past Ebrington, cross the B4035. **▲**

After another 0.5 mile you join the B4479. **▲** Turn right and after bearing left you enter Paxford.

Very shortly after entering Paxford, turn left off the main road towards Aston Magna. This is a very quiet lane that crosses the gently rolling valley of Knee Brook. At the end of the lane, you reach Aston Magna. Turn right. Cycle up a gentle incline, over the railway bridge, then shortly afterwards turn left uphill towards Batsford. **3**

**\*See Alternative Shortcut 1a**

Carry along this road until you come to a second crossroads where the road ahead reads Batsford Village only. Turn right up the steep hill which follows around the perimeter wall of Batsford Park. At the top of the hill, the road swings around sharply to the left, still following the wall of Batsford Park. Keep on this road until you reach the junction with the B4479, and then turn left. **▲** After a very short distance you reach the junction with the very busy A44. Turn right along the A44. **▲** After 0.4 mile, take the first minor road on the left. After 0.3 mile, cross the busy A424 **▲** and descend past Bourton Hill House into the beautiful woodland of Sezincote Warren. At the valley bottom, carry on up hill past Hinchwick Cottages. Continue along this lane for 1.2 miles until you reach the junction with the B4077. Cross the B4077 **▲** and ride along this quiet lane for about 1.5 miles, including a steep climb up Kineton Hill, which ascends in three short, sharp stages.

**\*See Alternative Shortcut 1b**

At the next minor junction turn right. After a short distance you'll reach a crossroads. (Cotswold Farm Park is 0.5 mile to the right). **4**

Go straight across down into a valley and up the other side. After a mile or so, you'll descend steeply into the Windrush valley. At the valley bottom, turn right **▲** and continue up the valley, ignoring the left turn to Guiting Power, past the hamlet of Barton where the road bridges the river, until you reach Kineton. Continue straight through the village, with the river below you to the right. Soon you will pass the turning for Temple Guiting. Eventually, you'll reach the junction with the B4077 very near the village of Ford. Cross the B4077 **▲** and continue along the lane that follows the River Windrush. Ignore the turning to Cutsdean, a small village visible to the right. Soon you will pass through Taddington. Beyond the village, continue up a series of gentle rises. You will pass over several minor crossroads until you reach Snowshill Lavender - several fields of striking deep purple colours on your left hand side. Herbs can be purchased from Hill Barn Farm. Take the left turn for Snowshill Manor (National Trust). **5**

**\*See Shortcut 1c for further directions**

You will soon join a lane from your right, the lane then forks. The lane to the left takes you to Broadway Tower and Farm Park. (This route to Broadway Tower is much quieter and safer than that signposted later from the junction of the A44). After 1.5 miles, mostly descending, you'll reach the A44. Cross the A44 **▲** and, after a mile or so along the B4081, you'll start dropping down Westington Hill into Chipping Campden. There are great views of the town and its Church tower from here. Follow the main road into the town centre where you started the ride.

### \*SHORTCUTS / ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

(Descriptions of the alternative shortcuts not included on this map are available from the following website: <http://www.cotswold.gov.uk/planning/cycling>)

- 1a** Moreton-in-Marsh Station to Chipping Campden (6.2 miles)  
**1b** Moreton-in-Marsh to Snowshill Manor (National Trust) (3.6 miles)  
**1c** Chalk Hill to Bourton-on-the-Hill (6.4miles)

