

# A weekend with walks in Dursley



## AT A GLANCE

- Stay in a cosy cottage or B&B
- Walk a stretch of the Cotswold Way
- Browse independent shops and cafes
- Visit Prema Arts in Uley
- Walk up Stinchcombe Hill
- Play a round of golf
- Annual walking festival



## Dursley

### An historic market town...

Dursley sits on the Cotswold Way and has 'Walkers are Welcome' status, being an ideal base for walkers. The surrounding countryside provides plenty of attractive walks including the footpaths over Stinchcombe Hill, Cam Peak and Cam Long Down with extensive panoramic views over the River Severn and beyond.

The town itself is located in a wooded valley under the Cotswold escarpment. It centres upon a delightful 18th century market house, which is also the Town Hall. The Dursley Heritage Centre (not open every day), opposite the Market Place, contains a 1000 years of history. There are some lovely cafes, pubs and independent shops in the centre.

Originally renowned for its woollen cloth, and later its world famous Lister-Petter engines, Dursley is fast becoming a centre for the arts. There are regular exhibitions and workshops at Kingshill House. The nationally acclaimed Prema Arts Centre is in nearby Uley and has a lovely cafe.

Nearby Uley Bury is one of the finest examples of a promontory fort in Britain. Close by is Hetty Pegler's Tump, a communal burial mound dating back to the Neolithic period. Twinberrow Woods is home to the Dursley Sculpture & Play Trail, featuring unique works by local groups and artists.

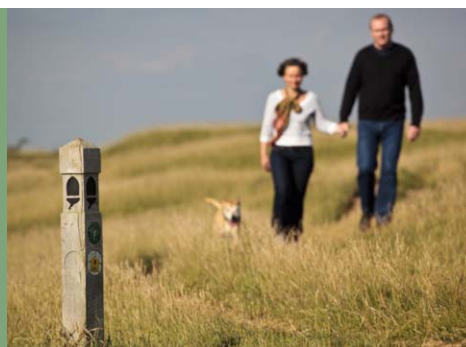
Nearby Cam and Dursley railway station has excellent links with Bristol and Gloucester and a connecting bus

service to Dursley centre.

### Walking in and around Dursley:

**Cam's Stone Stile Walk** [approx 2.5 miles](#) – This is a moderate circular walk from Cam (approximately 10 minutes by bus from Dursley) taking in five of Cam's ancient stone stiles, covered in mosses and lichens. There are views to Cam Peak, the Malvern Hills and River Severn. Available to download.

**Sir Stanley Tubbs' Stinchcombe Hill** [approx 2.5 miles](#) - From the public car park on Stinchcombe Hill, this circular route offers stunning views of the Cotswold Escarpment, Severn Vale and Forest of Dean. Enjoy snippets of local history and rest on a monument to



The Great  
**Cotswold**  
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the benefactor who gave the hill to the public. Available to download.

## Cotswolds-Korea Friendship Trail: Stinchcombe Hill [approx 3 miles](#) -

Starting in the centre of Dursley experience one of the most beautiful meanderings of the Cotswold Way, and discover a new world of walking on an island five thousand miles away. This Cotswold Way circular trail is twinned with route 3 of the Jeju Olle Trail, South Korea, as a mark of friendship and international cooperation between our two countries. Available to download.

## Dursley Woods and Downham Hill [approx 5.9 miles](#) -

A circular walk beginning from Dursley Town Hall. This varied walk takes in both sides of the Uley Valley and crosses farmland and woodland with lovely views. Available to download.

## Ryeford to Dursley [approx 7.2 miles](#) -

Catch Stagecoach 21 bus to Ryeford and follow the Cotswold Way over Coaley Peak, Uley Bury and Cam Long Down back to Dursley.

### Longer walks:

#### Dursley is on the route of the:

**Cotswold Way National Trail** - From Chipping Campden to Bath, just over 100 miles of magical walking encompasses long distance views from the Cotswold escarpment, picturesque villages and famous, ancient sites.



## Things to do in Dursley

- Market Place
- Dursley Heritage Centre
- Farmers' market (The second Saturday of the month)
- Nearby Prema Arts
- Independent shopping
- Pubs and cafes
- Annual walking festival

## Visitor Information Centre

Dursley Town Council - 01453 547758 (weekdays 10.30 to 12.30)  
Stroud VIC - 01453 760960

## Accommodation that welcomes walkers

### Wild Goose Lodge, Slimbridge

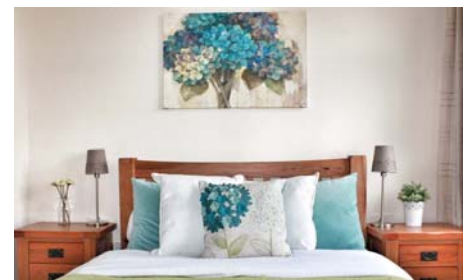
The Wild Goose Lodge in Slimbridge provides comfortable, affordable accommodation on the banks of the Gloucester and Sharpness canal. Our beautiful countryside location is well situated for those wishing to explore all that Dursley has to offer. It is about five miles from Dursley.

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