

A weekend with walks in Painswick



AT A GLANCE

- Leave your car at home
- Stay in a cosy cottage or B&B
- Visit St Mary's and its famous churchyard
- Visit the Rococo Gardens
- Walk up to Painswick Beacon or valley
- Explore Laurie Lee's Slad
- Annual Art Couture Festival



Painswick - Queen of the Cotswolds

Valleys, streams and wildflowers...

Sitting in regal hilltop splendour, the historic wool town of Painswick, known as the 'Queen of the Cotswolds', rests half way along the Cotswold Way National Trail.

Friendly pubs serve locally-brewed ales and there are some excellent cafes and restaurants. Accommodation ranges from luxury boutique to home-from-home bed & breakfasts where you can kick off your walking boots and put your feet up.

The narrow streets, lined with buildings of golden stone, date back to the 15th century. Exploring Painswick will unearth some fascinating shops and galleries, offering unexpected

treasures, including the Art Couture Painswick Gallery.

The splendid churchyard of St Mary's is dotted with 99 ancient yew trees and is a photographer's dream. Legend has it that the Devil won't let a hundredth tree grow.

A short walk from the centre takes you to the Rococo Garden, designed as a flamboyant garden in the mid 1700s. It is now home to a world renowned collection of snowdrops.

Painswick is close to the picturesque villages of Slad (once home to the famous author Laurie Lee), Sheepscombe and Pitchcombe. This area is a great base from which to explore the undiscovered south Cotswolds.

Walking in or around Painswick:

Short walks – all of these routes are available to download or from Painswick Visitor Information Centre in *The Gravedigger's Hut, St Mary's Churchyard*. (open April to October)

Historical Trail approx ½ mile - A series of six history boards are placed around the village giving you an insight into Painswick's colourful past including the legend of the 99 yew trees.

Historic Woollen Mills and Painswick Stream approx 1 mile – Begin at the Visitor Information Centre in St Mary's churchyard. The former mill buildings are now private homes which can be seen from the footpath alongside the Painswick Stream.



The Great
Cotswold
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Outdoors

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Painswick to the Rococo Gardens

approx 2 miles - This circular walk heads from St Mary's churchyard up a gradual hill past some elegant wool merchant's houses. There is the opportunity to stop at the Arts & Crafts museum in Christchurch Chapel on the way. There is a lovely cafe for refreshments at the gardens.

Walk to Painswick Beacon

approx 4 miles - A circular walk from Painswick uphill through beech woods and open grassland to the site of an Iron Age Fort. On a clear day, the panoramic views reach as far as the Welsh Black Mountains. Available to download.

Painswick to the Slad Valley

approx 6.5 miles - This circular walk begins from the car park in Painswick and drops down into the Painswick Valley before climbing uphill again, then down into the Slad Valley. This is a chance to explore the area made famous by Laurie Lee's novel 'Cider with Rosie'. Refreshments are available at the Woolpack pub. Available to download.

Cranham, Saltridge Hill and Upper Painswick Valley

approx 4 miles - This circular walk begins about 4 miles from Painswick. From Cranham, head across the common and up to the beech woods of Saltridge Hill. The route then drops to the Upper Painswick Valley following the stream past old mills and the beautiful Tocknell's Court to return to Cranham. Available to download

Longer walks:

Painswick 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 Painswick

- St Mary's Church and churchyard
- Rococo Gardens
- Weekly farmers' market
- Art Couture Gallery
- Painswick Beacon
- Prinknash Bird Park

Painswick Rococo Gardens

Painswick Rococo Garden allows you to step back into the sensual early 18th century, when gardens were becoming theatrical and romantic backdrops for entertaining guests. Our restaurant is a popular stop over point and is open to non-garden visitors.

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