Chipping Campden to Broadway

Length: 6 miles

Time: Apx 2.5 hours (make it a full day if you plan to lunch in Broadway and then walk back)

Route Summary:
This route is officially stage one of the Cotswolds Way National Trail which starts in Chipping Campden and ends in Bath. It's an easy walk with great views and you can easily follow the official Cotswolds Way signs.

Start: Market Hall, Chipping Campden
Finish: Broadway Village

Buses run into Chipping Campden from surrounding towns. There is free parking on the street and a paid car park in town, but be aware this is limited to 2 hours.

Start the route at the old market hall on High Street where you see the official Cotswold way plaque. Looking at the plaque, with the old market on your left - head south (to your right) and follow the road until you get to the Catholic Church on the corner.

Turn right at the church and head up the street until you reach a triangular junction with a large wooden sign post - here head into Hoo Lane.



Continue uphill here until you meet a lane (Kincombe Lane).

Turn left, cross the road and take the path enclosed with hedges on your right shortly. Go through the gate to Dover's hill. Turn left into the meadow There is a topograph and a memorial stone in this meadow and some lovely views. It's well worth a little lingering and there are some benches to sit on and enjoy the views on a clear day.



You'll see a carpark, go through the gate into this and out the otherside, taking the path that runs parallel to the road on the left.

Pass through several fields keeping the hedge and road to your right and then exist via the gate in the corner right.

Cross the road on your left to the clear, wide path on the other side. This path runs behind the hedge. Keep on this path until you get to a stone stile.

Cross the stile and bear left and then right. The way here is very obvious. Keep on in this direction - passing through a gap in the wall and heading to a second wall.

Keep on in this direction across the field until you arrive at a road (Buckle street)



Cross buckle street and cross the stile opposite into a field. Keep heading in the same direction and you will reach the outer edge of a picnic area.

To your right are a few stone steps with a memorial stone / Topograph (worth a little look). You need to head left though, through the picnic area.

This is a nice place to take a break if you have brought your own flash and snack with you and there are toilets here also.

From here - cross the road and turn right, following a broad rack that runs to the left of the road. You will soon reach a footpath through the edge of the woods. Follow this to emerge into a meadow.



Cross the meadow and bear left. You should now see Broadway tower up ahead - you're heading towards this.

You can access the tower by going through the iron gate. At the tower, the views again are big. There is one bench here if you require a little sit down. Or, if you are not ready to descend into Broadway yet - you can detour slightly here and continue past the tower to a cafe.

Once you're ready, exit the tower through the same gate that you came in. Take a left and follow the path down with the hedge on your right and the tower on your left.

From here the way is very easy - just keep heading downhill in the same direction and follow Cotswolds Way signs to Broadway. You will emerge into a small lane between houses. From here, turn left and follow the road onto the High street where there are plenty of shops, pubs, and cafes.

Note, this is an A to B walk - so you'll need to either turn around and retrace your steps to Chipping Campden - making this a hoof of a walk (and uphill to the tower) Or, you can catch a bus back to Chipping Campden from outside the Lygon Arms.