

Walk in the Cotswolds: Painswick, Painswick Beacon & Painswick Valley

This Cotswold walk explores the picturesque village of Painswick, the breathtaking Painswick Beacon and the charming Painswick Valley. Following parts of both the Cotswold Way and the Wysis Way, this Cotswold walk offers incredible scenery.

Location: Painswick, Gloucestershire

Walk difficulty: Easy

Time: 1 ½ to 2 hours

Distance: 4 miles (9.6 km)

Walk guide: [Painswick Beacon & Painswick Valley walk by adragonsescape.com](https://www.adragonsescape.com/walks/painswick-beacon-painswick-valley-walk)



Painswick, Painswick Beacon & Painswick Valley walk instructions

1. From Stamages Lane car park, turn right onto New Street, then left onto Gloucester Street. At the intersection, turn left onto Gloucester Road, then take the second right onto the Cotswold Way. Following the signposts for the Cotswold Way, veer left onto the track and cross the car park.
2. Veer left onto the road and left onto the track, then immediately right, following the signposts for the Cotswold Way. Cross the golf course and veer right, still following the signposts. Go through woodland, past the quarry and continue along the pebble road. At the intersection, continue straight ahead onto the road.
3. Before you reach the car park, turn right onto the path, still following the signposts for the Cotswold Way. Shortly after, veer left onto the earth path and aim for the top of the hill, keeping the trees to your left. At the top of the hill, you've reached Painswick Beacon.

If you wish to combine this walk with the Painswick Beacon, Coopers Hill & Painswick Valley walk: After reaching the Painswick Beacon trig point, continue straight ahead down the hill and turn right onto the path between the trees and the golf course. From the [Painswick Beacon, Coopers Hill & Painswick Valley walk itinerary](https://www.adragonsescape.com/walks/painswick-beacon-coopers-hill-painswick-valley-walk-itinerary), follow steps 2 to 9. Then cross over a stile and turn left onto the pebble road. Jump to steps 8 to 10 of these walk instructions to walk back to the village of Painswick.

4. Once you've explored Painswick Beacon, retrace your steps, and follow the same path down the hill and back to the Cotswold Way. Turn right onto the Cotswold Way and then left onto the road. At the intersection, veer left and take the downhill woodland path, this time following the signposts for the Wysis Way.
5. When you reach the road, cross it and turn left. At the intersection, turn sharply right and then veer left onto the path, following the signposts for the Wysis Way. Cross over the stile and turn right, following the man-made path and keeping the fence to your right.
6. Before you reach the house, turn left onto the man-made downhill path. Cross over the stile and veer left, then cross the brook and veer right across the field. Go through the gate onto a woodland path and cross over the stile on your right. Go through the kissing gate and cross the field, aiming for the next gate.
7. Cross the bridge, go through the gate and veer left, following the man-made path. Go through the next gate and continue straight ahead, then cross over the stile and turn right onto the pebble road.
8. Go through the gate and turn left onto the road. After the house, turn right onto a woodland path, still following the signposts for the Wysis Way. Cross over the stile and keep the brook to your right and the fence to your left. Go through two gates and at the second gate, turn right and cross the field, keeping the fence to your left.
9. Go through the gate and continue along the path, then go through the following gate and continue along the pebble road. When the road bends right, cross over the stile on your left and continue straight ahead, following the man-made path.
10. Cross over the stile and veer right, aiming for the houses and keeping the hedge to your right. Cross over the next stile and turn left onto the road. At the intersection, turn left onto Lower Washwell Lane and continue straight ahead onto Vicarage Street and Bisley Street. Turn left onto New Street and make your way back to the car park.

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Walk GPX file: [Painswick Beacon & Painswick Valley walk on my.viewranger.com](https://www.viewranger.com/walks/painswick-beacon-painswick-valley-walk)

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Ascent: Somewhat steep

Trail condition: Good, but the trail can get muddy in wet weather

Accessibility: Not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs or bikes

Parking: Stamages Lane car park (GL6 6UZ - free for first 23 hours)

Facilities: Toilets, shops and pubs in Painswick

Notes: Please be mindful of livestock and keep your dogs on a lead

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