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Walk in the Cotswolds: The enchanting valleys of Ozleworth & Lasborough

The Ozleworth and Lasbourough valleys near Wotton-under-Edge offer a peaceful walk across enchanting valleys and through captivating woodland. This circular walk is one of the most charming walks in the Cotswolds, and is a true hidden gem.

Location: Ozleworth, Gloucestershire

Walk difficulty: Intermediate

Time: 3 to 3½ hours

Distance: 6 miles (9.7km)

Walk guide: Ozleworth & Lasborough valleys

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Ozleworth & Lasborough valleys walk instructions

- 1. When facing the northern entrance to Ozleworth Park, take the 'Church bridle path' to the left of the pillared entrance. Go through the gate and follow the small path. Turn left onto the tarmac road, following the signs for the 'Church bridle path'. Turn left at the following junction and turn left again onto the tarmac road.
- 2. At the junction, continue straight ahead following the path downhill. Veer right towards the cattle grid. Follow the windy pebbled path to the bottom of the valley. Cross over the brook, and immediately after, go through the gate on your left. Cross the field, keeping the brook to your left.
- 3. At the end of the field, follow the pebbled path and go through the gate to your right (do not cross over the brook). Continue straight ahead along the grassy path across the field, keeping the fence and the brook to your left. Go through another gate and continue uphill following the man-made path.
- 4. Before you reach the houses and as you reach the clusters of trees on your left, turn right aiming for the stile. Cross over the stile and continue straight ahead, keeping to the left of the tall trees. Turn left at the electric pylon and aim for the left of the cluster of houses. When you reach the house fence, veer left towards the pebbled road.

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- 5. Walk along the pebbled road to the gate and cross the stile to the left of the gate. Continue straight ahead, up the country road. Turn right at the junction, then left at the footpath sign. Cross over the stile into the field and cross the field, keeping the stone wall to your right.
- 6. Go into the second field (there is no gate) and follow the footpath signs, crossing the field diagonally. Cross the stile over the stone wall directly in front of you and to the left of the footpath sign (do not follow the sign).
- 7. Cross the field aiming for the bottom right corner and go through the opening in the fence, turning right onto the road. After the church, turn right following the footpath sign. Go through the gate and aim for the right of the motte. Go round the motte and keep the fence and stone wall to your right.
- 8. Go through the gate and veer right uphill and to the right of the trees. Follow the fence on your right. When you reach the forest on your right, veer left, going downhill, and aim for the left of the manor house (known as Lasborough House). Cross the country road and aim for the first iron fence to the left of the manor house. Cross the iron fence.
- 9. Continue straight ahead downhill and aim for the bottom left corner of the field, keeping the brook, pond and then forest to your left. Go through the gate into the woods. Follow the woodland path straight ahead and keep the brook (dry in summer) to your left. Continue past the lake (dry in summer) on your right and continue straight ahead, keeping the brook to your right now.
- 10. Continue straight ahead and keep to the path at the bottom of the valley. Cross the brook (there is an overgrown and slippery bridge to the right if need be). Follow the path and cross the brook twice more. Continue straight ahead, keeping the brook and then boggy lake (dry in summer) to your left.
- 11. At the end of the lake, veer right towards the woodland path. Turn left onto the uphill woodland path, then turn right and continue straight ahead. Turn right onto the road and continue to the junction and southern gate to Ozleworth Park. To the left of the gate, press the button to open the gate, pass the gate and follow the uphill country road.
- 12. At the cattle grid, go through the gate to your left following the 'Bridle path' signpost (do not cross the cattle grid). Continue straight ahead across the field, aiming for the gate with the wooden sign 'Bridle path' to your right. Go through the gate onto the country road.
- 13. Turn left onto the country road, then immediately right onto another road, following the signpost. Take the uphill path to your left and go through the gate. You're back at the entrance to Ozleworth Park.

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Ozleworth & Lasborough valleys walk details

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Walk GPX file: Ozleworth & Lasborough valleys walk on outdooractive.com

Location: Ozleworth, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire

Walk difficulty: Intermediate

Time: Approximately 3 to 3 ½ hours with regular stops

Distance: 6 miles (9.7 km)

Ascent: Steep

Trail condition: Good, but muddy and overgrown in the heart of the woods

Accessibility: Not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs or bikes

Parking: Lay-by on Blacksmith Hill in Ozleworth (GL12 7QA)

Facilities: Closest toilets, shops and pubs in Wotton-under-Edge

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

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