

Walk in the Cotswolds: Painswick Beacon & Coopers Hill

Located near the picturesque village of Painswick, this Cotswold walk starts at Painswick Beacon. From the wild common of Painswick Beacon, this country walk follows part of the Cotswold Way through lush woodland to Coopers Hill and explores the enchanting Painswick Valley.

Location: Painswick, Gloucestershire

Walk difficulty: Intermediate

Time: 3 to 3 ½ hours

Distance: 7 miles (11 km)

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



Painswick Beacon & Coopers Hill walk instructions

1. From the Painswick Beacon car park, walk up the road and turn left, following the signposts for the Cotswold Way. Shortly after, leave the path and veer left towards the top of the hill. After reaching the trig point, continue straight ahead down the hill and turn right onto the path between the trees and the golf course.
2. Follow the path as it veers left away from the golf course and through woodland. Following the signs for the Cotswold Way, continue along the country road and across two car parks, and then veer left onto a forest path. Cross a country road and veer left, still following the signposts.
3. Following the signs for the Cotswold Way, cross the main road, veer right onto a country road and then veer left onto a forest path. Veer left three times, and at the last left turn, veer immediately right, still following the signposts. Veer right, go up a flight of steps, go through a kissing gate and then turn left.
4. Following the signs for the Cotswold Way, turn right uphill, then immediately veer left and veer left once more towards Coopers Hill. Leaving the Cotswold Way behind, turn sharply right uphill and veer right, going down a dip. Veer left onto the main path and continue straight ahead, following the low wall on your left. At the crossroads, continue straight ahead.

5. Go through a kissing gate and cross the field diagonally downhill to a stile. Turn right, cross the orchard and go through a first gate to a farm yard and then a second gate onto a dirt road. Continue along the dirt road, cross the country road and continue straight ahead through woodland.
6. At the fork, veer right and continue downhill along a forest path. Turn right onto the road and then left through a farm. Follow the road to a gate and go through the gate. When faced with two more gates, cross over the stile to the right and follow the path.
7. Cross over a stile and follow the woodland path. Cross over the next stile and cross the field, keeping the fence to your left. Then cross over the stile on your left and keep the fence to your right until you reach a kissing gate. Turn right onto a road and at the junctions, turn left twice and turn right once.
8. At the footpath sign, turn right, go through a gate and follow the path around the edge of the field. Go through a pair of kissing gates, then a kissing gate and another gate, and continue downhill. Cross a bridge, turn left and cross the field following the signposts. Go through a kissing gate, follow the path and cross two bridges. Walk along the edge of the field, next to a stream.
9. Go through a kissing gate and veer left along a road. Cross over the stile on your right and onto a path along the edge of a field. Cross a bridge and over a stile, and cross a field, keeping the fence to your left. Cross over two stiles and continue straight ahead towards a house. Follow the dirt road and turn left onto a gravel road. Go through a kissing gate and follow the road.
10. *If you wish to combine this walk with the Painswick, Painswick Beacon & Painswick Valley walk:* Cross over a stile and turn left onto the pebble road. From the [Painswick, Painswick Beacon & Painswick Valley walk itinerary](#) follow steps 8 to 10 to the village of Painswick, then steps 1 to 2 to Painswick Beacon.
11. Cross over a stile, cross the dirt road, continue straight ahead and cross over another stile into a field. Continue straight ahead to a gate and veer right towards another gate. Cross a bridge and continue straight uphill, go through a kissing gate to woodland and follow the path.
12. Cross over a stile and turn left onto a path, then go through a gate into a field. Veer right along a man-made path, cross a stream and veer right onto another man-made path. Cross over a stile and continue straight uphill, then turn right before the trees, keeping the fence to your left. Go round the corner and cross over the stile on your left.
13. Veer right, cross a road and go up the flight of steps. Turn left along the main road and walk past the bus stop. Following the signposts for the Wysis Way, cross the road and turn sharply right up a steep woodland path. Continue straight ahead onto a road and follow the road and the Cotswold Way signposts back to the car park.

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Walk map and GPX file: [Painswick Beacon & Coopers Hill walk on outdooractive.com](https://www.outdooractive.com/en/activities/painswick-beacon-coopers-hill-walk/)

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Ascent: Steep

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

Accessibility: Not suitable for pushchairs, wheelchairs or bikes

Parking: Painswick Beacon car park (GL6 6SU - free)

Facilities: Toilets, shops and pubs in Painswick

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

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