A walk taking the Mon-Sat 606 bus to Stanway Viaduct and walking to Stanway House and Wood Stanway before some serious climbing to Beckbury Camp, the tranquil setting of Farmcote to Campden Lane. The walk returns to Winchcombe via the Farmcote valley and Monks Hole.

This walk needs to be planned in conjunction with the 606 bus timetable available at: www.pulhamscoaches.com

Distance: 7.5 miles / 12 km
Duration: 4.5 hours (walking)
Difficulty: Strenuous

Start of walk: Stanway Viaduct
Grid ref: SP 050/333
OS maps: Outdoor Leisure 45, Landranger 163
Refreshments: None on route.
Ascent: 1,027 feet/313 metres
Descent: 968 feet/295 metres

The start point of the walk is the track running under the railway viaduct by the Broadway Road outside Toddington.

If using the Pulham’s Cheltenham to Broadway bus service, ask to be dropped off at the railway viaduct on the Broadway Road.

After alighting the bus, carefully cross over the main road to a footpath sign and walk along a track running off to the right which goes under the railway viaduct.

Continue along the track, going through a metal field gate into a farmyard. Turn right immediately after a black barn on your right and leave the yard via another metal field gate. Head 45° left across a field to another metal field gate and go through the gate and walk along the field boundary with a stream on your right.

Proceed straight ahead through two more metal field gates and then follow the left hand boundary of a field until you reach a road via another metal gate A. Turn right onto the road. As you walk along you will pass a thatched cricket pavilion on your right and, set in the drystone wall to your left, a commemorative plaque marking the opening of the Cotswold Way.

Pass Stanway House to your left, and follow the road as it turns left and then right. Turn left at a Cotswold Way marker post on to the Cotswold Way, passing Stanway Mill and proceed through a gate.

(If you wish, you can make a very short detour up the slope on the right to see the mill pond).

Continue along the Cotswold Way until you reach the main road via a gate B. Walk left along the pavement for approx. 50m and cross the road with care when you see a Cotswold Way waymarker on

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Continue along the track as it turns into
(signed Farmcote ¼ mile).

and a gate and then turn left onto a track
a wooden field gate, a metal field gate
Follow the Cotswold Way through fields,
down the steep path and look for the
brow of a hill behind you.
admire the view noting the earthworks of
On reaching the monument, stop to
towards a stone monument
continue to climb steeply through trees
this stile. Turn left immediately to follow
out for a stile on your right and cross
a gap in the hedge and over another
gate.

The Cotswold Way turns left here but you
turn right and left shortly after, following
the Winchcombe Way waymarker. Follow
this lane as it turns right passing some
cottages to reach a waymarked metal field
gate.

Carry on up the hill keeping the wood on
your right. At the top of the field cross a
stile and carry on uphill, passing through a
gap in the hedge and over another
stile. As you near the top of the hill, look
out for a stile on your right and cross
this stile. Turn left immediately to follow
the left hand boundary of the field and continue to climb steeply through trees
towards a stone monument D.

On reaching the monument, stop to
admire the view noting the earthworks of
Beckbury Camp (an iron age hill fort) on
the brow of a hill behind you.
Now retrace your steps for a little way
down the steep path and look for the
Cotswold Way waymarker on your left.
Follow the Cotswold Way through fields,
a wooden field gate, a metal field gate
and a gate and then turn left onto a track
(signed Farmcote ¼ mile).

Continue along the track as it turns into
a lane, passing the tiny church of St Faith’s
on your right. Shortly after a farm, a track
joins the lane from the right and just
beyond this there is a footpath signposted
to the right. E Take the footpath, going
through a wooden field gate and then
taking a half left to a waymarked stile.
Cross the stile and go straight across the
field to reach and cross another stile.
Continue straight to meet woodland
ahead. Continue with woodland on
your left to reach and cross another
waymarked stile. Continue straight on,
aiming to the right of the row of beech
trees on the horizon. As you reach the
brow of the hill you will see a stile on
your right. Cross the stile and turn right
on the lane F.
After about 20m take the footpath on
your right (signed Gloucestershire Way
and Winchcombe Way) going through a
metal field gate. This section between E
to F may be avoided in muddy conditions
by staying on the lane, taking a right at
the T junction and taking the second of
two footpaths on the right where you
can continue the walk as described below.
from F.

Follow the track as it bends left passing
a barn and crossing a waymarked stile.
As the track bears right, fork left through
metal field gate into woodland. Continue
through another field gate and then
straight on until you eventually reach
a field gate. Go through the gate and
turn right, winding to the left. When
you reach the end of the barn on your
left, cross the stile and head up to the
farmyard, following waymarkers to a gate
at the farm entrance. Take the leftmost
of three tracks after this gate, crossing
straight over a lane to go through a gate
waymarked Gloucestershire Way.

Continue straight, going through another
gate and then a wooden gate followed
by a field gate G. Turn immediately left
up a steep bank and cross a stile into
woodland. Go through a gate and start
descent to meet a gate. Go through
and follow the footpath ahead coming to
a fence on your right. Follow the fence
on your right through a field and as the
ground starts to level take a waymarked
wooden gate in the right hand fence.
Turn left and continue downhill entering
woodland and descending more steeply.
When you emerge from the wood follow
the waymarkers downhill. Aim for the
metal gate in the bottom field boundary
and continue through the next field to a
waymarked metal gate. Go straight ahead
to a metal gate in the bottom of the
field and turn right into a lane. Take the
footpath to the left almost opposite by
going through a metal gate H.
Proceed straight ahead following some
large path signs and going through two
metal gates. After the second gate turn
right heading for the far boundary of the
field and go through a waymarked metal
gate into a lane. Turn left and then take
a metal gate on the right (way marked
Gloucestershire Way).
Bear 45° left across the ridge and furrow
field to meet a stone path. Turn left at the
stone path, go through a metal gate and
alleyway before turning right at the road
(Castle Street). Proceed uphill to the High
Street. Carefully cross the road and turn
left and then turn right into Cowl Lane
which leads you to the Back Lane car
park.

Places of interest:
Stanway Viaduct
The viaduct is the largest anywhere on
a UK heritage railway with 15 arches,
15metres above the valley floor. On
Friday 13th November 1903 disaster
struck during construction. Four men
died and seven were injured after its
timber supports had been removed.

Cricket Pavilion
The thatched pavilion was bought by the
creator of Peter Pan, J.M.Barrie, who loved
cricket, and visited Stanway House during
the 1920s. The pavilion is raised off the
ground on staddle stones used originally
to protect granaries from vermin and
keep the store dry.

Stanway House
A beautiful Jacobean manor house. The
Gatehouse was built about 1630, with
a 14th-century Tithe Barn and an 18th-
century water-garden. The Stanway
Fountain rises to over 300 feet (90m),
making it the tallest fountain in Britain and
the tallest gravity fountain in the world.

Beckbury Monument
This unusual 19th century structure with
alcoves, basins and an extending stone slab
is reputedly known as ‘Cromwell’s Seat’.

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