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**Train & Walk 23** — Gotherington Halt - Winchcombe Station

GWSR train journey to the secluded Gotherington Halt and an undulating walk back above Gretton to Winchcombe Station.

This walk needs to be planned in conjunction with the train timetable available at: www.gwsr.com

Distance: 5 miles / 8 km

Duration 2.5 - 3 hours (walking)

Difficulty: Moderate

Start/finish: Winchcombe GWSR Station situated in Greet. Grid ref: SP 050/232
Postcode: GL54 5LD

OS maps: Outdoor Leisure 45,

Refreshments: Royal Oak, Gretton approx 350 metres off route.

Ascent: 463 feet/141 metres
Descent: 430 feet/131metres

Park at Winchcombe Station or considerately in a nearby street. After purchasing your ticket take the train to Gotherington Halt. Please note that Gotherington Halt has a small platform and you will need to alight from one of the two front carriages.

Alight and follow the exit along a path down to meet a lane. Turn right up the lane and after 200 metres, at a junction of paths, turn left along a footpath. **A**

Go through three fields, in the first field bear diagonally left to find a stile in mid-hedgerow. In second field keep ahead in the same direction. In the third field keep in the same direction to reach a metal gate by a road. Carefully cross the road and go through the gate opposite and continue across the field to the far corner. Turn right and follow the stream; cross a footbridge and bear left towards a stile hidden in the hedge beside a road. Turn right and carefully follow the road for approx 150 metres before crossing the road to enter a field beside a footpath sign. **B** Turn left and walk across the field to a footbridge. Continue ahead to a further footbridge, cross and continue through two metal gates towards a track, passing a large barn on your left. .

Follow the track past the farmhouse and where the track turns left take the footpath on your right across the field and over a footbridge. Continue in the same direction with the hedgerow on your right to meet a track. Cross the track and follow the path left towards the railway line. Pass under the railway bridge.

Turn right up the 'no through road' signposted Stanley Pontlarge towards the railway line. Pass under the railway bridge and follow the lane to Stanley Pontlarge church. 40 metres beyond the church turn left by a footpath sign. Follow this in the same direction, crossing several fields, gradually climbing. Descend to arrive at a stile by a large house.

Cross the drive and continue ahead along a footpath to meet another path joining from your right. Continue straight on over a long wooden bridge ignoring the footpath to your left, to meet a lane. Turn left along the lane after a few steps bear right up the bank and follow the path. Along here you may well see some alpacas.

Follow the path which becomes a grassy track, go through some trees and follow the path until you meet a stoney track. **D** Here turn left and follow the track down to meet a road. Turn right (turn left and follow the road verge to the Royal Oak approx 350metres) and taking care of any traffic follow the road for approx 110 metres to a road junction.

Turn left along the lane to meet a T-junction. Turn left a few metres before carefully crossing the road and follow the footpath on the opposite side of the road. **E** Follow the path to enter a scrubby field and bear 45 left across the field to meet a track. Turn right down the grassy track to meet a lane.

Turn right along the lane past some houses to meet a pavement. Follow the pavement into Greet to meet a road junction. Cross the road and follow the signs for Winchcombe. Go over the railway bridge and turn left along the lane to arrive back at Winchcombe Station.

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