

Winchcombe, GWR Toddington & Broadway

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		Short	Med	Long
Short, med & long routes: follow instructions below.				
1	From camp site gate TR.	0	0	0
2	Before RBT, TL onto cycle path .	0.1	0.1	0.1
3	Cross road (CARE!) to continue cycle path down to underpass below road.	0.15	0.15	0.15
4	TR into underpass. Thru'underpass then TL. Follow cycle path.	0.25	0.25	0.25
5	TR then imm. TL into Miserden Road .	0.4	0.4	0.4
6	SO into Campden Road & follow road.	0.8	0.8	0.8
7	Where road swings right into Bisley Road, go straight ahead to fenced pathway (blue sign) through hedge on left where dismount & follow short path to main road. Cross main road (use nearby crossing if easier/safer) into bus lane on far side, re-mount & follow main road to the right for 0.2m	1	1	1
8	Take 2nd left into Griffiths Avenue. Follow Avenue to far end.	1.2	1.2	1.2
9	TR into Libertus Avenue.	1.5	1.5	1.5
10	TL into Gloucester Road.	1.7	1.7	1.7
11	TR at mini-roundabout (CARE!).	1.8	1.8	1.8
12	After 50m (Opposite Rail Station front entrance), TL behind barrier onto shared use path. At bottom of slope bear left onto main path SP Town Centre. This shared use path is well used so please take care.	1.9	1.9	1.9
13	Where path splits keep left.	2.15	2.15	2.15
14	Where path splits before underpasses, follow LH path.	2.4	2.4	2.4
15	Cross Jubilee Bridge (Waitrose below on RHS). Beware obstacles in centre of path beyond bridge. N.b. Cleeve Hill on your right.	2.5	2.5	2.5
16	At bottom of slope pass anti-motorbike gate where TR. With running track on LHS, pass another gate & out to the road.	3.1	3.1	3.1
17	TL into Tommy Taylors Lane & follow road (slight uphill) for about 0.15m	3.15	3.15	3.15
18	You now have a choice: Either	3.3	3.3	3.3
19	(a) Follow shared use path through the park, SP Evesham Road & Pittville Pump Room. Follow path to LHS of lake. Just beyond far end of lake WALK through tunnel (narrow with low headroom) under the road to reach east side of park. When through tunnel, imm. TL & follow path to Pump Rooms. Note: Playground & small creature enclosures on LHS, another lake to RHS. Arrive at Pittville Pump Rooms. Continue from instructions from Step # 23			
20	or (b) Follow road uphill to Albermarle Gate.			
21	TR into Albermarle Gate.	3.45	3.45	3.45
22	SO (CARE!) into West Approach Drive & onto to Pitville Pump Rooms.	3.8	3.8	3.8
23	Welcome to Pitville Pump Rooms! Inside here you may "take the waters", assuredly an acquired taste. Or perhaps visit the lakes or the childrens playground at lower end of park.	3.85	3.85	3.85
24	Exit the park into East Approach Drive (to the RHS side of Pump Room as viewed from the front).	3.9	3.9	3.9
25	At TJ, TL & follow road uphill to mini RBT.	4	4	4
26	At mini RBT, TR, SP Prestbury. The road you are now on is skirting the south side of Prestbury Park (the racecourse) just beyond the houses to you left.	4.2	4.2	4.2
27	At postbox TL into Brymore Avenue.	4.7	4.7	4.7
28	TR into Linden Avenue.	4.75	4.75	4.75
29	TL into The Burgage (at Burgage Stores)	4.9	4.9	4.9
30	TR into Shaw Green Lane (@ small tree on mini island).	5.3	5.3	5.3
31	TL onto (sometimes quite busy) main road. Steady! Cleeve Hill is on your right & the long climb (520'/160m) over the next 2 miles starts here! Footpath on LHS as required. Enjoy the views as you climb.	5.6	5.6	5.6
32	Nearly there! At the viewpoint lay-by take a breather & enjoy the panorama of the Severn Vale with Malvern Hills & Wales to the North West. The true summit of Cleeve Hill (1083'/330m) is not visible from the road and is actually about 1.5 miles away to the south of where you are now. The gate across the road behind you provides easy access onto Cleeve Common, a large area of common land, ideal for an excellent walk at some other time maybe?	7.7	7.7	7.7
33	This is the road summit @ 787'/240m above sea level and the highest point of today's ride.	8.1	8.1	8.1
34	Follow main road to Winchcombe. It is fast descent (easily 30 mph +) but beware motorists still trying to overtake dangerously! On the way down you'll pass the entrance to Postlip Hall (an Elizabethan mansion now split into private dwellings, c/w huge Tithe Barn, the latter used annually for the Cotswold Beer Festival) and Postlip Paper Mill where specialist filter papers for laboratory use are made.	8.2	8.2	8.2
35	The approach into Winchcombe is invariably narrowed with parked cars on both sides, so be prepared to give way - drivers often don't!	10.1	10.1	10.1
36	A short detour: TR down Vineyard Street SP Sudely Castle (where Katherine Parr, the last wife of Henry VIII is buried). Ride down to castle entrance. Note the pretty cottages in this street.	10.6	10.6	10.6
37	Castle may be open if you wish to visit (entrance charge applies). From this point re-trace route back to main road.	10.75	10.75	10.75

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38	TR at main road. Lloyds Bank cashpoint on RHS after ~ 100m if needed.	10.9	10.9	10.9
39	TL into North Street & dismount where safe to do so.	11	11	11
40	Winchcombe is an attractive small town, probably best explored on foot. There are several tea shops near this junction, good pubs too & Co-Op supermarket handy. However, several other good pubs are en route beyond Winchcombe for eats and drinks if you prefer.			
41	When ready to leave, continue along North Street.	11	11	11
42	At crossroads TR into Greet Road, SP GWR Winchcombe, Greet & Evesham.	11.2	11.2	11.2
43	Cross a bridge over the Gloucester & Warwickshire Railway. GWR station off to RHS. Steam trains are probably running today so maybe worth a stop, or even a ride?	12	12	12
44	Just beyond bridge TR into Becketts Lane.	12.1	12.1	12.1
45	Just before TJ with main road is Winchcombe Pottery. The well stocked shop should be open for that tea service you've always wanted!	12.4	12.4	12.4
Med & long routes: Go to step 57				
Short route: follow instructions below				
46	Re-trace steps back to crossroads near GWR station (i.e. at step 44)			
47	TR SP Evesham	12.8		
48	TL SP Gretton	13.1		
49	TR SP Gretton & Prescott	13.4		
50	Royal Oak Inn. A bistro style pub serving good food and drinks (10% discount was promised to TC groups).	13.7		
51	Continue through Gretton village. Pass The Bugatti Inn, presumably named because the famous Prescott Hill Climb lies nearby with the Bugatti Owners Club based there.	13.8		
52	BR SP Alderton & Tewkesbury	14.4		
53	TL SP Alderton (busy road).	15.7		
54	I recommend the Gardeners Arms PH as a lunch stop:			
55	(a) To continue without stopping at this pub, follow the main road and continue instructions from step 86 .	15.9		
56	(b) To visit the Gardeners Arms, TR SP Alderton and follow road partway into the village until the road swings round the back, side & then the entrance to the pub. Continue route instructions from Step 83	15.9		
Med & long routes: follow instructions below:				
57	From pottery, TL to main road B4632		12.4	12.4
58	TL SP SP Broadway.		12.5	12.5
59	TR SP Didbrook		13.7	13.7
60	BR SP Wood Stanway at grassy island with large tree & seats		14.3	14.3
61	BL at triangular island (broken signpost)		14.7	14.7
62	At crossroads with main road (opposite war memorial) SO SP Stanton & Stanway.		15.1	15.1
63	Follow the road past the impressive entrance to Stanway House & Garden. The garden is notable with the highest gravity fed fountain in the world at 300' lift, second only to the highest fountain of any type in Europe on Lake Geneva. It only runs a few days each year because the water supply is limited. Stanway House also houses Stanway Brewery, which very unusually uses wood fired coppers to make the beer.		15.3	15.3
64	On LHS note the interesting cricket pavillion on staddlestones (stone mushrooms). These stones help protect the building from wet ground and from vermin.		15.5	15.5
65	BR SP Stanton		16.5	16.5
66	TR SP "Unsuitable for coaches". Follow the street up to the top end of this quintessential Cotswold village & to the Mount Inn (very steep at the top!), where stop for refreshments or just enjoy the views to the west. Afterwards return to this junction at lower end of the street.		16.8	16.8
Long route: go to step 68				
Med route: follow instructions below				
67	TL & leave Stanton village back along same road as you arrived. i.e. Re-trace route back past Stanway House to the junction with the B4077 near the war memorial.		17.3	
Med route: go to step 73				
Long route: follow instructions below:				
68	TR SP Broadway. Follow lane out to B4632.			17.2
69	TR SP Stratford. Follow B4632 to Broadway.			17.9
70	In Broadway TR SP Village Centre Only			20.3
71	Arrive in centre of village. Cafés, shops, pubs, restaurants, toilets. A lovely village but often overwhelmed by huge numbers of visitors.			20.6

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72	To continue your ride, leave Broadway & re-trace earlier route back via B4632, Stanton village & Stanway House to the crossroads with B4077 near the war memorial.			20.9
Long route: go to step 73				
Med & long routes:				
73	TR at crossroads with B4077 near war memorial, SP Tewkesbury & Winchcombe		18.9	25.6
74	TL SP GWR Steam Railway. Trains, smoke, soot, gift shop & good tea room all in one place.		19.6	26.3
75	Leave GWR & TL		19.7	26.4
76	TR @ RBT SP Broadway		19.8	26.5
77	BL , no SP. Follow loop through the Toddington village (do not turn off). Contemporary artist Damien Hurst lives at nearby at Toddington Manor.		20.1	26.8
78	At TJ with main road TR SP Tewkesbury. Note the interesting fingerpost opposite junction.		21.5	28.2
79	At cross roads, SO SP Tewkesbury & Motorway to follow B4077.		22.3	29
80	TR SP Alderton		23	29.7
81	BL at large red brick house		23.3	30
82	Follow road through village (i.e. don't turn off)		23.8	30.5
83	Suggested lunch stop: The Gardeners Arms PH in Alderton, a traditional pub & good value lunch stop offering 10% off food for TC riders. Lock bikes under trees at rear of car park.	16.4	24.1	30.8
All riders visiting Gardeners Arms PH:				
84	From car park at The Gardeners Arms, TL & follow road around outside of the car park & pub garden. Continue to follow road to TJ opposite filling station on B4077	16.4	24.1	30.8
85	TR at TJ, SP Tewkesbury	16.8	24.6	31.3
Short, med & long routes:				
86	TL SP Alstone.	17.5	25.3	32
87	TL SP Prescott & Dixon. Follow Lane for nearly 2 miles over Dixon Hill. Beware gravel on road in dip just beyond the summit.	18.1	25.9	32.6
88	At TJ, TR SP Cheltenham & Bishops Cleeve.	20	27.8	34.5
89	At war memorial in village TL SP Bishops Cleeve.	21.1	28.9	35.6
90	Straight on at new mini rbt.	22	29.8	36.5
91	At TJ, TR , then almost imm. TL into School Road (at tree with surrounding seat)	22.3	30.1	36.8
92	BR then imm. TL into Tobyfield Road .	22.4	30.2	36.9
93	Where road swings left, TR into Dale Walk.	22.8	30.6	37.3
94	TR (no SP)	22.9	30.7	37.4
95	TL into Kayte Lane.	22.95	30.75	37.45
96	TR into Southam Lane SP Swindon Village.	23.7	31.5	38.2
97	TAKE CARE! At major junction with traffic lights, go straight ahead.	24.2	32	38.7
98	After 0.2m TR SP Brockhampton.	24.4	32.2	38.9
99	DISMOUNT & WALK OVER DANGEROUS oblique level crossing.	25.6	33.4	40.1
100	TL into Quat Goose Lane (no road nameplate but an interesting road name!).	26	33.8	40.5
101	TR into Rivelands Road.	26.1	33.9	40.6
102	TR into Church Road.	26.3	34.1	40.8
103	TL into Manor Road.	26.35	34.15	40.85
104	TR SP Tewkesbury & Gloucester.	26.6	34.4	41.1
105	Approach min RBT. Superstores incl. Sainsburys on RHS, also a new Whole Food Market offering high quality produce with good bike parking c/w track pump! Otherwise ignore shops & SO at RBT to traffic lights.	26.8	34.6	41.3
106	At traffic lights, cross dual carriageway (dogleg right then left) into Hayden Road.	26.9	34.7	41.4
107	TL into Village Road	27	34.8	41.5
108	SO mini RBT	27.3	35.1	41.8
109	TR into Hesters Way Road SP Springbank Resource Centre.	27.5	35.3	42
110	SO mini RBT	27.7	35.5	42.2
111	Road swings left, then @ mini RBT, TR into Fiddlers Green Lane.	28.2	36	42.7
112	Road swings right, then @ mini RBT, TL to continue along Fiddlers Green Lane.	28.4	36.2	42.9
113	At mini RBT, SO, SP Local Traffic.	28.6	36.4	43.1
114	Road swings left.	28.9	36.7	43.4
115	Just before large RBT, TR onto cycle path.	29.1	36.9	43.6
116	TR onto road (beware fast traffic approaching, esp. from RBT).	29.15	36.95	43.65
117	SO SP Churchdown, Staverton, etc.	29.25	37.05	43.75
118	TL into Briarfields camp site.	29.35	37.15	43.85
119	THE END! I hope you enjoyed it.			