

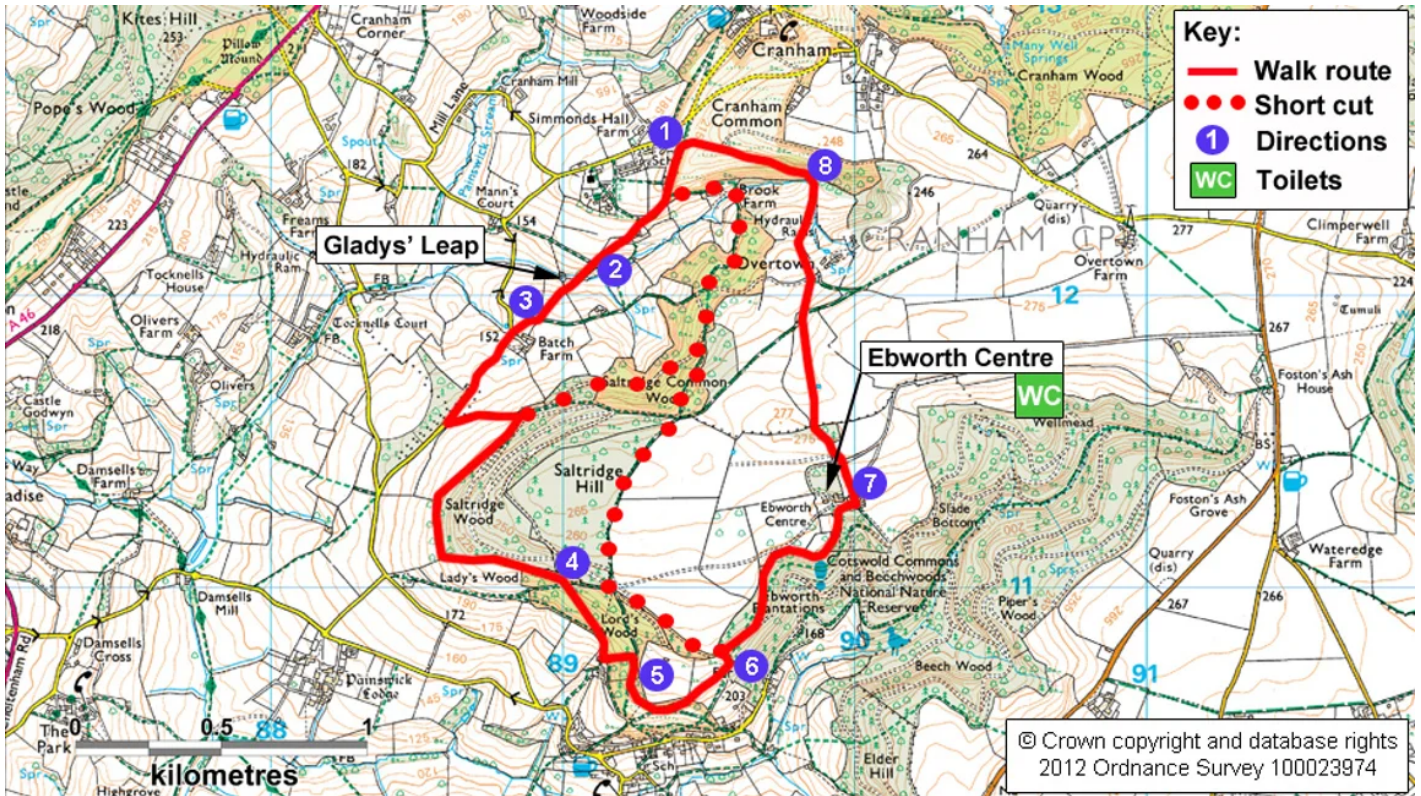
GLOUCESTERSHIRE & THE COTSWOLDS

Ebworth Centre Cotswolds walk

This circular walk through the countryside near Gloucester gives you the chance to explore all the features that make the Cotswolds so special – steep valleys, exhilarating views, beautiful limestone grassland, magnificent beech woodlands and two honey-coloured villages where time seems to stand still.

i Bring sensible footwear

The ground in the woods can be very muddy, even in summer, so wellies or sturdy boots are advisable.



Information

Address: Cranham Common, Cranham, Gloucestershire, GL4 8HS

OS map: Explorer 179; Landranger 163

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Uneven paths with some steep gradients. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly: Due to grazing livestock, dogs must be on a lead at all times.

Full trail: Miles: 4 (km: 6.4)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 2 hours - 3 hours

Terrain

Some steeper climbs and uneven terrain. Two possible shortcuts are marked on the map.

Total steps: 8

Start point: Cranham Common, grid ref: SO893125

1. From Cranham School, take the path upwards to the left of the school, then bear right, following the stone track. Reaching a bend, follow the path straight on into a wooded area until you reach a cottage.
2. Turn right out of the gate, then take the path to the left into a woodland. Cross the brook at Gladys Leap, head diagonally to the right over a field to a kissing gate, then through one more field, straight across to another kissing gate.
3. Go right and continue following the tarmac track. Take the path on the left, heading towards the woods. Once in the woods, turn right and follow the footpath signs along the edge of Saltridge Wood.
4. At the crossing, take the right fork then keep right, following the path and bearing right again at the next fork. Turn left at the third fork, go up a short slope and follow the bridleway to the right.
5. Enter Sheepscombe Common and continue on the bridleway. Ignoring the gate to the left, follow the track, then take a path on the left leading up into St. Georges Field. There, follow the direction of the footpath arrow straight over the field.
6. On entering the wood, follow the path for a good while. Eventually it veers uphill to the left and leads out of the woods. Head left to the National Trust Ebworth Centre.
7. Head straight on through the yard of the Ebworth Centre, and continue following the footpath up through two fields and a small patch of woodland. Go straight over the next field. There are two gates in the hedge here: take the one to the right. Go straight

across the next field, through the gate then follow the waymarker posts for the
bridleway. This takes you down through another field, then over a little brook to the
right.

8. Turn left into the woods. You are now back on Cranham Common. Continue straight
on, back to the school.

End point: Cranham Common, grid ref: SO893125
