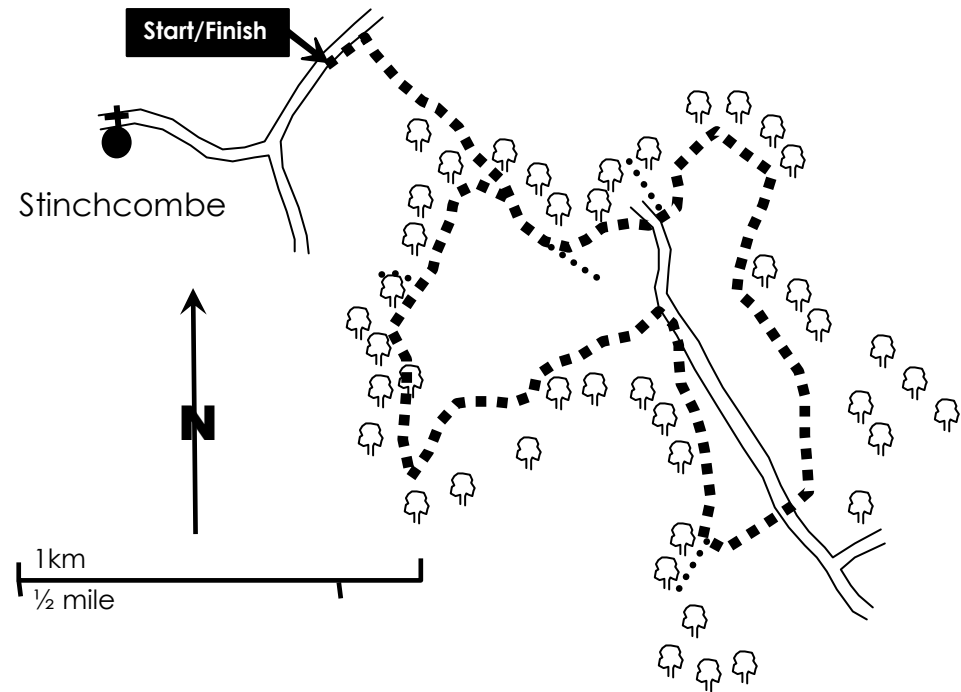


With your back to the Village Hall, cross the road and take the bridle path on the right, signposted Stinchcombe Hill. This is a steep hill and quite difficult underfoot.

When you reach the

top of the hill you will see a signpost for a bridleway and the Cotswold Way. You will see a very old mounting block on the right which was used when this track was the main Berkeley to London Road. Carry straight on along this path. After about 30 yards you will see a signpost for the Cotswold Way and public bridleway. Turn left here, walk straight on, cross the road. You will see a fingerpost ahead. Turn left and then right. You will reach an opening with a lovely view to the left of Mayhill. There is also a memorial seat which faces the Welsh Mountains and on a clear day you might see the conical Sugarloaf Mountain.

The path divides here, one clearly defined through the woods, the other a bridleway. Both paths join up and soon you will come upon a seat on your right with views over the market town of Dursley.



Follow the markers for the Cotswold Way to the right, near the 17<sup>th</sup> tee. At this point the bridleway carries on through the woods to the left. Shortly afterwards the two paths join up. You will pass the golf workshops on your left near to some woods, where bluebells grow.

Walk through the car park to the sign-post marked Cotswold Way and follow this, crossing the road. Carry on to the woods ahead. You will then see a signpost for Dursley 2 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles via Stinchcombe Hill. Turn right here to follow the sign.

Continue along the edge of the woods to

the public car park where there is another seat with views over to Bristol, Bath and the hills beyond as well as the two Severn Bridges. You will see Tyndale Monument in



the village of North Nibley in front of you, built to commemorate William Tyndale who first

translated the Bible into English. The path takes you slightly downhill, through some woodland but all the time contouring the hill. Pink Pyramidal Orchids grow particularly well here.



Continue to follow the contour of the hill to Drakestone point, another good place to sit and admire the views to the south.

Continuing in the same direction, you will pass a stone seat on your right, dedicated to Sir Stanley

Tubbs for his generosity in making the hill free to the public forever.



To the left are glorious views of the Berkeley Vale, the River Severn and the Welsh mountains. The grassy area to the right is Stinchcombe village green with a triangulation station and orientation map.

Continue in the same direction towards a stone look-out point. Turn right, follow the path and re-join the golf course at the 12<sup>th</sup> hole, where you will see the mounting block from the beginning of your walk. Turn left here onto the bridle track and retrace your steps carefully downhill to your start point at Stinchcombe Village Hall.



# Stinchcombe

One of a series of rambles in and around the village

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*This beautiful walk takes in views of the Welsh Mountains to the West as well as over to Bath and Bristol. In Spring and Summer listen out for the Skylarks singing overhead. The whole of Stinchcombe Hill is an Area of Natural Beauty and the grass full of wildflowers from Spring to Autumn.*

*It is also an 18 hole golf course. Please be courteous to the golfers and watch out for flying balls.*

*We suggest that suitable foot wear should be worn as the bridleway to Stinchcombe Hill can be quite slippery.*

**Start:** Stinchcombe Village Hall

**Refreshments:** None



SKYLARKS & ORCHIDS WALK