

## What's new in the Cotswolds, 2021 and beyond

The Cotswolds covers almost 800 square miles and is situated west of London and north west of the Great West Way<sup>®</sup>. Curious visitors can get 'off the beaten track' to explore further and delve deeper for a quintessential English experience. The Cotswolds makes an excellent addition to any Great West Way itinerary to lengthen your stay.

## Trade Itinerary 2021 linked with Great West Way

We are delighted to be an ambassador destination of the Great West Way. Working with the team, we have produced two new trade itineraries to encourage visitors along the Great West Way and reaching into the Cotswolds.

These will shortly be live on the website.

<u>www.cotswolds.com/trade/traveltrade/suggested-itineraries</u>



Wild Carrot - The business has expanded into The Barn on the famous Chavenage Estate, near Tetbury in easy reach of the Great West Way route, to be the base for Wild Carrot cycling experiences, but you can now stay too. Glampers can stay in a Bell Tent for safari style glamping or a Shepherds Hut for pure rural escapism. The site also has a cafe, Sundowners Bar and Bike workshop. The business is committed to sustainable eco-tourism and offers extraordinary experiences and unique stays in the grounds of the glorious Chavenage House.



## www.wildcarrot.co.uk

Cirencester's **Corinium Museum**'s 'Stone Age to Corinium: Discover the Archaeology of the Cotswolds' project has recently been opened by HRH Prince Charles. The new look museum aims to be more relevant to today's communities, and include new stone, bronze, iron age and early Roman interactive galleries.

Located in the centre of Cirencester the Capital town of the Cotswolds it is not far from the Great West Way and makes an interesting diversion to learn more about the history of the area.



The Double Red Duke at Clanfield - (Formally the Plough) will reopen its doors, after an extensive refurbishment and extension to the original hotel, in May 2021. From the interiors, the music, the food, the service to the art and everything small detail that makes up a lovely place to stay, eat or just while away the hours. Located not far from Lechlade & the River Thames it makes a great stop off on your Great West Way adventure.

www.countrycreatures.com/double-red-duke



Cloud Nine Glamping at Cirencester Park - From 19<sup>th</sup>
July until 30<sup>th</sup> August The Bathurst Estate will be
throwing open its gates and guests will have a choice
of boutique glamping options available from which to
enjoy the beauty of the woods and parkland. With an
array of activities on offer to suit all ages, abilities and
interests and a host of mouth watering food and drink
to sample there will be something for the whole
family to enjoy, and the dogs welcome too!
Located in Cirencester the Capital town of the
Cotswolds this makes a great base for exploration &
places such as Bath are in easy reach.
www.bathurstestate.co.uk/about-our/news/1402



https://cloudnineglamping.com/cotswolds/

Westonbirt – A 10 Year Vision was launched prior to Covid in which Westonbirt's mission is to connect people with trees to improve their quality of life and wellbeing (this is important now more than ever), to strengthen the connections between people and trees and to be a world leader in trees - inspiring people in 3 ways through education, conservation and participation.

Westonbirt is a key ambassador of the Great West Way on the Southern section of the route. Watch out for exciting plans in the coming decade. <a href="https://www.forestryengland.uk/Westonbirt/10-year-vision">www.forestryengland.uk/Westonbirt/10-year-vision</a>



Cotswold Canals Trust Restoration Project is now at Phase 1B, connecting the canal from Stonehouse to Saul Junction where it will join the existing Gloucester and Sharpness canal and so link to the wider canal network.

People from all walks of life, ages and abilities can now enjoy the benefits of the restored canal corridor.

www.cotswoldcanals.org.uk/about-us/the-canal-restoration-project/

www.stroud.gov.uk/news-archive/89million-lottery-bid-for-key-canal-restoration



For more information on what's new in The Cotswolds including brand new experiences, activities and accommodation see

www.cotswolds.com/trade/press-and-media/whats-new

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