

Chedworth Roman Villa, Bibury & Northleach

Step #		Miles		
		Short	Med	Long
Short, med & long routes: follow instructions below.				
1	TR out of campsite	0	0	0
2	TL onto cycle path before RBT	0.1	0.1	0.1
3	Cross road, cycle down to u'pass & TR through u'pass.	0.2	0.2	0.2
4	TR at far end of u'pass	0.3	0.3	0.3
5	Take 1st exit off RBT SP Hatherley, then SO @ ASDA RBT SP Hatherley.	0.5	0.5	0.5
6	SO at next RBT	0.8	0.8	0.8
7	SO at RBT SP Up Hatherley & Bacon Theatre	0.9	0.9	0.9
8	TL at RBT into Hatherley Road SP Bacon Theatre	1.1	1.1	1.1
9	SO at double mini RBT to follow Hatherley Road	1.8	1.8	1.8
10	BL at mini RBT	2	2	2
11	TR into Hatherley Court Road	2.2	2.2	2.2
12	TR at TJ into St Stephen's Road (no nameplate, but post box on right)	2.4	2.4	2.4
13	TR at mini RBT into "The Park" (no nameplate but large white house on right)	2.6	2.6	2.6
14	Follow round "The Park". Beware unhelpful (dangerous) road narrowings!	2.7	2.7	2.7
15	TR at mini RBT into Moorend Park Road	2.9	2.9	2.9
16	SO at traffic lights	3	3	3
17	SO at RBT into Moorend Road	3.2	3.2	3.2
18	TR at TJ into Leckhampton Road (no nameplate).	3.5	3.5	3.5
19	SO at double mini RBTS (Co-op on right, no more shops for several miles)	3.7	3.7	3.7
20	Follow main road. It climbs steeply to start with but eases after 0.3 miles	4.1	4.1	4.1
21	Lay-by on LHS & bench seat opposite. Take a breather & enjoy the view to the right.	4.6	4.6	4.6
22	TL into Hartley Lane. No nameplate but there is a yellow fire hydrant opposite junction. Road climbs steadily for 0.5 miles.	5.1	5.1	5.1
23	Road levels out. Follow lane for 1.5 miles.	5.6	5.6	5.6
24	At 1st RBT TR SP North Cerney, Colesbourne,	7	7	7
25	At 2nd RBT BL SP North Cerney, Colesbourne.	7.1	7.1	7.1
26	TL SP Hilcot & Upper Coberley	7.4	7.4	7.4
27	BL No SP (cottage on right). Fast descent now follows.	8.4	8.4	8.4
28	WARNING! Beware hidden crossroads BEFORE bottom of hill! SO SP Withington & follow road for 2 miles. Lookout for deer and other wildlife.	9.3	9.3	9.3
29	In Withington TR SP Chedworth & Cirencester.	11.5	11.5	11.5
30	TL marked "Unsuitable for heavy motors"	11.6	11.6	11.6
31	At TJ TR (No SP)	11.7	11.7	11.7
32	Arrive at Mill Inn.	11.8	11.8	11.8
33	TR into Kings Head Lane SP Roman Villa	11.9	11.9	11.9
34	Kings Head PH on right. Good unpretentious local pub (no food).	12	12	12
35	Pass the pub & climb the lane out the village.	12.2	12.2	12.2
36	SO at oblique crossroads SP Yanworth & Roman Villa. Note: SP is possibly confusing, but follow river valley, keeping river on your LHS	13	13	13
37	TR SP Roman Villa. The café will be open for all visitors. Villa museum has entrance charge (NT members free).	14.2	14.2	14.2
38	Leave Roman Villa & return to bottom of hill.	14.4	14.4	14.4
Long & Med routes: Go to step 48				
Short route: follow instructions below				
39	TL and return to Mill Inn at Withington.	14.6		
40	From the Mill Inn retrace route into the village but do not turn left. Then SO SP Cheltenham	17		
41	Follow road around with church on RHS and leave the village.	17.1		
42	CARE - BUSY ROAD. SO SP Andoversford & Dowdeswell	18.6		
43	Another BUSY ROAD. SO SP Dowdeswell	19.4		
44	TR SP Burial Ground & Whittington.	20.1		
45	DANGER ! VERY fast road esp. from the right! With great care TR onto A40 SP Oxford.	20.8		
46	TL SP Whittington. After ~200m is Whittington Court. Really interesting place if you have time and only open for 2 weeks per year!	21		
47	TL SP Ham	21.1		
Short route: go to step 101				
Long & med routes: follow instructions below				
48	At bottom of hill SO SP Yanworth & Northleach		14.6	14.6
49	TR SP Fossebridge & Cirencester		15.8	15.8
50	Cross river then BL		16.2	16.2

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Long route only : Go to step 57				
Med route: follow instruction below				
51	Med Ride only: TL SP Stowell & Northleach		16.6	
52	BR SP Northleach & Stow -on-the-Wold		17.3	
53	SO SP Northleach & Stow -on-the-Wold		18.2	
54	Cross main road to go SO SP Mill End		18.7	
55	At TJ TL SP Northleach. (Note road name "All Alone")		19.2	
56	Follow one way into centre of Northleach.		19.3	
Med route: go to step 78				
Long route: follow instruction below				
57	SO SP Fossebridge & Cirencester			16.6
58	SO SP Fossebridge & Cirencester			17.1
59	CARE - BUSY ROAD. TL onto A429 (Fosse Way) SP Northleach & Bibury			17.6
60	TR SP Coln St Dennis & Bibury			17.7
61	TR SP Coln St Dennis & Bibury			17.8
62	BR (No SP)			18.2
63	SO SP Winson & Bibury (Saxon Church down lane to the left)			19.1
64	BL SP Winson & Bibury			19.3
65	BR Winson & Bibury			19.5
66	TL SP Winson Village Only			19.8
67	BR near post-box & follow lane through village.			19.9
68	TL SP Ablington & Bibury			20
69	SO i.e. keep right (no SP)			20.1
70	SO SP Barnsley & Cirencester.			20.9
71	TL SP Bibury & Burford			21.6
72	Enjoy Bibury. Visit Arlington Row, St Mary's Church, the Trout Farm (fish usually visible in river), etc.			22.4
73	Leave Bibury. TL @ Swan Hotel SP Bibury Trout Farm.			22.4
74	BR SP Northleach & Cheltenham			23.1
75	BL onto The Saltway (No SP)			24.5
76	SO at crossroads SP Fossebridge & Northleach			26
77	TR at crossroads SP Northleach.			26.1
78	Arrive into Northleach Market Place. Pubs & shops nearby. Attractive small town.			28
Long & med routes continued:				
79	Leave Market Place with Cenotaph on right & pharmacy on left, then TL along West End		19.3	28.1
80	At traffic lights with A429, TR SP Stow & Cheltenham		19.6	28.4
81	TL SP Hampnett		19.7	28.5
82	CARE: A40 (very fast traffic). SO (No SP)		20.9	29.7
83	After 30m TL SP Hazleton		20.9	29.7
84	TL (No SP)		22.5	31.3
85	SO SP Cheltenham		22.5	31.3
86	TR SP Salperton & Winchcombe		22.8	31.6
87	TR SP Salperton & Winchcombe		23.6	32.4
88	TR SP Salperton Park Church		23.7	32.5
89	TL		24.4	33.2
90	TL		24.6	33.4
91	TR (No SP)		25	33.8
92	SO A436 SP Brockhampton & Sevenhampton		26.1	34.9
93	SO SP Brockhampton & Sevenhampton		26.8	35.6
94	SO SP Brockhampton		27.1	35.9
95	Brockhampton village. (Craven Arms is a good traditional pub, possibly with food - next left beyond junction). Otherwise TL in front of bus stop.		27.8	36.6
96	TR & cross over stream. Use bridge because ford is VERY slippery!		28.4	37.2
97	TL SP Whittington & Andoversford		28.5	37.3
98	TR SP Whittington & Cheltenham		29.2	38
99	SO SP Whittington & Cheltenham		29.5	38.3
100	SO SP Ham (phone box on right)	21.1	30.1	38.9
Short, med & long rides continued				
101	TL SP Whalley Farm	21.4	30.4	39.2
102	SO SP Ham & Cheltenham	21.9	30.9	39.7
103	Pass under power line. A STEEP and DANGEROUS descent is coming up.	22.8	31.8	40.6
104	SLOWLY descend steep hill. Narrow & twisty on lower slopes so take care.	22.9	31.9	40.7

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105	BL at post-box and bench.	23.6	32.6	41.4
106	TR into Ryeworth Road	24	33	41.8
107	At traffic lights with A40, SO into Copt Elm Road	24.4	33.4	42.2
108	At mini RBT TR into Lyefield Road West	24.7	33.7	42.5
109	At traffic lights SO into Moorend Road	25	34	42.8
110	TR (opposite block of flats) onto shared use path through park SP Town Centre. Follow path through park, ignoring any turns off into residential streets. Beware barriers, pedestrians & esp. dogs in park. The large man made "empty" lake in the park was created to act as flood water buffer just before the 2007 floods. It almost worked.....	25.2	34.2	43
111	Path ends. Pass barriers & enter carriageway at mini RBT. SO into Sandford Road SP General Hospital.	25.9	34.9	43.7
112	TL into College Lawn. Cheltenham Boys College on far side of cricket field.	26	35	43.8
113	TR into Thirlestaine Road	26.1	35.1	43.9
114	At traffic lights SO SP Gloucester, Tewkesbury, motorway, etc.	26.3	35.3	44.1
115	TL into Painswick Road. This area is known as Tivoli & is one of the older parts of Cheltenham, with Montpellier close by.	26.7	35.7	44.5
116	TR into Andover Road. (Possibly the best pub in Cheltenham "The Jolly Brewmaster" lies 50m further down Painswick Road with perfect bike parking in the large rear courtyard garden. Strongly recommended (I don't even get commission!).	26.8	35.8	44.6
117	Follow Andover Road. It becomes the main road shortly so take care at the junction.	27	36	44.8
118	Pass filling station on you right then on to traffic lights. The stone building on the island is an electricity sub-station, built in 1929 & designed to "blend in" with surroundings!	27.1	36.1	44.9
119	SO through traffic lights. This road is quite busy & a cycle path is available on the other side of the road if you prefer.	27.1	36.1	44.9
120	Follow main road towards Gloucester through two more sets of traffic lights.	27.2	36.2	45
121	Cross bridge over railway to yet another set of traffic lights near to Shell filling staion on LHS.	27.6	36.6	45.4
122	SO through traffic lights.	27.7	36.7	45.5
123	TL onto path BEFORE light controlled crossing. Go through hole in hedge into Campden Road.	28	37	45.8
124	Follow Campden Road as it runs parellel to main road.	28.1	37.1	45.9
125	SO into Miserden Road	28.3	37.3	46.1
126	At end of Miserden Road TR then imm. TL onto cycle path. BEWARE blind corner hiding traffic approaching from RHS. Follow path to u'pass.	28.7	37.7	46.5
127	TR through u'pass then imm. TL up to roadside.	28.9	37.9	46.7
128	Cross road onto cycle path beyond then follow path round to next road.	29	38	46.8
129	TR SP Churchdown, Staverton, etc.	29.1	38.1	46.9
130	Arrive back at Briarfields campsite.	29.2	38.2	47
131	THE END! I hope you enjoyed it.			