



# Dursley Welcomes Walkers

## **Circular walk from Dursley Town Centre** **A 3 mile circular walk visiting St. George's Church** **Cam and Cam Peak**

Leave Dursley Pool/Sainsbury's car park by the steps at the right of the Pool and enter The Knapp. Continue straight along The Knapp towards Rednock School, conspicuous by the Sedum roof, one of its many sustainable, eco-friendly features. At the end of The Knapp turn right down the road to pass through a large metal gate and follow the path to a road. Turn right, and right again into Lister Road. At the end of the houses go down left to a wooden footbridge that crosses the River Cam. Follow the footpath as it bends right, then left, around a terrace of houses and continue ahead to a road.

Cross the road and enter St George's churchyard. The tower and other parts of the building date from the C14th and the church usually is open. Follow the path around the church on the left side; ahead of you is the former Cam National School building. Turn right along the road for 20 yards to a fingerpost pointing left by a cream cottage. Go up, through the metal gate, and bear right up the field to another metal kissing gate. Here ignore the first gate on your right and go up 10 yards to the next one. Through this gate go left up two fields on roughly the same line to enter a plantation and continue through this, on the obvious path, to a road. Cross with care.

Ahead of you is Cam Peaked Down, frequently called just Cam Peak. To the left is Cam Long Down. You have a choice of three routes here.

A) Bearing right, follow the footsteps straight up the Peak. It is as steep as it looks but you will feel proud of yourself as you enjoy the 360 degree panorama. When you have gazed long enough, and got your breath back, go down the grassy slope left, towards Long Down, to a fingerpost.

B) Go ahead up the more gentle slope to the grassy shoulder and then right up to the Peak. Come back this way to the fingerpost.

C) Go up the track ahead and swing left before the house then enter the wood into a cutting, which often is extremely muddy, to reach a fingerpost at a crossroads of paths. Take a detour right, up the Peak and its view, if you wish.

From the fingerpost the walk can be extended by visiting Cam Long Down and returning to this point. However, this route continues ahead, following the Cotswold Way and abundant signs. Go down the path, turn right and in a few yards left to descend a field. Cross the road, bearing right, and walk between the fence and the stream into fields where the yellow lollipop signs are there to guide you. You will ascend after 400 yards to a metal gate and go right following Cotswold Way signs through more fields to walk down a private road. At the bottom turn up left into Long Street by the fine metal fingerpost. Ahead of you at the top of the road is Dursley Town Hall (1738). A right turn will take you back to the start at the Dursley Pool/Sainsbury's car park.

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