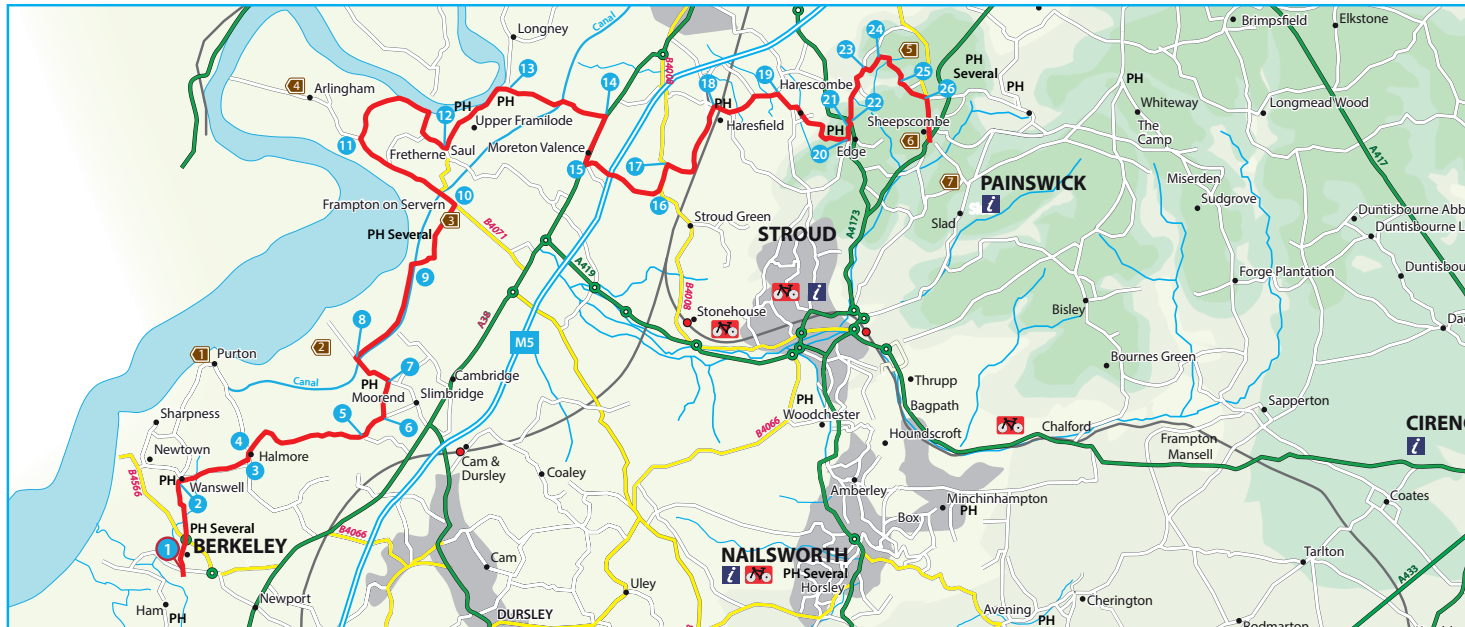


# Berkeley to Painswick

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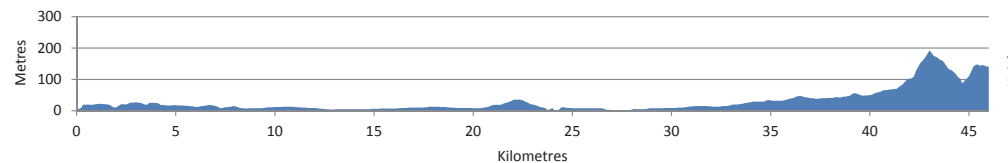
- 1 From Berkeley market square head north along Marybrook Street SP SHARPNESS.
- 2 TR SP HALMORE/BREADSTONE.
- 3 TL SP HALMORE/PURTON.
- 4 TR SP GOSSINGTON/SLIMBRIDGE.
- 5 TL SP SLIMBRIDGE.
- 6 TL along LIGHTENBROOK LANE.
- 7 TL at KINGSTON ROAD.
- 8 Cross bridge over the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal and TR along the towpath. Continue past the next bridge.
- 9 TR over SPLATT BRIDGE and into Frampton on Severn.
- 10 Turn left SP SAUL/FRAMILODE/ARLINGHAM. Head towards ARLINGHAM.
- 11 TR SP OVERTON LANE.
- 12 TL SP UPPER FRAMILODE.

**IMPORTANT - It is at the next junction that the more strenuous route leads to Painswick and then to Winchcombe as opposed to the easier route to Gloucester and then to Winchcombe.**

- 13 For Painswick TR along CASTLE LANE.
- 14 **Extreme care crossing A38.** TR SP BRISTOL.
- 15 TL SP STANDISH and bear round to the left.
- 16 TL SP GLOUCESTER.
- 17 **Care crossing the B4008.** TR SP HARESCOMBE/HARESFIELD.
- 18 TR SP HARESCOMBE/BROOKTHORPE. Cross railway and bear round to the left.

- 19 TR SP HARESCOMBE. In 300 yds bear left at farm yard.
- 20 TL SP STROUD/GLOUCESTER.
- 21 TL SP BROOKTHORPE/GLOUCESTER.
- 22 **Extreme Care crossing A4173, TL along SEVERNLEAZE LANE.**
- 23 TR SP HOLCOMBE.
- 24 **Speed aware – Steep descent on narrow lane. Beware of on coming traffic.**
- 25 Bear left.
- 26 At T junction with B4073 TR **Care crossing B4073.** Take a light descent into Painswick.

Berkeley to Painswick 47km



## At a Glance

A ride in two parts, the first two thirds an easy flat ride through the Severn Vale, along quiet country lanes and the Gloucester and Sharpness Canal. The second half graded strenuous as you ascend the Cotswold escarpment and into the historic wool town of Painswick 'The Queen of the Cotswolds'.

**Grade** - First two thirds easy, final third strenuous.

**Distance** - 30 miles / 47 km

## Points of interest

1. Purton Boat Graveyard
2. Slimbridge Wildlife and Wetlands Trust
3. Frampton on Severn Village Green (Largest in England)
4. St. Augustine's Farm, Arlingham
5. Painswick Beacon
6. Painswick Rococo Gardens
7. Painswick Churchyard Yew Trees
8. Prinknash Bird Park

## Key to Map Symbols:

- A Road
- B Road
- Minor Road
- Motorway
- Built-up Area
- Roundabouts
- Railway Stations
- Railway Lines
- Lakes
- Rivers
- Points of Interest
- P.O.I. numbers\*
- Cycle Shops or Cycle Hire\*\*
- Public Houses
- Visitor Information Centres
- Cycle Route
- Route Marker
- Route Start Point Marker
- Cycle Route into Town
- Cycle Route out of Town
- Turn left
- Turn right
- Signpost

\* Please note symbols indicate Cycle Shop within town/village and not precise location.

\*\* Route attraction numbers start as you leave each hub town in a clockwise direction.

## Contour Information

305m
229m
152m
76m



# Berkeley to Painswick

The centre-piece of Berkeley is the magnificent 12th century Berkeley Castle with its dark and brooding bloodstained history, where Edward II was brutally murdered in 1327. It is the oldest inhabited castle in England, having been home to 24 generations of the Berkeley family. The little town itself is well worth exploring and includes Dr Jenner's House. It was from this house in 1796 that Edward Jenner pioneered the vaccination against smallpox that changed the world. Edward Jenner was born in Berkeley and The Chantry, where the museum is located, was his home for 38 years.

Along the canal between Berkeley and Slimbridge why not veer off to the Purton Boat Graveyard which has long been used as a graveyard for old barges or stop off at Slimbridge known for the extraordinary Wildfowl and Wetland Trust Reserve on the banks of the Severn Estuary. You will also go through beautiful villages such as Frampton, "reputed to have the longest green in England", Arlingham & Haresfield which has the Haresfield Beacon an ancient hillfort and a famous local beauty spot.

This historic wool town of Painswick, known as 'The Queen of the Cotswolds', and is one of the finest and best-preserved Cotswolds settlements. It is at the mid-point of the Cotswolds Way and surrounded by marvellous walking country. The Rococo Gardens, Painswick Beacon and the picturesque villages of Sheepscombe, Edge and Slad are all within a mile or so of the centre. New Street contains the oldest building in England which used to house a Post Office, the country's oldest bowling green and one of the most memorable churchyards in the country – with 99 yew trees. This small town has become well-known for its award-winning hotels and inns, specialist craft and antique shops and its summer Arts Festival.

## Things to do on route

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### Painswick (Hub town)

**The Falcon** (in town),  
New Street, Painswick, GL6 6UN  
[www.falconpainswick.co.uk](http://www.falconpainswick.co.uk)  
01452 814222

**Upper Dorey's Mill B&B**,  
Edge, Painswick, GL6 6NF  
[www.doreys.co.uk](http://www.doreys.co.uk)  
01452 812459

**Cardynham House** (in town),  
Tibbiwell Lane, Painswick, GL6 6XX  
[www.cardynham.co.uk](http://www.cardynham.co.uk)  
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