

1 With your back to the Village Hall, go left down the tree lined Avenue. At the junction, turn right in front of the Yew Tree and go straight on. In less than 0.8km/0.5mi, and after Windways sign on your right, take the road/track on your right through the old iron gates (they are open) opposite the road named Broadmere.

2 This is a long and steep hill. Towards the top you will come up to the gates of a white house where you bear left behind the house for another 100 metres/yards. Just before the wooden gates leading to a house on this road/track, turn immediately left onto a rough track which takes you to the top of Stinchcombe Hill. If you haven't got off your bike already, you probably will now as the track can be quite muddy and very steep - but it isn't far to the top.

3 You've done the really hard work when you arrive at the top on the golf course and you have met the road that ends at the house. Go left along this road across the golf course, passing the clubhouse and car park, until you get to a road on your left signposted Dursley. Turn left into this road and, 30 metres ahead, go right on a muddy track into the woods. This is where you can enjoy some really good mountain biking.

4 There are lots of good tracks through these woods but keep bearing right where you can, staying up towards the top of the hill. You eventually want to get back onto the road which is the continuation of the one across the golf course. There are many tracks back to that road and you can always come back into the woods and try another one!

5 Eventually you will meet a road that is a continuation of the road running across the golf course. Turn left onto it and carry on until you reach a junction with the main Dursley/Tetbury road. If you have dropped down too far in the woods, you will come out on the busy Whiteway Hill and you must turn right until you meet the road on your right signposted Stinchcombe Hill.

6 From this junction, where you will have done some **6 km/4 mi**, take a right turn up the main road but only for 80 metres/50 yards and then turn right into a small lane which is marked "Unsuitable for HGV's. Hairpin Bend. Steep Hill 20%". This says it all and it means you

have to have excellent brakes and keen eyes and hearing as it is single track and you may meet a vehicle coming up. So be vigilant!

7 The road takes you all the way down into Waterley Bottom (very quickly) where you can enjoy the peace and tranquility of the valley. At the cross roads you then have 2 options - a shorter route back to Stinchcombe, or carrying on through North Nibley and a more circuitous route home.

8 For the shorter route take the right turn signposted Dursley - it also points towards the New Inn. After 0.4 km /0.25 mi, you can take a right up to the New Inn (a dead end). If you are not going to the pub, bear left, then right, and this takes you along the north of the valley. Ignore the road to your right signposted Dursley and continue until the road forks and take the right hand fork signposted Dursley (Lorries to North Nibley and Wotton under Edge). This undulating road takes you into Stancombe, with a sharp left turn alongside the wall to the big house, and on to meet the main Dursley - Wotton Road, B4060.

9 Turn right onto this road and in a mile or so you will be back at Stinchcombe Village Hall (**13 km/8 mi**).

10 For the longer route from 7. above, go straight on at the cross roads signposted North Nibley and Wotton under Edge. After a mile or so on this road, you will come into North Nibley where there is a shop and the Black Horse Pub.

11 At the pub, you meet the Dursley-Wotton Road. Go straight across. Continue along this road, going down a very steep hill (Frog Lane) with a sharp chicane at the bottom. This needs some care if you are going fast. Keep going for another 1.2 km/.75 mi and you will see a right turn to Stinchcombe. Take this and, in Stinchcombe, bear right at the War Memorial and up the hill to the main road. Turn left and you will soon be back at the Village Hall (**14 km/9 mi**).



Stinchcombe

Cycling in and around the village of Stinchcombe

This takes you over Stinchcombe Hill and back through Waterley Bottom, with good off-road cycling through woods and long downhill runs. Two routes are offered, one slightly shorter than the other. Allow 2 hours maximum for the longer route and 1.5 hours for the shorter, depending how long you spend in the woods!

Mountain bikes with a lot of gears are required. Distances in bold tell you how far you have gone.

Start: Stinchcombe Village Hall

Refreshments: The New Inn at Waterley Bottom and a shop & the Black Horse pub in North Nibley.



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Shorter route

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hours

Longer route

UP HILL, DOWN BOTTOM 14

Cam Peak and the Long Down

1 With your back to the Village Hall, go left down the tree lined Avenue. At the junction, turn right in front of the Yew Tree pub and go straight on.

2 At the mini roundabout turn left and, after 150 metres/100 yards, turn right into Woodview Road. Carry on down the hill to the "T" junction.

3 You are now opposite Cam Mills (Milliken – where they make the cloth for snooker tables and tennis balls). Turn left and, at next junction, turn right into Station Road.

4 Go past the Railway Inn and follow the road around to the right, ignoring the turn to Ashmead and Coaley.

5 When you can see (and are almost up to) St George's Church on your right, where the road turns sharp right, go straight on into Springhill. This is a steepish hill and leads up to Cam Peak and the Long Down.

6 When the road evens out, you are at the bottom of Cam Peak. You will have

completed **5 km/3 mi**. You can go off the road and up the peak if you wish to enjoy the spectacular views



Cam Peak and the Long Down

across the River Severn to the Forest of Dean and the Welsh Hill beyond.

7 Continue on the road through Ashmead and on to where the road bears sharply left towards Coaley. Carry on into the village where you will find the Fox and Hounds pub on your left. You will go on through the village and keep on this road all the way to Cam and Dursley railway station. You will have completed **11 km /7 mi** at this point.

8 The road continues for another 800 metres/0.5miles or so until you come to a "T" junction. Turn left and go past the Shell garage (Millwood's).

9 Carry on past Cam Tyres and Autos on your left and then take first right into Draycott which leads into Manor Avenue. Go up the hill on this road until you reach the Upper Knapp Farm Day Nursery where you turn right into Pevellands.

10 Take the tarmac cycle track towards The Quarry and Stinchcombe. Ride up the hill and past Woodfields School and onto the road – The Quarry.

11 Continue to the road junction by the Yew Tree pub. Turn right, and immediately right again, and then bear left on to the Wotton under Edge road, B4060. Go up the tree lined Avenue back to the Village Hall. **15 km /9.5 mi**.



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Cycling in and around the village of Stinchcombe

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The ride takes you through villages and to Cam Peak and Cam Long Down where there are wonderful views.

It is relatively easy, with a couple of small hills, and suitable for all bikes. Distances in bold show how far you have ridden.

Start: Stinchcombe Village Hall

Refreshments: Fox and Hounds pub at Coaley



CAM PEAK AND LONG DOWN

