



LOCAL INFORMATION

Pittville Pump Room

The Pump Room is a monument to more than 100 years of fame which Cheltenham enjoyed as a spa town. Pittville Pump Room is Cheltenham's most spectacular private hire venue. When not in use, you can wander into the Main Auditorium to see its fine interior and sample the fountain's historically medicinal Spa Waters for free. The Pump Rooms are open Wednesday to Sunday 10am-4pm.

Gustav Holst Museum

The Museum is a memorial to Holst, one of England's most respected composers, best known for his work *The Planets*. It is one of only two composer birthplace museums in the country. The house was built in 1832 and is typical of the many smaller Regency terraced houses built in Cheltenham at that time. Gustav Holst was born here on 21st September 1874 and lived here until 1882, shortly after his mother died. He died in London on 25th May 1934. The museum is open Tuesday-Saturday 10am – 4pm.

Montpellier Gardens

Montpellier Gardens lie close to the town centre and are an important part of Cheltenham's regency landscape. Many of the buildings surrounding the gardens are listed grade one. The site has been owned by the borough council since 1893 and is part of the Cheltenham Central Conservation Area which, at over 600 hectares, is one of the largest in the country. The gardens can be broadly split into two recreational zones. You'll find most of the park facilities in the southern section, including toilets, cafe, tennis courts and a toddlers' play area. The larger informal northern section is used for promenading, sitting, and informal children's play. In the north-western corner of the park there's a small arboretum where you'll find some interesting and unusual trees.

The Wilson Art Gallery & Museum

Gloucestershire's premier art gallery and museum home to an internationally significant museum collection of exceptional quality and variety, changing displays of our Designated Arts and Crafts Movement collection, fine art collections, and The Paper Store, which houses our fascinating archives relating to Antarctic explorer Edward A. Wilson, Cheltenham's history and the Emery Walker Library. The Gallery is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:30am- 5:15pm, Thursday 9:30am- 7:45pm and Sunday 11am- 4pm.

Gloucester Cathedral

The Cathedral is steeped in almost 1,000 years of history and around every corner there is a new story to find. The Cathedral is open 365 days a year and you can see or do something different every time you visit. It is recommended that you check the Cathedral calendar before visiting as from time to time there may be limited access around the building due to services and events. The Cathedral opening times are daily 7:30am- 6:00pm in term time.

MAP OF CHELTENHAM

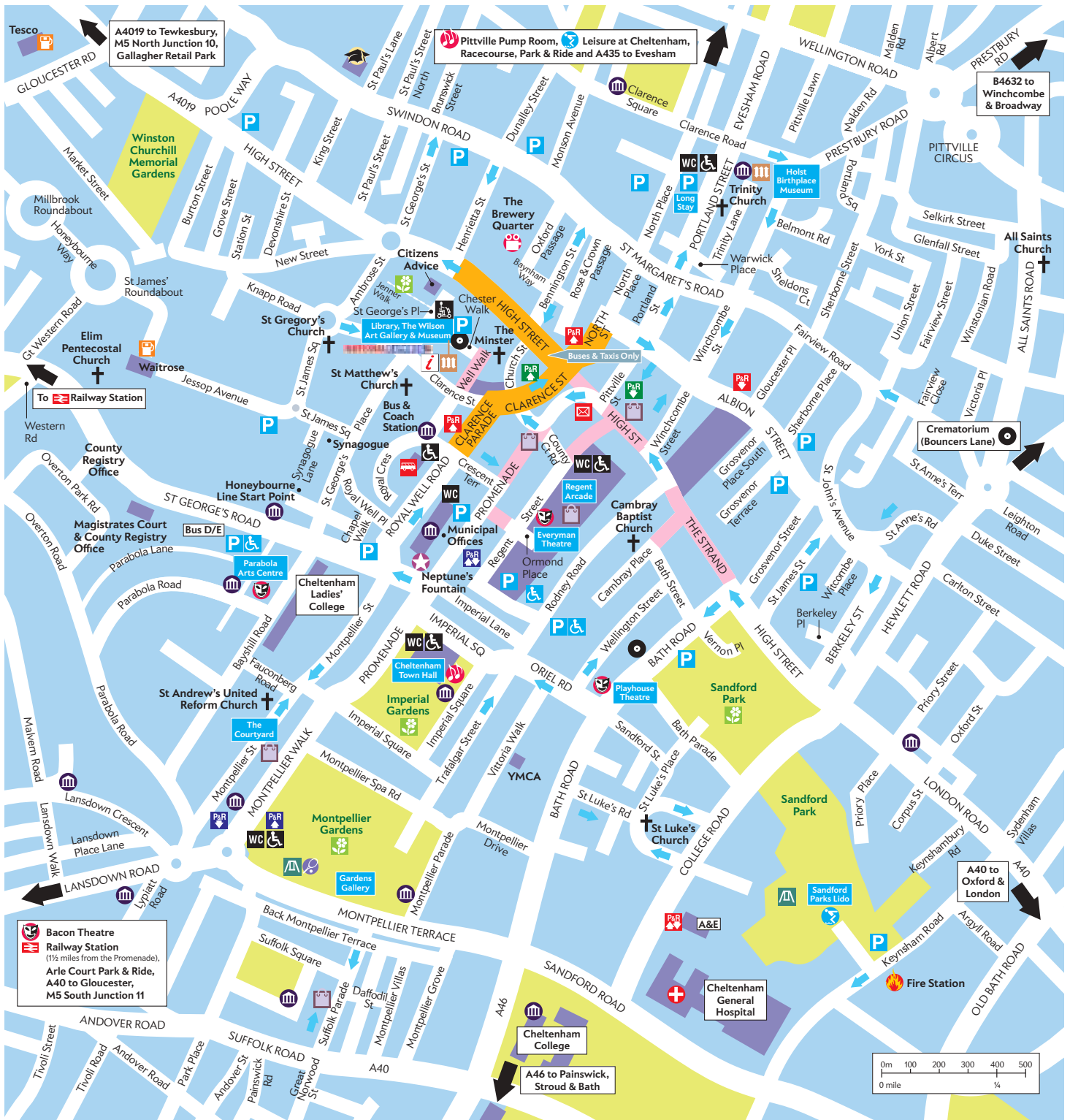
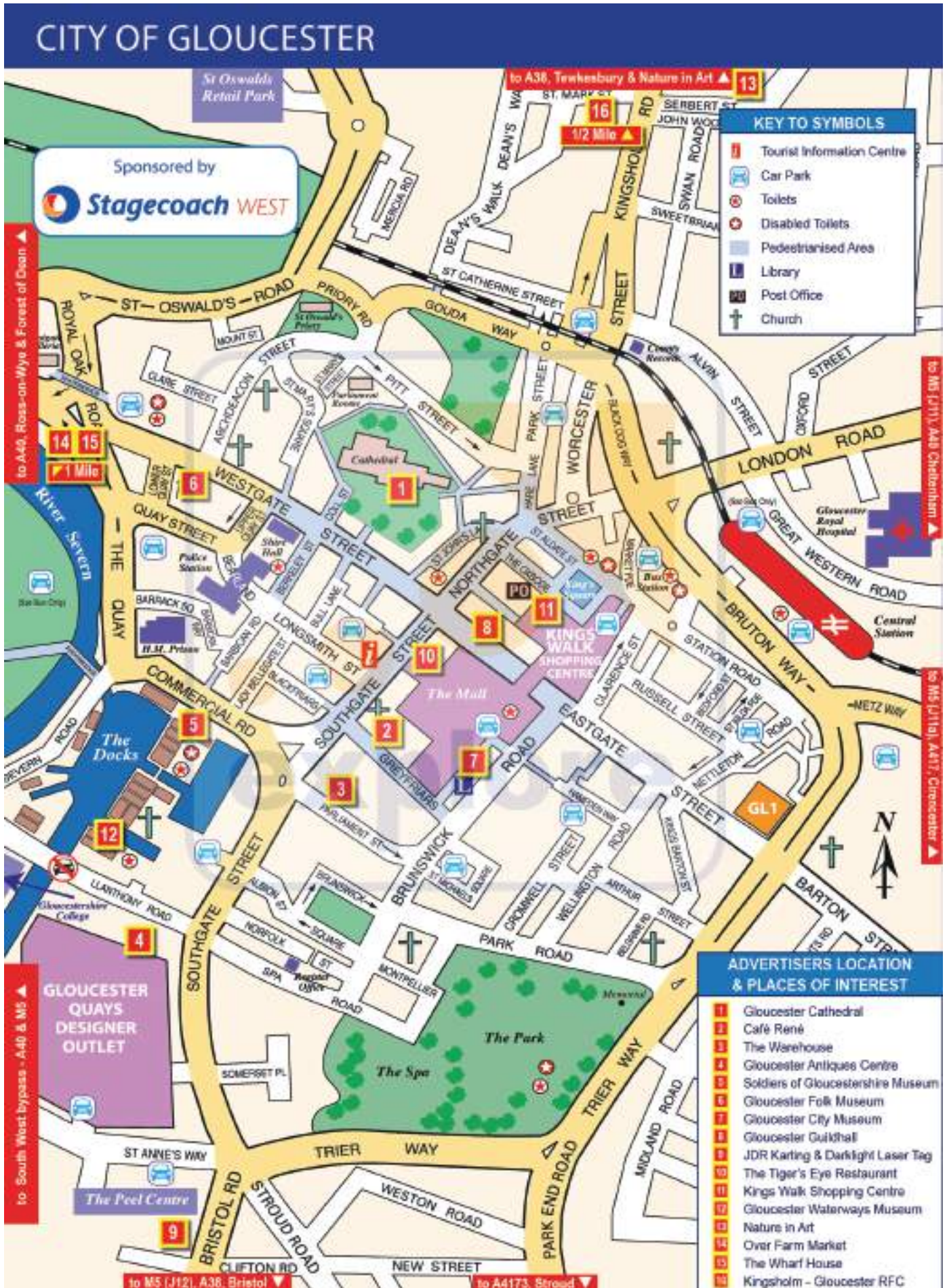


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MAP OF GLOUCESTER



THE ROMANTIC ROAD

Route One

Winchcombe

Set above the River Isbourne, Winchcombe is arguably the hidden jewel in the Cotswold crown. The town became prosperous from its Abbey (one of the largest Benedictine monasteries in England), its wool trade and as a producer of tobacco. Although the Abbey (and the tobacco!) have gone there is still much to see of historic Winchcombe. If you take a stroll along Gloucester Street through Abbey Terrace to Hailes Street and then back along Chandos Street and down North Street you will see the wealth of the town reflected in many of the buildings as well as in the surrounding countryside.

Stanway

A hamlet dominated by the imposing Jacobean Cotswold Mansion known as Stanway House, and currently the home of Lord & Lady Neidpath. The gardens, grounds and fountain attract visitors from far and wide - the fountain the tallest in Britain at over 300 feet and indeed the tallest gravity fountain in the world. Open for just two/three afternoons per week in June, July and August this spectacle is well worth a visit.

Stanton

Just a mile further down the road is the sprawling village with its' eclectic mix of farmhouses and cottages lining the village streets. At one end of the main street the hill rises steeply to the Mount Inn - a fair climb but well rewarded by a pint and a ploughman's. Look out for the village cross and diagonal chimney stacks on some of the buildings.

Broadway

Broadway is a small village belonging to the county of Worcestershire; it is also part of the Cotswolds. Historically Broadway acted as a busy stagecoach stop on the route from Worcester to London and became home to many artists and writers.

Chipping Campden

Chipping Campden is one of the loveliest small towns in the Cotswolds and a gilded masterpiece of limestone and craftsmanship. The main street curves in a shallow arc lined with a succession of ancient houses each grafted to the next but each with its own distinctive embellishments.

Moreton-In-Marsh

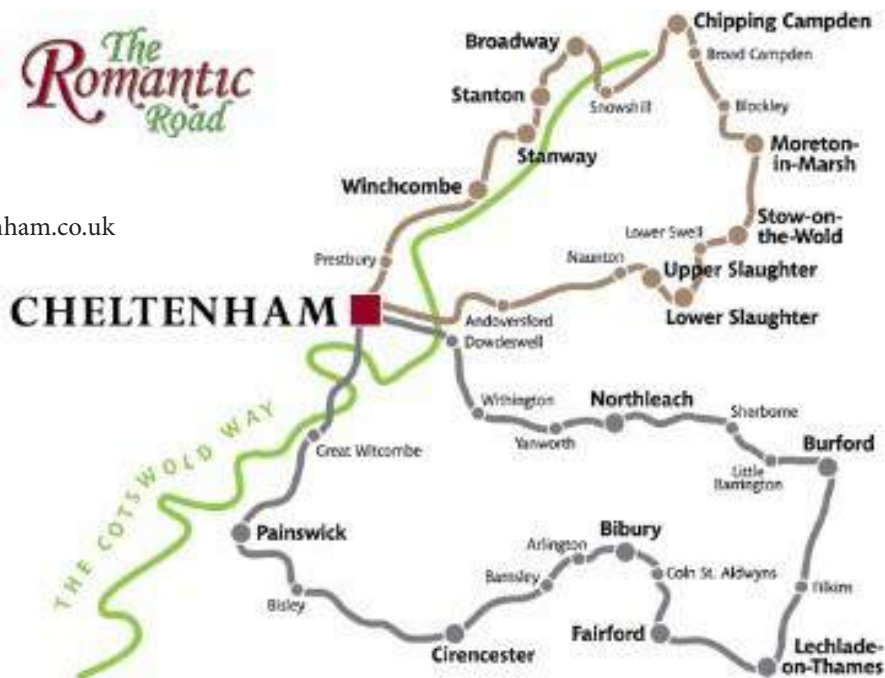
Moreton-in-Marsh is one of the principal market towns in the northern Cotswolds situated on the Fosse Way and now served by the main line railway from London Paddington. It grew up in the thirteenth century as a market town with a wide main street, narrow burgage plots and back lanes. There still is a busy Tuesday market with about 200 stalls attracting many visitors. See image of Tolls charged in 1905.

Stow-On-The-Wold

Is the quintessential English town. Mellow Cotswold stone houses, shops and hotels are surrounded by the world famous Cotswold's countryside. Sitting elegantly at the hub of the Cotswolds, Stow is a natural and historic meeting place. Stow has a fine selection of Cotswold shops, luxury hotels and charming Cotswold accommodation.

Upper Slaughter & Lower Slaughter

Two of the prettiest villages in the Cotswolds are Upper Slaughter and Lower Slaughter. Lower Slaughter especially is much sought out by tourists eager to record the scenery with their cameras. The name of Slaughter has no connection with blood but is derived from the old English word Slohtre meaning a muddy place, which it may once have been but not anymore.



Route 2

Northleach

Northleach is a small Cotswold market town in Gloucestershire, England. It constitutes the major part of the civil parish of Northleach with Eastington.

Burford

One of England's prettiest small medieval towns is a busy community of about 1,000 people. The town merchants were granted a charter to hold their own markets over 900 years ago, and the current business people, who have developed this site, continue the long tradition of good service and the supply of excellent luxury and essential goods to both residents and visitors.

Lechlade-On-Thames

Lechlade is a small market town on the River Thames in Gloucestershire at the southern edge of the Cotswolds. The town is a popular venue for tourism and river-based activities. There are several pubs, some antique shops, a convenience store, food outlets, a garden centre and a Christmas shop. Near the 15th century Church of England parish church of Saint Lawrence, in the centre of the town, there is a large open space which is now a car park.

Fairford

Fairford sits on the south east edge of the Cotswolds. It has a population of just over 4000 and although small benefits from a wide range of facilities including a Pre-School, Primary School, Secondary School, Doctor's Surgery, a hospital outpatient clinic, two Dentists, an Opticians, a Library, Sports Hall, a Community Centre, and the Palmer Hall. There are also some good shops and a Post Office.

Bibury

Bibury is about as typical a Cotswold village as you could wish to find. The village consists of a narrow main road winds through streets of Cotswold stone lined buildings down to the River Coln, over a small river bridge and out towards Burford. It is a major destination for tourists visiting the traditional rural villages, tea houses and many historic buildings of the Cotswold District; it is one of six places in the country featured in Mini-Europe, Brussels.

Cirencester

Cirencester is a market town in east Gloucestershire, England, 93 miles west northwest of London. Cirencester lies on the River Churn, a tributary of the River Thames, and is the largest town in the Cotswold District. Cirencester has much cuter, original shops than Cheltenham. Yet still retains a few modern high street stores. Worth a visit are some of the very lovely antique and jewellery stores located just off the High Street. In general these are owned and run either by one person or a small group usually families. Expect very friendly staff, and some genuinely beautiful pieces for sale. If you are a fan of antiques, Stow on the Wold and Burford are also well worth a visit.

Painswick

Painswick is a village and civil parish in Gloucestershire, England. Originally the village grew on the wool trade, but it is now best known for its parish church's yew trees and the local Rococo Garden.