

## GUIDED WALKS

### Beatrix Potter

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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 14.00, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 14.00, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 14.00**

**Meet at the Beatrix Potter Museum, 9 College Court**

In 1903 Beatrix Potter published one of her most loved tales “The Tailor of Gloucester”. It was inspired by a visit she made to the city. This guided walk takes in the places of Gloucester which are closely connected with Beatrix Potter. The walk lasts about 45 mins.



### Blackfriars Priory

♦ E5  (partial access)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.00**

**Meet at entrance off Ladybellgate Street.**

A chance to explore Britain’s most complete Dominican Priory. Blackfriars is owned by English Heritage and managed by Gloucester City. Most of the 13<sup>th</sup> century church remains, including a rare scissor-braced roof. The walk lasts about 1 hour.



### Black & White Buildings of Gloucester

♦ D6



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 14.00**

**Meet at St Michael’s Tower, The Cross**

A walking tour of 15<sup>th</sup> Century timber framed buildings in the city centre, pointing out structure, architecture and brief historical background. Are they really black and white? The walk lasts about 1 hour.



## **Tour of Cathedral Precincts**

♦ B5



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.00**

**Meet at Cathedral South Porch**

A history of the area surrounding the Cathedral from the earliest Minster church up to the most recent developments. The walk lasts about 1 hour.



## **Children's Walk**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.15**

♦ D6



**Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross**

**Children must be accompanied by an adult. 10 children max**

A guided walk around Gloucester aimed specifically for children aged 9-12. The walk lasts about 1 hour.



## **Gloucester's Christian Heritage**

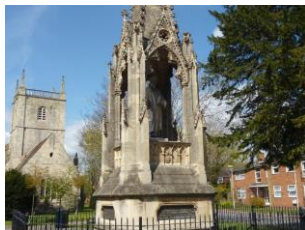
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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 13.45**

**Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross**

There is an old saying 'As sure as God's in Gloucester'. Both Christianity and Gloucester have 2,000 years of history. This walk traces Gloucester's rich Christian heritage over those years as reflected in its people, places and events. The walk lasts about 1½ hours.



## Eastgate Chamber

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11.00

**Pre-booking required. Max 18 per walk**

**Meet outside Boots in Eastgate Street**

This underground chamber on Eastgate Street reveals the remains of the Roman city defences and the East Gate dating back to about AD 68 when Gloucester was founded. This walk lasts about 45 mins and is not accessible by wheelchair.



## George Whitefield

◆ D6 

**NEW**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.00**

**Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross**

George Whitefield was born in the Old Bell Inn, Gloucester in 1714. He had a life changing conversion experience as a young man whilst studying at Oxford. He was ordained in St Mary de Crypt Church but was shunned by the established church becoming an Evangelist, preaching in the open air. He spent much of his time in the new colonies of America where he died. Recent controversy over his ownership of slaves in Georgia persuaded the City Council to change the wording on his plaque. This walk traces the Gloucester Whitefield connections. The walk lasts about 1 hour.



## Gloucester City Tour

◆ D6 

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 and 14.00, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 and 14.00, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 and 14.00**

**Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross**

Discover the fascinating story of Gloucester from Roman times to present day. This is a guided walk through the heart of one of Britain's oldest cities, where history has truly left its mark. The walk lasts about 1¼ hours.



## Hillfield Gardens

♦ B10  (partial access)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 and 14.00**

**Meet at Denmark Road entrance. Road parking is available nearby.**

Take a guided walk around these beautiful gardens which have many fine trees and are home to three monuments of historical significance: Scriven's Conduit, the King's Board and the chancel of the 12th century leper chapel of St Mary Magdalene. The walk covers some uneven ground in places so sensible footwear is essential. The walk lasts about 1 hour.



## Historic Characters

♦ D6 

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 14.15**

**Meet at St John's Church, Northgate Street**

This tour brings alive some of the famous and influential people and colourful characters who were born and lived in Gloucester. Their fame and achievements extended far and wide, but we remember their local origins. The walk lasts about 1½ hours.



## Historic Docks

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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 and 14.30**

**Meet outside the Waterways Museum in Gloucester Docks.**

Take a guided walk around Britain's most inland port. The walk lasts about 1 hour.



## Kings Square

◆ D7



NEW

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.00-16.00**

### King's Square

From an "example to the country" in 1972 to a "city centre eyesore" in 2013, a lot can happen in 40 years. Join us to recover the history of the 1972 design of Kings Square and add your memories to a digital archive. No need to book; just turn up, collect a map and uncover the Square's recent history.

Self-guided trail: Collect your map from Kings Square, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 11.00-16.00. Suitable for anyone aged 10+.

Those interested to learn more about Square's history can join an illustrated talk and discussion on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 18.00 in the The Ed Shed at The Folk, Westgate St GL1 2PG (see Talks section for details) **Pre-booking required**



## Llanthony Secunda Priory

◆ H2



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 and 14.00, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> 11.00 and 14.00, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11.00 and 14.00**

**Meet by the viewpoint next to the canal-side entrance.**

This guided walk explores the priory which was founded in 1136. By the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, Llanthony was the richest Augustinian house in England entertaining the court of Henry VII in 1500 and 1501. There is level access throughout the grounds and inside the buildings. Some paths are a little uneven. The walk lasts about 1 hour.



## **Monks, Canons and Friars**

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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 14.00**

**Meet at St Oswald's Priory, Archdeacon St**

Discover the lives led by those who served in the many religious communities in Medieval Gloucester.

This guided walk will take you to the sites of some of the places in which they lived, worked and prayed. The route includes some uneven ground. Sensible footwear required. This walk lasts about 1 hour



## **North Atlantic Slave Trade**

♦ F5 

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 14.00**

**Meet outside St Mary de Crypt, Southgate Street**

This walk looks at both sides of the story of slavery and abolition, and its associations with Gloucester. The walk is all on hard surfaces but includes a couple of ramps and bridges. The walk lasts about 1¼ hours.



## **The Story of Gloucester's Pubs and Inns**

♦ D6  (for most of walk)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.45, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11:45**

**Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross**

A tour of some of the fine historical pubs in the City Centre. The walk lasts about 1½ hours.





## **Railway History**

◆ E5

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 10.45**

**Meet at entrance to Blackfriars Priory off Ladybellgate Street**

A two and a half mile walk round the key spots of Gloucester's railway history. Start at Blackfriars, walk through the docks to Llanthony Bridge then via Park Road to Barton Gates and via Bruton Way to the railway station. We look at what remains on site and how it fits into the story. The walk lasts about 1½ hours and ends at Gloucester Railway Station.



## **Discovering Gloucester's Famous Rainbow Streets**

**New route this year**



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 15.30, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 15.30, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 15.30**

**Meet in Hopewell Street GL1 4HG**

**There is street parking nearby**

Join internationally acclaimed colour visionary and Gloucester's very own 'Queen of Colour', Tash Frootko, as she takes you on a lively and informative walk around the famous Rainbow Streets which she has created. This tour begins at Hopewell Street off Barton Street Gloucester which is the latest of Tash's projects. Return to the City Centre via the Rainbow Square. Tash has rapidly gained a reputation for being the lady who turns streets into rainbows and transforming parts of the city that have fallen into disrepair. This feel-good tour is a must for people of all ages and anyone who has a passion for colour and creativity. The walk lasts about 1½ hours.



## Rhymes & Reasons

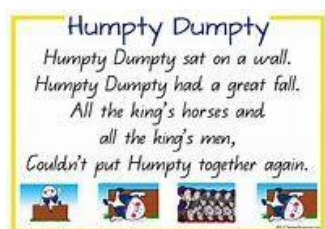
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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 14.15**

**Meet outside Boots in Eastgate St**

Discover some of Gloucester's famous locally born poets like Ivor Gurney and W.E. Henley, brought to life in this fascinating walk through the centre of the city. You will also explore some of the surprising origins of old Gloucester rhymes. The walk lasts about 1 hour.



## Richard III

♦ D6



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 14.00, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 14.00.**

**Meet at Emperor Nerva Statue, Southgate Street**

This walk tells of Richard III's important three-day visit to Gloucester in 1483, as part of his Royal Progress. It explains the granting of the significant Charter to the city. You will hear how he spent his time here and be shown some of the buildings Richard would have seen. The walk lasts about 1 hour.



## Robert Raikes

♦ D6



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.45, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 14.30**

**Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross**

This walk tells the story of Robert Raikes, newspaper publisher, prison reformer and promoter of the Sunday School movement and shows some of the buildings in Gloucester connected with him. The guided walk starts at St Michael's Tower and ends at Robert Raikes House in Southgate Street. Duration approx. 1 hour





## Roman Times

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Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11.00

**Pre-booking required. Max 18 per walk**

**Meet outside The City Museum, Brunswick Road**

Hear from your guide how the Romans came to Gloucester (Glevum). See the walls they built. Walk through the area of the Roman Forum (marketplace) now buried 3 metres beneath our feet. Find out about the importance of Emperor Nerva to the story of Roman Gloucester. Discover mosaics, pottery, Roman weapons and much more in the Museum. The walk lasts about 1 hour.



## Royal Gloucester

◆ D6



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 14.15, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.00

**Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross**

For over 1100 years Gloucester's history has been shaped in no small part by the interest, patronage and occasional displeasure of the reigning monarch. Down the centuries, Kings and Queens of England have come to Gloucester to hold parliament, equip armies, grant charters, go hunting, be crowned, and be buried. This tour will take a look at some of buildings and places in Gloucester at the heart of this extraordinary royal history and reveal some of the fascinating stories connected with them. The walk lasts about 1½ hours.



## **Saxon Gloucester**

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**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.00, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11.00**

**Meet at The Folk, Lower Westgate opposite St Nicholas Church**

Discover the traces of Gloucester's Saxon history. Hear the story of Aethelflaed, the daughter of Alfred the Great, who became Lady of the Mercians. Aethelflaed built St Oswald's Priory and was buried there in 918. Learn about the role she played in shaping the city as we know it. The walk lasts about 1¼ hours.



## **The Siege of Gloucester 1643**

◆ D6



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 11.15, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.15 and 13.45, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 11.15**

**Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross**

This guided walk visits some of the places of interest connected with the Siege of Gloucester which took place during the English Civil War. The siege was arguably Gloucester's finest hour when the small garrison of Parliamentarians held out against the might of the Royal Army led by the King himself. The walk lasts about 1½ hours.



## **That's Entertainment**

◆ D6



**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 11.30**

**Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross**

A walk down Westgate Street to see buildings, including the locations of former cinemas and theatres where Gloucester citizens indulged in their pleasures and pastimes. The walk lasts about 30 minutes.



## **River Twyver Walk**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 10.30**

**Meet on the footbridge between Abbeydale Community Centre (GL4 4BL) and the children's play area.**

**There is ample car parking by the Community Centre.**

A walk along the Twyver where it forms the boundary between Abbeydale and Abbeymead. See the sites of some of the now dismantled mills, the likely places where the Romans started the canal into the city and the Royalists cut off the water supply during the Siege of Gloucester. Stout shoes required.

The walk takes about 2 hours.



## **Westgate Street and Cathedral Quarter Heritage Walk**

◆ D6



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 13.45, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 13.45**

**Meet at St Michael's Tower, The Cross**

One of four original Roman routes, Westgate is one of the oldest and best-preserved areas of Gloucester and the main commercial route linking the Cathedral to the rest of the city. See its array of stunning historic buildings including the 15<sup>th</sup> Century timber framed Fleece Inn, Judge's Lodgings and The Folk of Gloucester. Find out how the Heritage Action Zone, with the award of nearly £2m, is helping to regenerate and revitalise the buildings and life in this area. The walk lasts about 1½ hours and ends at The Folk of Gloucester, Lower Westgate Street.



