



Gloucestershire

The County of Gloucestershire was formed in Saxon times and comprises landscapes of Severn Valley, Cotswold Hills and the Forest of Dean

In the middle ages, the Cotswolds were famous for their wool and Gloucestershire's wool was exported to Europe
The cloth industry prospered at Stroud, Dursley, Painswick, and Wotton under Edge during the 17th and 18th Centuries.
Coal was mined in the Forest of Dean until the 20th Century

In 43 AD The Romans advanced on the Cotswolds and established Cirencester as a Capital. They quickly built Villas throughout Gloucestershire and a network of straight roads
Foss Way Akeman Street and Ermin Street

The Boundaries of Gloucestershire were changed in 1974

When Bredon Hill puts on its hat
Ye Men of Vale beware that
When Bredon Hill doth clear appear
Ye Men of Vale have naught to fear.

Last Battle of the Wars of The Roses was fought in Tewkesbury in 1471 and this area is known as the Bloody Meadow

Gloucester one of the oldest cities in England was founded about 2000 BC it was called Glevum by the Romans and is one of England's most famous inland ports

Sept 9th or thereabouts a ceremony called Clipping the Church is held at Painswick Church.
There are 99 clipped Yews in the Church Yard - The Devil removes the 100th each time it is planted

Frampton on Severn largest Village Green in England
Once the home of Lady Jane Clifford who became the Mistress of Henry II. Queen Eleanor visited her in 1177 and made her drink poison
She was buried in Godstow Nunnery

FOREST OF DEAN called the Queen of Forests all

Gypsies have descended on the Forest of Dean since they arrived in this country in the 16th Century

Dover Hill named after Robert Dover who started the games called Cotswold Olympic

In March, May, July and October a Horse Fair is held at Stow on the Wold

Where the Wind blows cold

Guiting Power

Famous in the 18th Century for its Spa Waters and its beautiful Regency Houses

Chedworth Roman Villa

"The most beautiful Village in England" William Morris

Cirencester In Roman Times was the largest town in Britain except for London and became one of the chief trading centres of the south Cotswolds during the great wool boom in the middle ages.



Cotswold Water Park - nearly 100 lakes have been formed from gravel excavation made into a beautiful leisure centre with water sports of all sorts and nature conservation areas.

Upper Thames Valley

A KC135 at USAF Fairford

Doctor Foster went to Gloucester
In a shower of rain.
He stepped in a puddle
Right up to his middle
And never went there again



Gloucestershire Coat of Arms

Corner of Gloucestershire

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