Anne Hathaway's Cottage Cafe
After visiting the cottage why not stop a while at the cottage cafe for a refreshing drink, a tasty lunch or an afternoon bite before heading back into town. Don’t forget to pick up your Loyalty Card!

Walk the Anne Hatha-way
Follow in the footsteps of William Shakespeare and walk to Anne Hathaway’s Cottage
Directions from Shakespeare's Birthplace to Anne Hathaway's Cottage

Enjoy a pleasant stroll to the picturesque home of Anne Hathaway, where the young William Shakespeare courted his future bride.

1. Turn left as you leave the Birthplace along Henley Street. At the roundabout, take the third exit on the right onto High Street visiting Shakespeare's New Place on Chapel Lane on your left. Carry straight into Chapel Street passing the Guild Chapel on your left and continue on into Church Street until the junction at the end.

2. To visit Hall's Croft turn left onto Old Town where you will find the house and cafe just a minute’s walk away on your left. To reach Anne Hathaway’s Cottage turn right onto Chestnut Walk. Bear left at the end onto Evesham Place and cross over the pedestrian crossings immediately in front of you then turn right where you will see the Woodstock Guest House.

3. Take the footpath to the left of the guest house; the route will take you across a cycle path, through private housing and minor residential roads and over a small footbridge where you will reach the large open space of Shottery Fields. As you cross the playing fields, bearing right at the fork, you will reach a signpost.

4. Take the right hand direction signposted Anne Hathaway’s Cottage via Tavern Lane you will pass tennis courts on your right. Continue into a private road which will emerge at a mini roundabout.

5. Cross the mini roundabout. Ahead you will see some steps which will take you up through Jubilee Walk. *This wooded walk takes you alongside a brook and will lead you to the cottage via the cafe.

Approximate timings

This walk should not take more than 35 minutes walking at a steady pace. The following timings are a rough guide only.

Points ➊ to ➋ = 10 minutes
Points ➋ to ➌ = 5 minutes  🍽 Cafe
Points ➌ to ➍ = 12 minutes  🍽 Pub
Points ➍ to ➋ = 8 minutes

*For a fully accessible route continue down Cottage Lane to the property.