

Shropshire Way: linear walk using the local bus service

Bromfield to Craven Arms

7.5 mile (12 km) linear walk through the rich farmland of the Teme Valley with some climbs but superb views.

Allow 3.5 hours Grade ** (2 stiles) OS Map: Explorer sheets 203 & 217

You start this walk at the Bromfield bus stop

Bus:

435 Shrewsbury to Ludlow: hourly Monday to Saturday

Key bus stops as follows:

- Shrewsbury Bus Station
- Church Stretton, Beaumont Road
- Craven Arms, opposite Tuffins supermarket
- Ludlow Assembly Rooms (around the corner from Ludlow Visitor Information Centre)

To look up bus timetables for this walk and for further information visit www.travelinemidlands.co.uk or contact Traveline 0871 200 22 33

Dogs are allowed on the buses at the driver's discretion; please contact the bus company direct for further information:

- 435 Shrewsbury to Ludlow – Minsterley Motors 01743 791208

The Ludlow Food Centre, café and toilets are a short walk from the Bromfield bus stop and well worth a visit. The walk ends at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre which includes a café, toilets and visitor information.

Walk directions:

1. The bus stop opposite the turn for Leintwardine before The Clive bar and restaurant. Use the underpass (just to your left beyond the bus stop) to cross the A49. If travelling from Ludlow get off the bus stop opposite The Clive.
2. Walk ahead on the pavement towards the road junction and go left on the path (where the underpass joins) and left again along a lane to pass Bromfield parish church and an old gatehouse.
3. On reaching the bridge over the River Teme, go right over a stile to enter a pasture where you keep ahead near to the riverside. Cross a stile into the

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next field to walk between the line of alder trees and the field edge. The path leaves the river and leads to a track.

4. Go left on the track and once over the brook turn right to follow the field's edge until you reach a double stile near to the top right corner. Once over turn left and, at the corner, right to walk the length of the field. At the top left corner keep right at the junction of paths and pass near to Stead Vallets farm to a metal barred gate on the left. Turn right to walk along the lane to the main road.
5. Cross the road, turn right for a few steps and then left along a bridleway track which runs between fields to a row of cottages. Just beyond them bear slightly right on a wet green track between bushes and rise up to the right of a dwelling on a track that leads to the road.
6. Go right along it to pass by the quiet settlements of Wetmore and Duxmoor until you reach Whittytree. This is about 1.5 mile of walking, i.e. approximately 30 minutes.
7. At Whittytree, pass the road junction for Brandhill but go next left on a track by the telephone kiosk and before the post box. The track skirts a barn and curves left into Aldon Gutter.
8. Enter the woodland through the kissing gate and continue to rise; the path goes through two bridle gates and reaches a junction by a winterbourne stream. There are remnants of an old settlement nearby. Here you cross small stream and turn right along a broader woodland track.
9. Cross a forestry track and keep ahead to pass by a derelict dwelling on the right. The path rises to a small footbridge. Once over the stream, keep left to rise up a track through a gate and right to a lane.
10. Go right to walk through the hamlet of Aldon and at the next junction turn left. The road climbs away from the settlement and as it curves left turn right along a green track which runs above the Onny valley with superb views across the Long Mynd, Caer Caradoc and across to the Clee Hills.
11. The track reaches a wood and descends beneath hawthorn and hazel to a drive to a dwelling where it bends left and right to drop down to the level crossing over The Marches Railway line. The view over Stokesay Castle to Norton wood is superb.
12. Cross the tracks with care and continue along the road to pass Stokesay Castle and church to the main A49 road. There's a path on the left just before. This leads up to the road lay-by where you need to cross. Take care here as the traffic is travelling at speed. Once across, go through the barred gate, as signposted, to enter the Onny meadows and turn left for the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre.