



Walking with Offa in the Shropshire Hills



The Welsh
English
border -
where
King Offa
met his
match!

GUIDED WALKS
Programme 2012



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No-one knew these Marches better than King Offa.

And now his friends, the knowledgeable and passionate local guides, will be showing you some of their favourite walks.

Walks with spectacular views and glimpses of history, wildlife and archaeology.

Imagine guarding this wild frontier without a decent pub. How would the Dyke have been built without them? Over a thousand years later, we're keeping up the tradition. Each walk includes a star lunch for hungry foot patrollers.

Ancient Hill Forts and Woodlands of Bury Ditches

Sat 10 Mar 10am-2pm

A moderate 6 mile walk from Clun to the impressive Bury Ditches Iron Age Hill Fort.

Meet at Memorial Hall car park, Clun SY7 8NY

Quarries and Woodland around Pontesbury

Sat 7 Apr 10am-2pm

A leisurely 4 mile walk round the quarries and wildflower filled landscapes at Pontesbury.

Meet at The Plough Inn, Pontesbury SY5 0RJ

Brown Hares and Buzzards on Oakeley Mynd

Sat 12 May 10am-2pm

A bracing 6 ½ mile walk from Bishop's Castle to Lydbury North crossing Oakeley Mynd, with panoramic views.

Meet at Auction Yard car park, Bishop's Castle SY9 5AQ

Red Kites and Curlew on Prolley Moor

Sat 9 Jun 10am-2pm

A relaxed 4 ½ mile walk over fields and quiet lanes with the striking backdrop of the Long Mynd.

Meet at Wentnor Stores, Wentnor SY9 5EP

Myths and Magic on Stapeley Common

Sat 7 Jul 10am-2pm

A relaxed 4 mile walk on stone tracks, grassland and moorland to the prehistoric monument Mitchell's Fold stone circle.

Meet at The Miners Arms, Priest Weston SY15 6DF

Tranquillity and Tree Tops at Bromlow Callow

Sat 11 Aug 10am-2pm

A challenging 4 mile walk on grassland and quiet lanes, taking in Bromlow Callow and Castle Ring fort.

Meet at The Callow Inn, Bromlow SY5 0EA

Meadows and Woods to Darcy Dale

Sat 8 Sep 10am-2pm

A hilly 5 ½ mile walk through meadows and woods returning by the River Redlake.

Meet at The Baron at Bucknell, Bucknell SY7 0AH

Dormice and Archangels in Hope Valley

Sat 13 Oct 10am-2pm

A relaxed 4 mile walk across farmland and along a stunning woodland ridge.

Meet at The Stables Inn, Hopesgate SY5 0EP

Places are limited. Booking and payment in advance is essential.

Contact Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership on **01588 674080** or **SHAONBO@shropshire.gov.uk** to book.

Each walk cost £10 (£7.50 for Friends of the Shropshire Hills AONB), which includes a local pub lunch.

