

Shropshire Hills walking publications

The descriptions of the publications below are taken from the Best Walks website¹, the South Shropshire Ramblers² and the Slow Travel in the Marches website³.



[The Shropshire Hills: A Walker's Guide \(Cicerone British Walking\)](#) by David Hunter (Paperback - 1 May 2004) Taking the walker on a tour of the landscape of the Shropshire hills, this guide covers the region from deep and almost secret valleys to the windy heights of the Long Mynd. Historic Ludlow and the industrial heritage of the Ironbridge Gorge are on an itinerary to which is added the mysteries of the rocky wilderness of the Stiperstones. Offa's Dyke Path is sampled with routes along the

Welsh border, while walks along Britain's longest river and completed with a return by the Severn Valley Railway. The book also delves into local history: who was Wild Edric, the Galloping Major, and did Caractacus fight his last gallant battle at Caer Caradoc? The reader is offered suggestions for many great days out and the answer to some of these questions.

[Walks in the Shropshire Hills](#), Steve Goodier - Includes walks on The Long Mynd, Caer Caradoc, Hope Boulder, Wenlock Edge, Stiperstones, Clee Hill. Published July 10.



[Boot Up Shropshire Hills, A](#) by Bob Caddick and Bob Alton (Hardcover - 15 Mar 2010) Whether a "Sunday stroller" or a more enthusiastic walker, Shropshire has plenty to offer by way of varied walks, many of them taking in upland landscapes with breathtaking views Shropshire

is England's largest land locked county, and you can find walks here where often you will not be troubled by another soul as well as places with delightfully cosy tea shops and pubs for those who prefer a little company. This handy book contains detailed routes and images of 10 walks in a variety of locations around the county, ranging from the dramatic hills of the south to the gentler, but no less scenic landscapes around the Shrewsbury and Shifnal areas. The walks suit the needs of families, groups of friends or individuals looking for a gentle stroll or a longer walk, and reflect the many varied facets of the area - its people, its history, and its landscape and will help first time visitors to experience some of the great scenery the area has to offer. With Bob Caddick's photographs providing visual inspiration and well researched walks compiled by Bob Alton, this work will provide expert guidance for those seeking to get out and about, but who don't quite know where to go for the best views or easiest access to the countryside.

[Shropshire Way: Shropshire Hills Sections \(Harvey National Trails XT40\)](#) by Harvey Map Services Ltd (Map - 1 Jun 2011) Newly published map of the Shropshire Way produced as part of the Walking with Offa project.



[Shropshire Hill Country](#), Vincent Waite - a vivid account of the history and associations of its hills, houses, villages and castles.

¹ <http://www.bestwalks.com/shropshirebooks.htm>

² http://www.shropshireramblers.org.uk/33_favourite_walks.pdf

³ <http://slowtraveluk.com/thebook.html>

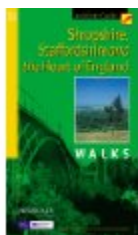
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[Clun Valley & Border 33 Favourite Walks](#)- Published May 2011 A selection of favourite walks by members of the three Clun walking groups, in a peaceful and scenically beautiful part of south-west Shropshire on the Welsh border.

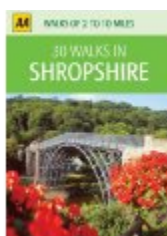
The walks range from 2 to 14 miles and are leisurely to strenuous in grade. Each walk includes brief points of interest- history, archaeology, flowers, wildlife- with more extensive information also provided.



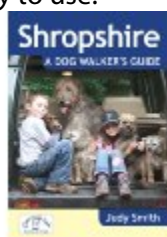
[Shropshire \(AA 50 Walks Series\)](#) by AA Publishing (Paperback - 28 Feb 2009) Walking is one of Britain's favourite leisure activities, and this guide features a variety of mapped walks to suit all abilities. The book features all the practical detail you need, accompanied by fascinating background reading on the history and wildlife of Shropshire, as well as other local points of interest. All walks are annotated with places to visit along the way, including tea rooms and pubs, with extra details on their character and the food on offer. Every walk is given a summary of distance, time, gradient, level of difficulty, type of surface and access, landscape, dog friendliness, parking and public toilets. Published February 09.



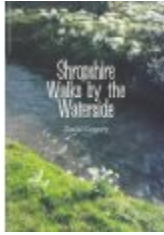
[Shropshire, Staffordshire and the Heart of England: Walks \(Pathfinder Guide\)](#) by Brian Conduit, Neil Coates and Ark Creative (Paperback - 1 May 2007) This new revised and updated edition of Shropshire, Staffordshire & the Heart of England Walks from Pathfinder is even better than ever. The Heart of England conjures up an image of a largely unchanged, unspoilt rural landscape of farmland and woodland, with slowly meandering rivers, small market towns, old churches and thatched cottages. It is a landscape that inspired William Shakespeare and Edward Elgar. The walks in this Pathfinder guide cover Shropshire, Staffordshire, Warwickshire, West Midlands and the Worcestershire half of Hereford and Worcester. They vary from woodland walks through the forests of Wyre, Arden and Needwood, hill walks including Abberley Hill and Wenlock Edge, to leisurely walks passing attractive villages such as Bidford-on-Avon and Tanworth-in-Arden. Pathfinder Guides are Britain's best loved walking guides. They are the perfect companion for country walks throughout Britain. Each title features 28 circular walks with easy-to-follow route descriptions, all tried and tested by seasoned walkers. The routes range from extended strolls to exhilarating hikes, so there is something for everyone.



[30 Walks in Shropshire \(AA 30 Walks in\)](#) by AA Publishing (Cards - 30 Jun 2010) This original concept takes the most popular walks from the AA's best-selling and newly updated walks database and packages them on individual laminated cards in a durable box. The small and handy size means that the box can be stowed away in a pocket or handbag and single cards extracted at each walk start point. Clear and concise instructions plus a full-colour route map make the cards a joy to use.



[Shropshire: A Dog Walker's Guide](#) by Judy Smith (Paperback - 7 Jul 2011) On a fine day there is nothing quite so enjoyable for dog owners than getting out into the countryside with their pet for a leisurely walk. The circular routes which vary in length, has information of the distance and terrain, and in an emergency, the



nearest veterinary surgery. Explore the Shropshire countryside without the anxiety.

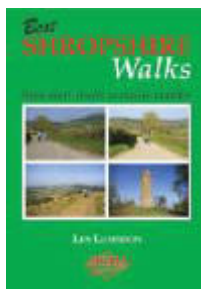
[Shropshire Walks by the Waterside \(Exploring Shropshire\)](#) by David Gregory and Kathryn Green (Paperback - Jun 1998)

[Walks to Wet Your Whistle in Shropshire](#), Roger Seedhouse - The walks in this book cover some of the most beautiful countryside in along its border with Staffordshire. From quiet scenic hill country there is plenty to suit every appeal both to more experienced walkers and, by shorter alternatives, to casual walkers or those length of their walk as mood or time constraints main walks of between 7 and 11.5 miles which pub break conveniently located as near to half-Short alternatives start and finish at the pub and from between 2.75 and 5.25 miles. The pubs vary in style and character but have generally been chosen to provide a watering hole in which the walker will feel welcome and comfortable, rather than for plush surroundings. This is the second edition of the book, published in June 2000.



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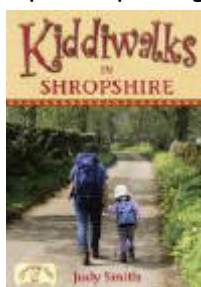
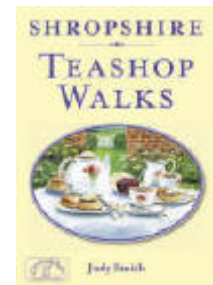
[More Walks to Wet Your Whistle in Shropshire](#), Roger Seedhouse - a second collection. Published May 99



[Best Shropshire Walks](#), Les Lumsdon - A new revised edition of this much loved guide contains 36 walks, including 12 completely new routes, located in all parts of the county. Several walks feature fine hill walking on the Welsh borders and others start from delightful villages and hamlets in Shropshire. Published April 10.

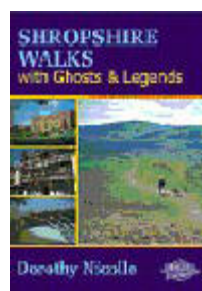
maps and photographs. Published April 08

[Shropshire Teashop Walks](#), Judy Smith - Twenty circular walks based on good local teashops, with

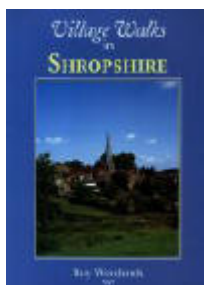


[Kiddiwalks in Shropshire](#), Judy Smith - Twenty short circular walks especially designed for children including routes at Ludlow and Whitcliffe Common; Lyth Hill Country Park; and Shrewsbury's battlefield site. in colour and with maps and photographs. Published June 10.

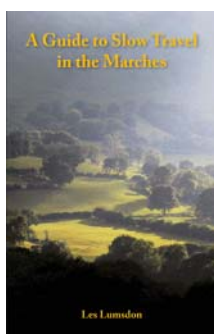
[Shropshire Walks with Ghosts and Legends](#), Dorothy Nicolle - With many suitable for the whole family these are more than just walks. Each one of over 20 walks has a particular local legend or ghost story to add that extra something to interest walkers of all ages. There are details of sites well worth exploring throughout Shropshire, many thought to be haunted by ghosts good and bad, ancient and modern! The walks take you to the many and varied types of countryside found in the county of Shropshire - hills and valleys, towns and villages. Accompanying each walk are route plans, detailed



directions, photographs and the all-important refreshment opportunities, offering a choice of convenient stops en route. Limited availability. Published March 03



[Village Walks in Shropshire](#), Roy Woodcock - Includes Colemere, Coalport, Church Stretton, Clun and Craven Arms. 20 walks of between 3 and 7 miles. Limited availability. Published May 99



[A Guide to Slow Travel in the Marches](#) - Paperback (10 April 2011) by Les Lumsdon. Slow travel is a way of travelling that allows you to get under the skin of an area, that gives opportunities to meet local people and discover places that they enjoy, and get a deeper sense of the place than 'fast travel' allows. Slow travel essentially means journeying on foot or by bicycle, by train or by bus, and for those travelling by car there's plenty to tempt you to get the best from the area. 'The Marches' is an ancient term which refers to the culturally rich and distinctly mysterious area around the borders of Wales and England, a place of great beauty and the scene of many events that have changed the history of both countries; here are

many riches to reward the slow traveller. A map on page ix shows the area that this book covers.

The Guide is structured around eight key towns – Welshpool, Oswestry, Shrewsbury, Church Stretton, Ludlow, Hereford, Llandrindod Wells and Abergavenny – which can act as bases for exploration, with suggested tours from each using trains and buses. Each section includes a guided walking tour of the main town, with places to look out for or to step inside, followed by descriptions of suggested journeys to places worth visiting in the surrounding area, with walking tours of the destinations also usually included. As well as public transport links, for each place there are suggestions for cycle rides and walks, some taking a few hours, others a whole day or even days. The guide also lists places to eat and imbibe, for it is natural for the slow traveller to enjoy local food and drink; indeed, the UK's Slow Food movement is well represented in the Marches. The section for each location includes a list of extras such as farmers' markets, local activities and festivals, as well as a selection of useful local publications and websites.