

Shropshire Way: linear walk using the local bus service

## Angel Bank to Ludlow

5 mile (8 km) linear walk through mixed farmland and Caynham Camp, an Iron Age hillfort.

Allow 3 hours      Grade \* (24 stiles)      OS Map: Explorer sheet 203

### You start this walk on Angel Bank at the turning to Knowbury

Buses:

#### **292 Ludlow to Kidderminster and Birmingham: two-hourly daily**

Bus departs from Ludlow (Corve Street) – ask for a single ticket to Angel Bank – you will get off the bus opposite the turning to Knowbury.

To look up bus timetables for this walk and for further information visit [www.travelinemidlands.co.uk](http://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:

- 292 Ludlow to Kidderminster – First Midland Red 0800 587 7381 on Mondays to Saturdays
- 292 Ludlow to Birmingham-Central Connect 0121 322 2717

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Walk directions:

1. Cross the main A4117 road to follow the road signposted to Knowbury. This soon leaves the hamlet of Farden and passes a turning for New House Farm. The road continues to rise; look for a stile beneath a canopy of trees on the left. Go over the stile to enter a field and head slightly right up the hillside (the only steep climb of the walk). On reaching the corner look for a stile on the right and pass by Knowbury churchyard to descend to a road.
2. Cross the road and a stile. The path progresses ahead through three small pastures where you cross another stile to join a track lined with hedges that lead down to a road.
3. Turn right and as the road bends right, go left over a stile. Proceed straight ahead and over a stile. Look for a way-marker which points you in a similar direction toward a wood where you'll find a footbridge over a stream and to a stile. Cross it and keep ahead through the next pasture toward two barred gates. Choose the one on the left. Once through keep ahead to go through another barred gate.

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4. Turn right at this point to walk beneath trees to a gateway. Go through here and keep ahead in the next field to another gate. Go through it and follow the hedge on the left to the field corner where you cross the stile. Once over, head slightly right across the meadow to a stile in a hedge beneath a lone willow tree. Cross the stile and plank bridge to enter a large field.
5. Go left to follow the hedge line at first but, as it cuts away left, you keep ahead across the field where the path enters a wood and gully. Dip down to cross footbridge and stile and climb up to rough ground where you cross a track. Head slightly right over a field to a hedge where a stile is crossed. Go right to follow the field's edge to the top right corner. Cross a stile and head slightly left to another stile in the hedge. Go over the stile and bear slightly right to another stile in a hawthorn hedge. Keep ahead to the top right corner, crossing 2nd stile in hedge, where you will see the ramparts of Caynham Camp.
6. Cross a stile, a track and another stile by a gate. Enter the grassy enclave of the camp but keep right to cross a stile beneath trees. The path cuts down the hillside and bends left through the wooded embankment. It exits by way of a stile and runs through scrub land and between hawthorns to join a hedge. Keep ahead to meet a green track and head slightly right down to a stile by a gate. Cross the stile.
7. Head in a similar direction in the next field to cross a stile about 20 metres to the left of a large oak. Once over, head down to a footbridge and in the next field head slightly right to climb up a stile in a hedge. This leads to a road. Go right and follow this to the village of Street and the turning to the Eco Park where there's a bus to town on Mondays to Saturdays until early evening.
8. The path crosses the main A49 and after the turning for Tuffins supermarket go left along a tarmac path which leads to the equally narrow Foldgate Lane. Follow this down to a bridge over the railway and a junction with Steventon New Road. Turn right and then left at the bottom of the bank into Temeside. This joins Weeping Cross Lane and you need to turn left here and left again at the next junction. Before Ludford Bridge, turn right into Lower Broad Street to walk up to the centre of town. Turn left at the top for the Market Square.