

Shropshire Way: linear walk using the local bus services

Bromdon to Clee Hill village

5 miles (8km) linear walk over Titterstone Clee with panoramic views of the Shropshire Hills and beyond.

Allow 3 hours

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OS Map: Explorer sheet 203

You start this walk at the turning to Bromdon village

You can start from here and follow the Shropshire Way back into Ludlow instead of picking up the bus at Clee Hill village (10 mile walk).

Buses:

Outward journey

141 Ludlow to Bridgnorth bus service

Only one bus a day, Monday – Saturday

Bus departs 10.35* from outside the Ludlow Assembly Rooms (around the corner from the Ludlow Visitor Information Centre)

Ask the bus driver for a single ticket to Bromdon (you get off the bus at the turning to the village – look out for the large Bromdon camp site sign on left hand side of road)

Return journey

292 Kidderminster to Ludlow bus service

Regular Monday – Saturday bus service

Buses from Clee Hill village (outside the general stores and Post Office) at 1335, 1535 and 1706*

Ask the bus driver for a single ticket to Ludlow (this bus will take you back to the Ludlow Visitor Information Centre)

* Bus times correct at March 2009

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:

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- 141 Ludlow to Bridgnorth – Arriva 08701 201 088
- 292 Ludlow to Kidderminster – First Midlands Red 0800 587 7381

Clee Hill village includes a couple of pubs, general stores and Post Office, a small bakery (open until 4pm, except Wed when it closes at 1.30pm) and fish & chip shop (open 12 – 2pm and 4.30 – 9.30pm)

Walk directions:

1. Start at the turning for Bromdon. Walk along the lane for the best part of a mile to the hamlet of Bromdon where you turn right into a bridleway as the road bends left. This tree lined way runs between fields and rises to the moorland beneath Titterstone Clee. Go through the gate and keep ahead to climb up the hillside; the path makes its way to the right of the globe shaped communication tower.
2. As you near the summit it passes between a radar station and the triangulation point. However, ensure that you then keep left to walk near to the old quarry face and follow the waymarkers down the hill to the road. Continue to follow the Shropshire Way way-markers through the remains of the quarry buildings and the way-markers will direct you down to the old incline railway.
3. Follow this down but be vigilant for you leave it at an overbridge where there are steps down into the rough ground. A green way runs through bracken clad moor wet ground to join a hedge and crosses a road. Keep with the hedge again. Go over a footbridge; rise up to a bridle gate.
4. Proceed ahead towards the farm in a small field but DO NOT go through the gate or over stile. Instead turn right to walk toward the top left corner of the field where you cross a stile. Follow the direction of the electric telegraph poles across this large field and head for the top left-hand corner. Go through the 'gateway' and continue ahead through gorse to a barred gate.
5. **This is where you leave the Shropshire Way.** Once through the gate keep ahead up the field with the boundary on the left. Go through a gate and keep ahead in the next field to a row of houses. On reaching the road, turn right. At the end of the row of houses go left along a track which passes behind other houses to a small bridle gate. Keep ahead to join the old railway trackbed of the Clee Hill Railway. Walk along this trackbed for about a mile and you will come to the backs of a row of houses, with Clee Hill village below on the right. There are two exit points on the right which lead down to the main road where there are bus stops at the Post Office and stores or village hall.