



Birmingham water and Cleobury Mortimer

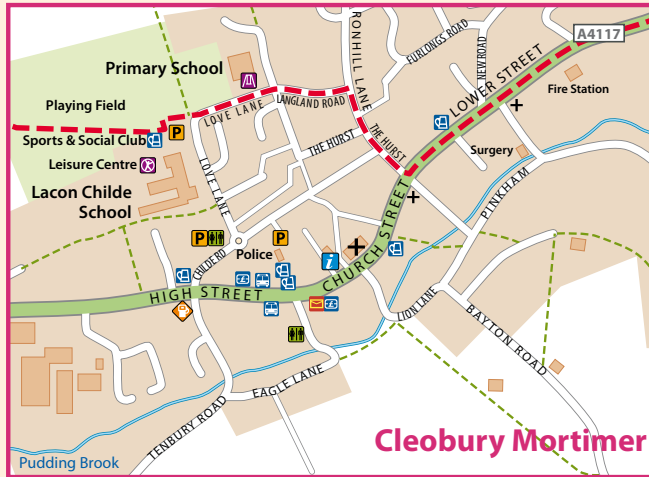


# Route 11 Titterstone Clee to the Severn Way

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## Titterstone Clee

The third highest hill in Shropshire has been worked since the Iron Age. Once a huge hill fort covered the top but little can now be seen. The hill has been carved away and reshaped in the search for coal, limestone and dhustone. Dhustone, the hard dark rock that is crushed to carpets our roads: Little pieces of Shropshire found all over the Country.



## Cleobury Mortimer

Know locally as "Clibbery Mortimer" this delightful Anglo Saxon town was renamed after the Norman Marcher Lord Ralph de Mortemer built a castle here. This wasn't the first castle though, nearby is a motte and Bailey and the remains of a Roman outpost. The main street boasts Georgian houses, raised footpaths and St Mary's church with its Norman tower topped by a twisted spire. There was industry here as well with coal mining and 16th century furnaces to smelt local iron ore. Now it's a peaceful, attractive village with enticing hostelries and inviting shops.

## Kinlet

Between Birchen Park woods and Kinlet to the north you can see the tower of a Norman Church half hidden by trees, behind it lies Kinlet Hall. But why is it over a mile from the present village. Simple - the original village circled the church but spoiled the view from the Hall. The solution, knock the old village down and move it and the road it straddled. The church was spared but hidden by woods. Take an extra few minutes to see it, the short detour is well worth it.

Walking the Shropshire Way from Titterstone Clee to the Severn Way shows you panoramas and views unrivalled. Hard to beat with the Malvern Hills to the south and Shropshire's finest to the west.

The quarry scarred heights of Titterstone, once one of the largest Iron Age forts in Shropshire. Still worked for the Dhustone that clads our roads.

Now quiet villages linked by a myriad of tracks once walked daily by hobnailed booted quarrymen.

The charming village of Cleobury Mortimer with its wonderful crooked spired church and the enigma that is Kinlet. And at the end, another long-distance footpath: The Severn Way

As housman said:

*"From Clee to heaven the beacon burns,  
The Shires have seen it plain  
From north and south the sign returns  
And beacons burn again".*



St Mary's Church,  
Cleobury Mortimer



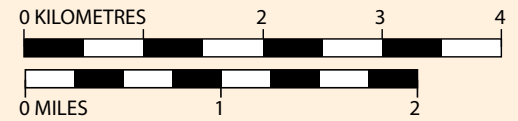
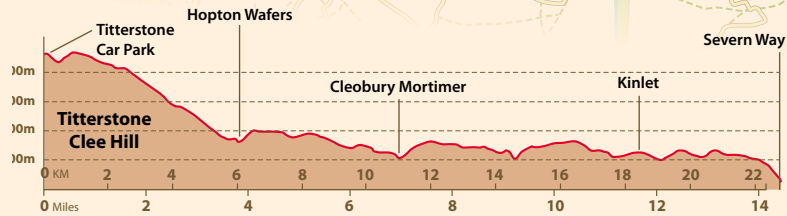
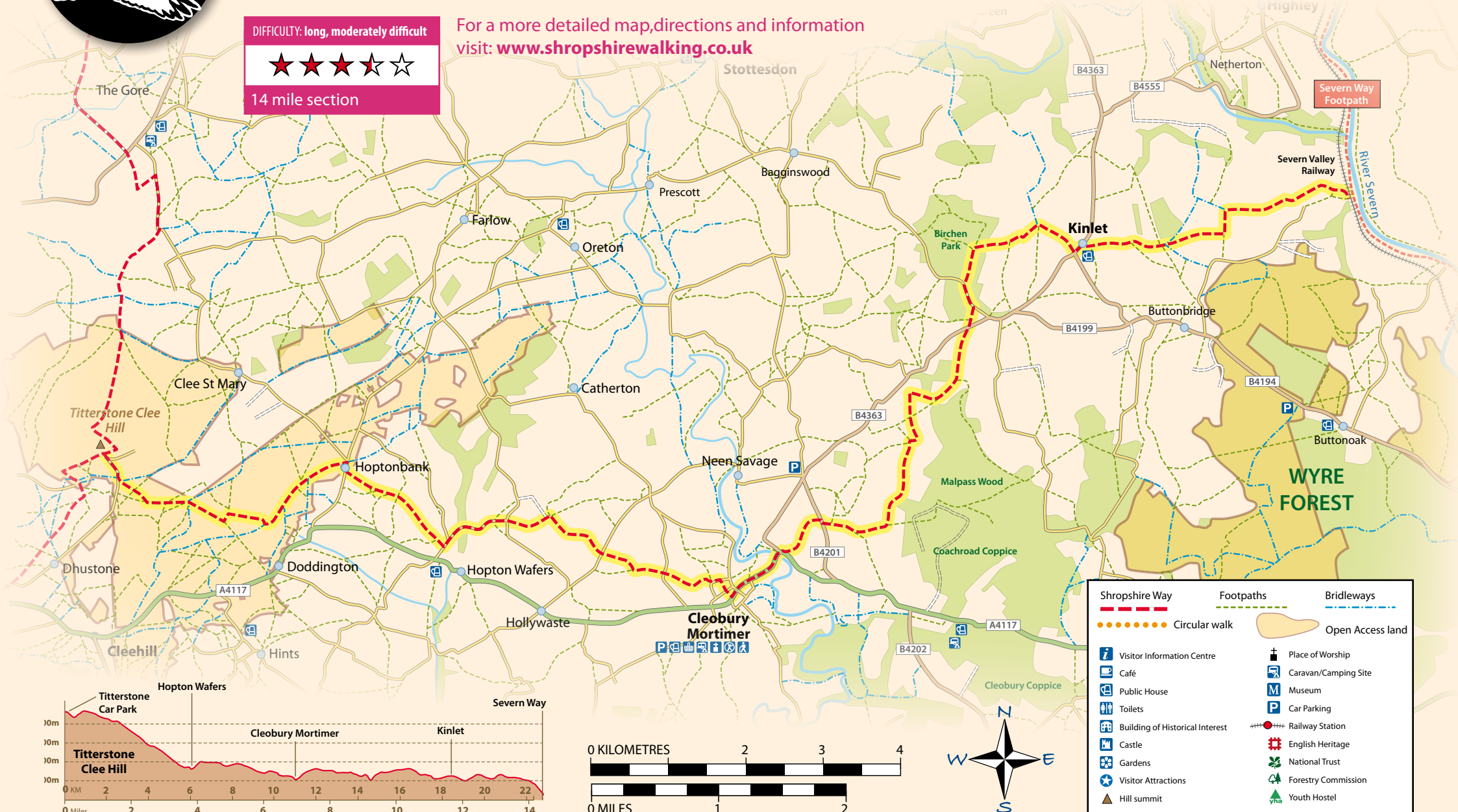


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DIFFICULTY: long, moderately difficult  
 ★★☆☆☆  
 14 mile section

For a more detailed map, directions and information visit: [www.shropshirewalking.co.uk](http://www.shropshirewalking.co.uk)



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Circular walk	Open Access land	
Visitor Information Centre	Place of Worship	
Café	Caravan/Camping Site	
Public House	Museum	
Toilets	Car Parking	
Building of Historical Interest	Railway Station	
Castle	English Heritage	
Gardens	National Trust	
Visitor Attractions	Forestry Commission	
Hill summit	Youth Hostel	