

Route Directions

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One start is at the station. Take the footbridge over the railway and carry straight on past the small nature reserve on your right. Go into the field and keep the hedge on your left until you meet a path junction.
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Turn left and keep the hedge on your left.
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After 400m, do not go through the gate but turn right towards the Hills keeping the hedge on your left.
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After a further 300m go left over a stile by a gate and walk along a broad track for 140m and then take the right fork. When you meet a small tarmac road turn left and walk along this for 350m, past the first path by a house, until
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You meet a second path going to the right. A short climb through two hedges brings you to Chase Road, turn left and the Chase Inn is on your left after 220m. There is a small car park close to the pub.
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Continue walking north along Chase Road through Upper Colwall, the highest of the three villages on Walwyn Road that runs all the way through the Parish.
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We meet Walwyn Road at a hairpin bend and take the lower road and follow this round another hairpin bend.
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50m after the bus stop, cross Walwyn Road and take a tarmac drive down a hill.
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At the footpath sign, turn left towards Ryelands and drop down to the left just before the cattle grid following the way markings.
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After a second stile take the right hand path and then turn left on to a broad track after 100 metres.
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After 300 metres, turn right just after the tarmac pitch. Go straight on following the signs, avoiding a left turn.
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Mathon Road is reached just after the cricket pitch. Turn right along the road and after 250m turn left on to a footpath.
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After 100m, pass through a gate and then through two fields keeping the hedge on your left. Having passed the small wood turn left at the end of the field and cross a bridge. After 50m follow the path to the right.
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Ignore the track to your left and cross two stiles into two large fields where you keep the boundary to your right. Before you reach the third field veer left and head towards the red brick house.
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At the house, turn 90 degrees to your left to have the house on your right and head across the field towards the left side of the sewerage works.
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Cross the stile and bridge and bear to the right heading to the right of the sewerage works where you will meet a vehicle track. Follow this until you meet a road.
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Cross the road with the churchyard on your right and continue straight on along Flapgate Lane.
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After 200m, go over a stile on your left and then through a wood for a few yards. The path then goes through the gap in the hedge 150m ahead. In the second field follow the line of trees and cross a stile so that a hedge is on your right.
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After a while another stile enables you to cross the ditch and the fence on your right hand side to the next field so that the fence is now on your left.
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After another 200m, go through a gate on your left and then cross the field diagonally towards the Iron Age hill fort called British Camp now referred to as the Herefordshire Beacon.



Herefordshire Beacon

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At this point you cross the railway, so proceed with caution, looking and listening for trains. The path then follows the railway line to the corner of the field where you turn right and follow the edge of the field towards the Herefordshire Beacon
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When you meet a garden hedge keep it on your left until you meet Walwyn Road, where you turn left.
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After the Yew Tree pub, head right up Evendine Lane for 250m.
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Immediately after the telephone box turn right along the lane marked Netherpaths. After 150m go over the stile in the hedge to your left and cross three fields once again heading directly for the Herefordshire Beacon.
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Turn left along the fenced lane that leads to Oldcastle and then immediately right and pass through the next two fields before turning left for 70m up a wide strip. Just before the trees, turn diagonally right over a stile and go uphill to the bottom left corner of the wood, keeping the Herefordshire Beacon on your right.
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Cross the stile before the wood and carry on for 50m. After a prominent ditch turn left downhill. After a further 150m you reach a field.
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Staying on this footpath, keep the field on your right and carry on downhill, ignoring further paths to the right, and after the next stile leave the path bearing left for 300m.
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Before the rise, cross a stile on your left and keep the hedge on your right. Carry on down through a small metal gate to keep a fence on your left and the hedge on your right. By the red roofed building ahead re-enter Evendine Lane.
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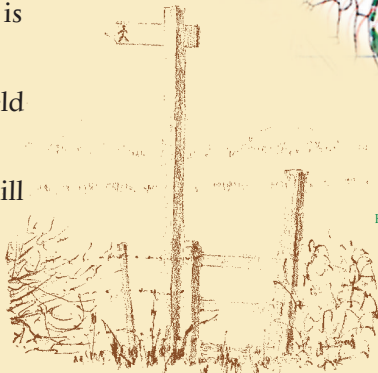
Turn right and carry straight on for 300m. Where the road veers right turn left (by a house called the Ridings) up an unmade road. When you reach the fields keep to the left.
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Pass through a swing gate into an old wood.
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When the path emerges from the wood, drop down to the left, go over the stile and follow the path, which brings you back to the nature reserve and station.



A view of Oldcastle



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