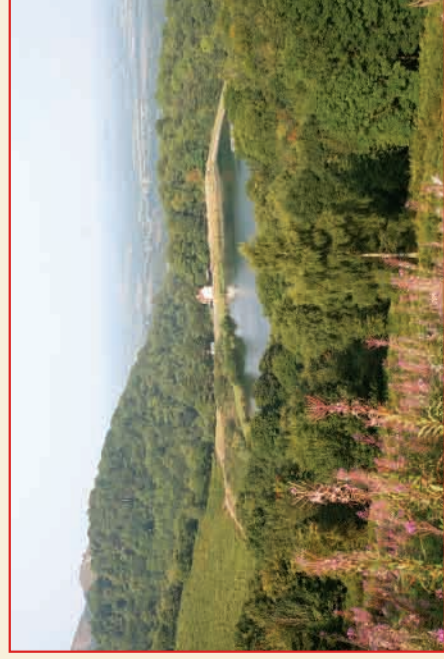


Blackhill

Route Directions

- 1 At the station cross the footbridge and carry straight on past the nature reserve on your right. Go through the gate into a field; keeping the hedge on your left proceed uphill to the stile.
- 2 Go over the stile and proceed up hill where you go up some steps; follow the signpost up across another path, continuing uphill until you reach a stile.
- 3 Cross the stile and continue uphill between a hedge and a line of trees. Bear right and follow the path until you reach another stile.
- 4 Cross the stile, carry on uphill for another 250m; cross another stile and bear half right onto a road. Turn left and continue for another 250m. Cross over the road (Jubilee Drive, B4232) at the sign for 'The Kettle Sings' café.
- 5 Take the path which goes up to the left of Gardiner's Quarry. [An easier, and less windy short-cut goes to the right of the quarry. Follow this path until you meet the main ridge and rejoin the main route.]
- 6 When you meet a path joining from the right, go straight on for 40m and then double back to the right along the ridge. Carry on walking south along the ridge for 1500m.
- 7 When you see a car park (at Black Hill) ahead, keep to the ridge path above it.
- 8 Follow the path as it swings to the right and carry on onto the road (Jubilee Drive); turn left onto the road where you pass the Malvern Hills Hotel on your left.
- 9 Cross the A449 with care to the British Camp car park. Continue across the car park for 40 m and proceed through the gate to a track signed 'British Camp' and 'Broad Down'.
- 10 Follow this path; when a bench is reached on the right carry straight on. Pass the reservoir on the left, and after 1 km you reach a stone dias; follow the sign to the Giant's Cave and Pink Cottage.



British Camp Reservoir



Suggested Walk

- 11 Carry on past the cave for 250m; when a broad path joins from the left carry straight on for another 50m. At a point where 5 paths meet you turn immediately right into a shady gully (the old Silurian Pass). Continue until joining a track and turn right along it. If the gully is too wet take the path signed 'The Gullet' and 'Midsummer Hill', for a further 50 m to a bench. Turn right at the bench and drop down to the lane where you turn right and join the track
- 12 Cross a stile at Walm's well (a concrete construction) and carry on uphill along the lane ignoring the steep tracks to the right.
- 13 Cross the stile and carry straight on until eventually you go through a gate where you meet the main road (A449).
- 14 Cross the road with care; turn left along the roadside for 50m and then right through a gate. Carry on down for 150m and veer left off the track onto a path through the wood.
- 15 After passing over the stile at the end of the wood, turn sharp left to cross two ditches and another stile before heading for Oldcastle, the half-timbered farm ahead of you. There are two stiles at the bottom of the field; aim for the right hand one.
- 16 Cross the stile at the bottom of the field and turn left along a wide track; after 100m, go through a gateway on your right (If you reach a bridge you have gone too far). Two small fields and two stiles will see you onto the track leading to Oldcastle.
- 17 Turn right along the track and follow it round until you reach the lane just after the building with the prominent red roof.
- 18 Turn right and carry on up Evendine Lane for 300m.
- 19 Just after the Malt House and Upper House, the lane bends to the right; go straight on up the track, through a gate signed 'Spindrift', over a small ford, and veer left past a house into a wood.
- 20 After 300m in the wood you reach a glade of yews; go right over a stile into a field, then left keeping the wood on your left.
- 21 Cross the stile into a wood; this path leads you to a signpost where you turn left over the stile and head downhill.
- 22 This path joins your route up from the station; carry on down to the station. (All downhill now!)



Evendine Lane