

Route Directions

The walk is described starting at Great Malvern Railway Station and is circular.

- Exit Great Malvern Railway Station on the booking office side. Cross the parking area to Imperial Road, turn left down the hill to the road junction and turn left into Clarence Road. Walk under the railway bridge and turn right into Court Road. (If you need refreshments, Court Road Bakery shop/cafe is at this road junction). **Bus travellers join the walk here.**

- Proceed along Court Road and turn right into Woodshears Road. Immediately after passing under the railway bridge, turn left onto a footpath (unsigned). Malvern College is now on your right.



Malvern College

- Cross Thirlstane Road and walk on the path parallel to railway until it meets paths from the right and left. Take the left path and pass under the railway continuing up to Peachfield Road near the junction with St. Andrews Road.

- Turn right up Peachfield Road and over the railway bridge. Immediately on the left is the site of the old Malvern Wells Great Western Railway Station and coal yard; only the Stationmaster's House still stands, prominent on the corner.



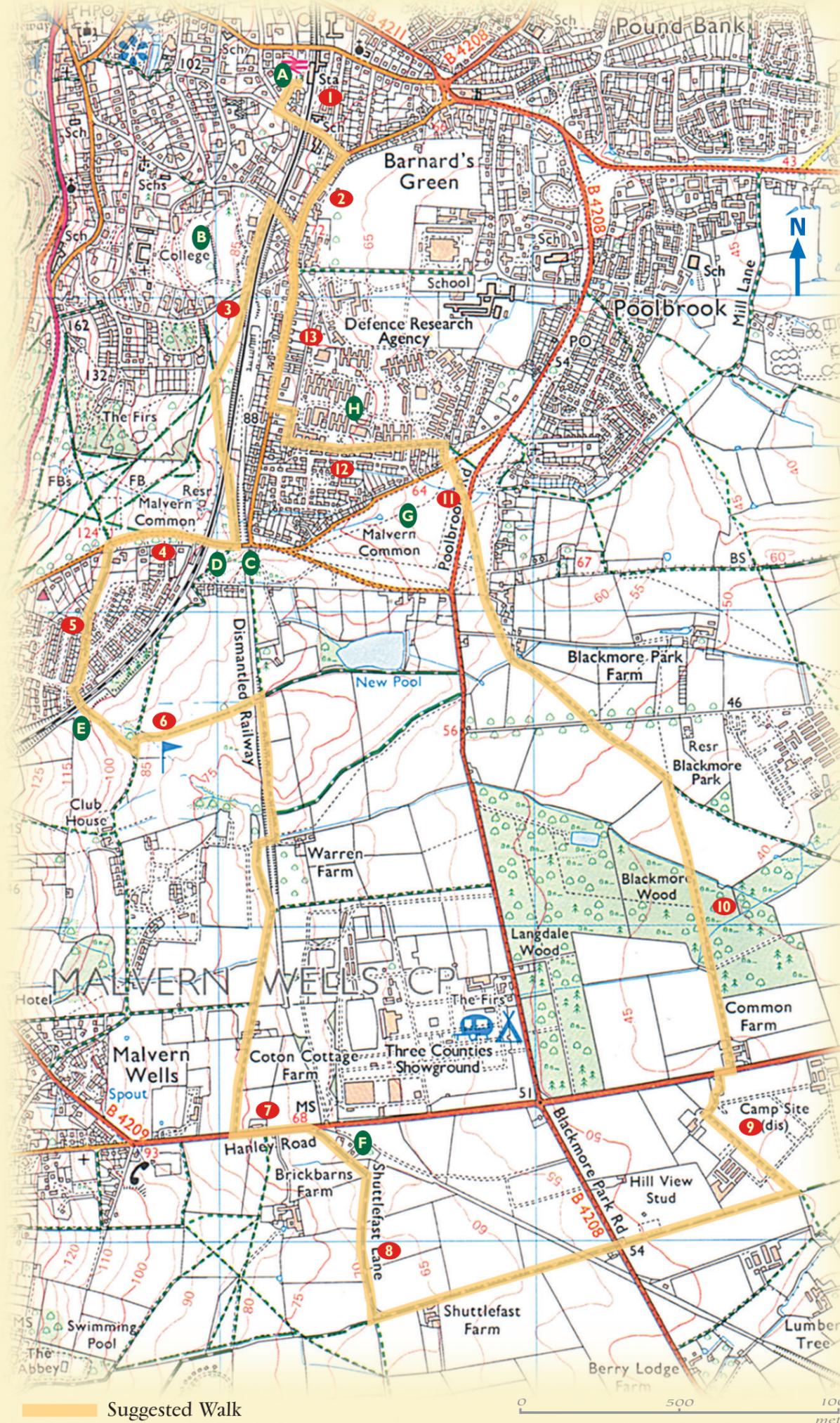
- Continue up Peachfield Road. (If you need refreshments at this point, continue 0.8km [0.5 mile] up the hill to the Wells Road and the Railway Inn. Return down Peachfield Road to continue as below).



Three Horseshoes PH

- Turn left, just beyond no.32 and before the post box, onto a bridleway. **If you have come by car and are parking off Peachfield Road, join the walk here.** At the end of the bridleway, by shops turn right into Fruitlands. Where the road bends, take the bridlepath on left to the railway bridge. Pass under the bridge to Railway Tunnel Spring.

- Follow the footpath signs across the Worcestershire Golf Club Course to a coppice. Turn left, then right, to cross more of the golf course leading to the old Midland Railway. After crossing under the line, turn right through a metal gate and walk parallel to the old railway to Warren Farm on the left. The bridleway turns right below the line, then left to run parallel on the opposite side, then veers away to the right. The Three Counties Showground can now be seen on the left. Continue on the bridleway past Coton Cottage Farm to reach Hanley Road B4209.



Suggested Walk

- Turn left and walk down Hanley Road to Shuttlefast Lane, a track on the right. Walk past the turning for a few metres to see the site of the Malvern Wells Midland Station; no buildings now exist.
- Retrace your steps to Shuttlefast Lane and follow the track bending to the right then sharp left, eastwards away from the hills. Pass Summer Hill Farm (formerly Shuttlefast Farm) on the right and continue down to Blackmore Park Road. Just before the road, the bridleway crosses the old railway line. There is often a bird of prey in this area and you will usually see lots of butterflies here in the summer.
- Cross Blackmore Park Road and continue along the bridleway through three fields and six gates. Shortly after the last gate there is a footpath sign on the right. Turn left onto the path and cross the field and go over the stile. The path passes through a disused American general hospital no.53 which is now Merebrook Business Park. Follow carefully the yellow waymarkers through a field, over a stile and onto a path. Turn right onto a drive, then left, then right over a stile into a field and left again to reach the B4209 Hanley Road at a stile. Turn right and almost immediately turn left on to a path signed Hayes Bank and pass through Common Farm into Blackmore Wood. Listen for nightingales in the wood – this is one of the best sites in Worcestershire for them.
- Continue straight through the wood and, on exiting the wood, take a diagonal left to the corner of the field opposite. Cross the stile and turn left following waymarkers. Cross a tree-lined avenue. Continue on the path, passing Blackmore Farm on the right, disused site of American general hospital no.93, and across a track and over a stile to walk onto the Common.
- Keeping the same direction, cross Poolbrook Road by the bridleway sign and continue across Malvern Common to Longridge Road. (If refreshments are required, the Three Horseshoes public house is now 300m on the right).
- Cross Longridge Road towards the entrance of QinetiQ and take the path off to the left. This leads to St. Andrews Road, with QinetiQ forming the boundary to the right.
- On reaching St. Andrews Road, turn right and walk along to Court Road. **Bus travellers you have now completed the walk.** Turn left into Clarence Road and under the railway bridge. Turn right into Imperial Road and the station is on the right. **Walkers parked on Peachfield Road, please return to the beginning of the walk instructions and follow them back to your starting point.**

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