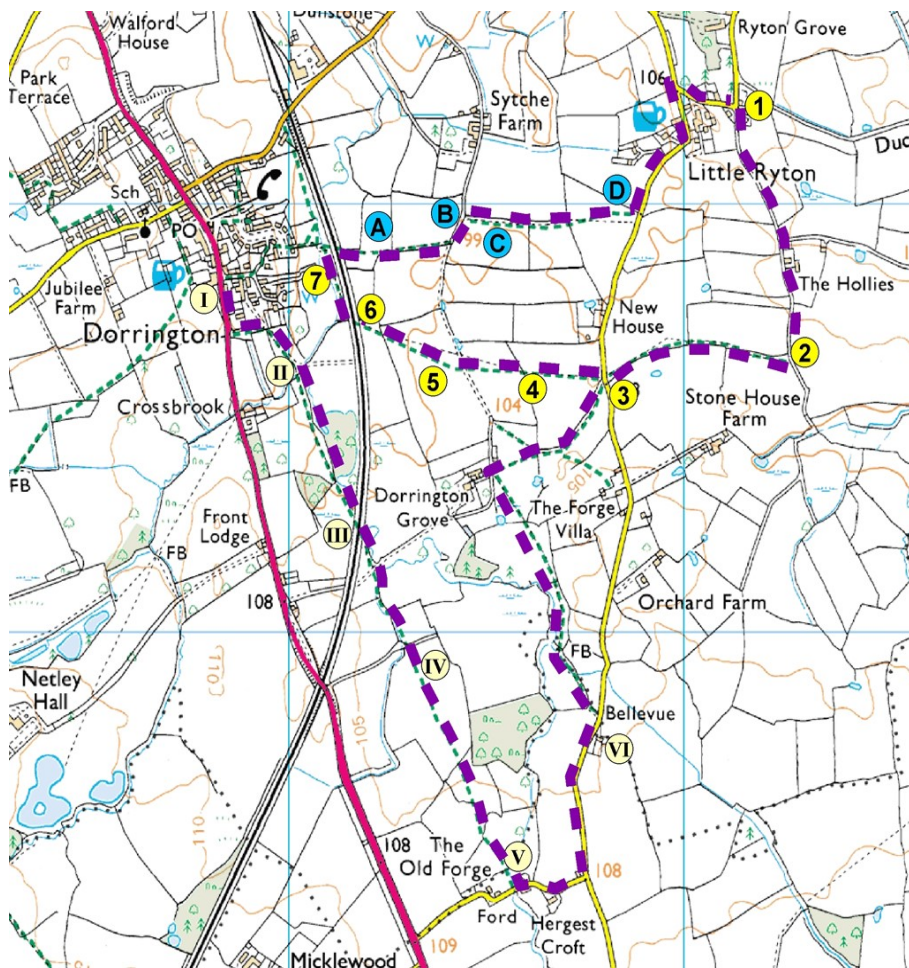


Circular Walk Between Ryton and Dorrington

Approx 3 miles



Follow the route from any point, 1 to 7 or A to E. Suggested start point: (1) -The Village Hall in Ryton which has parking.

Start by facing the Village Hall in Ryton

1. Walk to the right of the hall follow Hollies lane to the end keeping the farmhouse on your left.
2. Take the kissing gate on your right and cross two fields.
3. Cross the Longnor Road (you can return to start by turning right and walk past the Fox Inn, then right to Village Hall.)
4. Across this field and over the bridge.
5. Head towards tree then to the right hand side field corner.
6. Over the railway (take care!)
7. Cross the River Cound foot bridge.

At this point you may walk up Bank Drive and into Dorrington. Visit the well stocked shop, the butchers or the Horseshoe Inn.

OR: At the river you may turn right follow the river then the railway to emerge at Station Road by the railway bridge. Turn left. Then just past a large white house (the old Station Hotel) on the left there is a track back to Bank Drive

To Return:

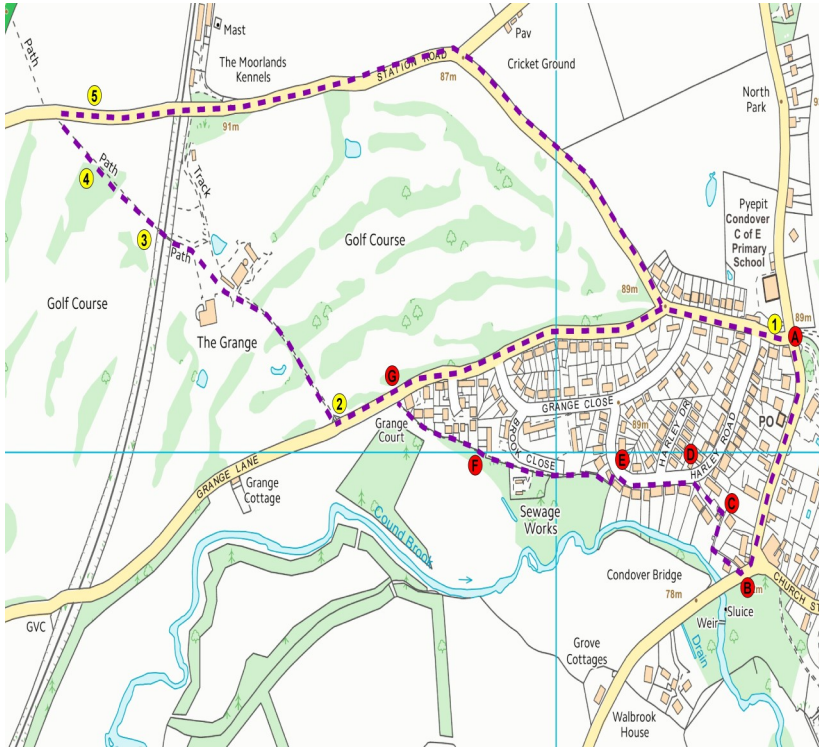
Retrace steps back down Bank Drive.

- A.** Cross back over the river and walk straight to the stile in front of you. Cross the railway (more care)
- B.** Follow the path until reaching Sytch Lane.
- C.** Turn left and enter the first gate on right.
- D.** Cross two fields and emerge onto the Longnor Road.
- E.** Turn left (visit the Fox for a well earned drink) and return to the start at the Village Hall.

Extension of the route from Dorrington

- I. Walk south on the A49 past the Butchers Shop and turn left into Falkland Road.
- II. Enter field over cattle grid. Follow field headland keeping house wall on your left and then follow the river keeping that on your left hand side also.
- III. Cross railway line with care, and follow path signs keeping to the field headlands.
- IV. Go through a wooden hunting gate and head ,11 o'clock , for the stile into a small spinney on opposite side of field
- V. Emerge into Old Forge horse paddocks .Cross paddock and exit by the Ford.
- VI. Turn left and then left again on the Longnor Road towards Ryton. After about 600yds, at Bellevue, take the signed path on the left hand side and follow this back to Dorrington via Dorrington Grove or turn right at Dorrington Grove and re-join the Ryton Road again at point 3.

1mile Woodland Park and Village
1½ miles Golf course circular



Two short circular walks starting in Conover taking in the splendid woodland park and lovely views of the River Cound and a scenic walk across the golf course

Start by the Primary School in Condover

- A. Go along the main road away from Shrewsbury, along the footpath on the left, past the Post Office.
- B. At the Village Hall cross the road and look out for a footpath on the right just before the last house and the bridge.
- C. Follow the winding path to a cul-de-sac.
- D. Go left into Harley Close.
- E. After 100 yds look for a footpath on the left between the bungalows, leading to the back of the bungalows and the Condover Woodland Park and Play area. Optionally, you could go down and explore this and return later back to the path
- F. Carry straight on, through 2 metal kissing gates and exit on to Grange Rd.

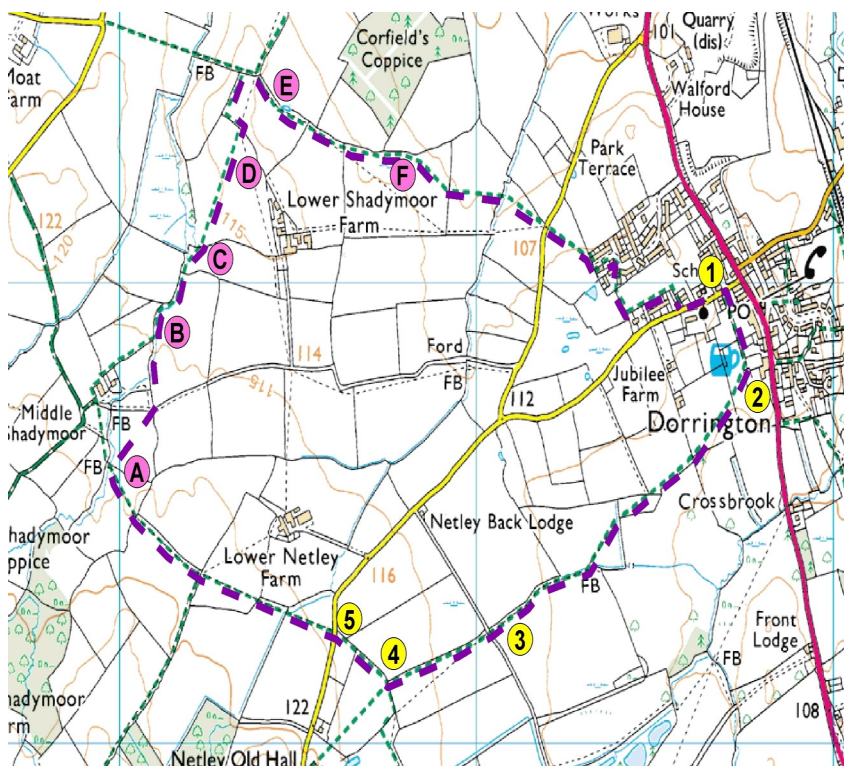
Golf Course Walk 1½ miles

1. From the bus shelter go west along Station Rd. after 200 yds take the left fork into Grange Lane.
2. At the golf course entrance follow the footpath signs up the main tarmac road to the club house and carry on diagonally across the car park.
3. Go up a short bank. over stile and down steps to railway. LISTEN AND LOOK Then with care cross the railway via the crossing.
4. After crossing, turn right for a short way and then left going along the 14th tee and then cross the fairway to a footpath gate leading onto Station Road.
5. Turn right leading to the cricket field and take the right fork back to the village.

Dorrington Circular Walks

Netley 2 miles

Shadymore 3 miles



A lovely 2 mile circular walk easily extended to 3 miles. This walk goes through grazing pasture land so dogs must be kept on leads and clean up after them please. Some protected electric fences may be encountered.

1. Start by Dorrington church and walk back towards the A49. Follow the path on the right 20yds before you get the main road.

2. Go through the kissing gates, on reaching the Horseshoes Pub turn right through kissing gate into field.

3. Follow the way marker signs:

- ♦ Diagonally over first field
- ♦ Around hedge of next two fields
- ♦ Over next well marked field to gate
- ♦ Over hedge stile into Netley Hall access road.
- ♦ And go straight over this private road.

4. Go straight over this field to a stile with lots of way marks. Turn right and proceed 80yds to the Picklescott Road. *See the other leaflet for the walk to the left via rear of Netley Hall and returning by the ford.*

If you want to extend the walk to Shadymoor, then follow the instructions below

Otherwise....

5. Return to Dorrington along this road.

Extension to walk 3 miles

A. Cross over the Picklescott road instead of turning right. Pass over 4 fields, following the yellow way markers. Just before a stream please go through a gate on the right marked with a 'permissive path' marker.

(Middle Shadymoor Farm would prefer the use of the permissive path rather than going through the farm. Routes to Moat and Upper Shadymoor farms are still straight on, fording the stream.)

B. Go diagonally across the field over 2 stiles crossing the farm access road (Not a public right of way)

C. Keep the fence on your left. Ignore the footpath bridge, go straight on.

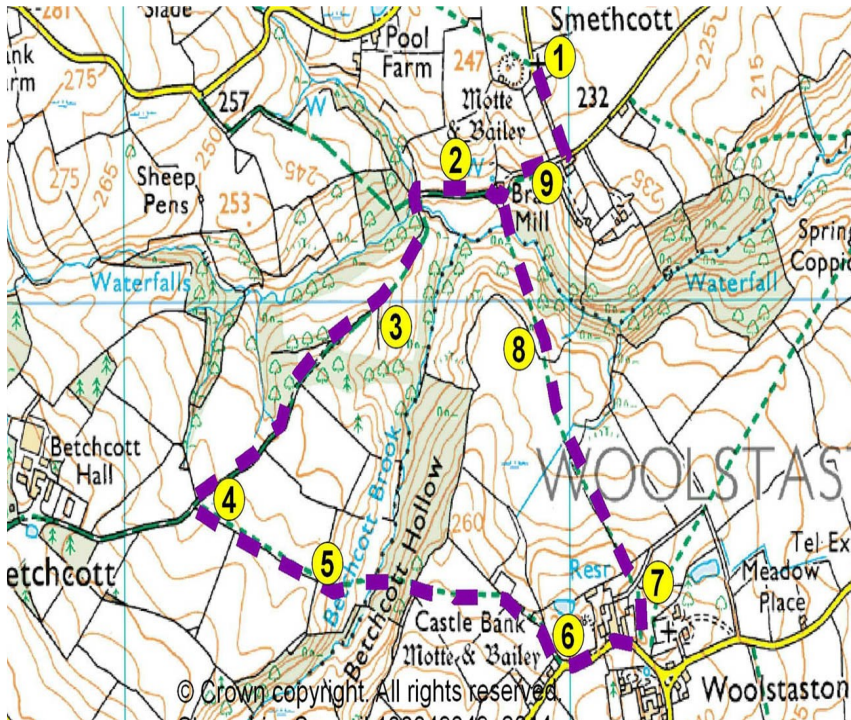
D. Follow the way marks over the next 2 fields to a four-way footpath sign.

E. Following the farm track initially by turn right and then along the hedge.

F. Now look ahead and head for Dorrington Church, (you can see the spire from here).

Circular Walk Smethcott to Woolstaston

Visit Idyllic lost Shropshire Meadows
3miles



To get to the start at Smethcott church, turn off the A49 in Dorrington, past the village school, signposted Picklescott. After 3 miles at a 4 way cross roads, turn left to Smethcott. On entering the small village, turn right, signposted 'Church' and then after ½ mile turn left to the church. There is parking for 4 cars.
Take time to visit the two ancient churches.
Also just near to Smethcott church, accessed by a stile, is the remains of a middle age 'Mott' fort with the bonus of great views north and east together with a view of the Long Mynd Portway track behind you.

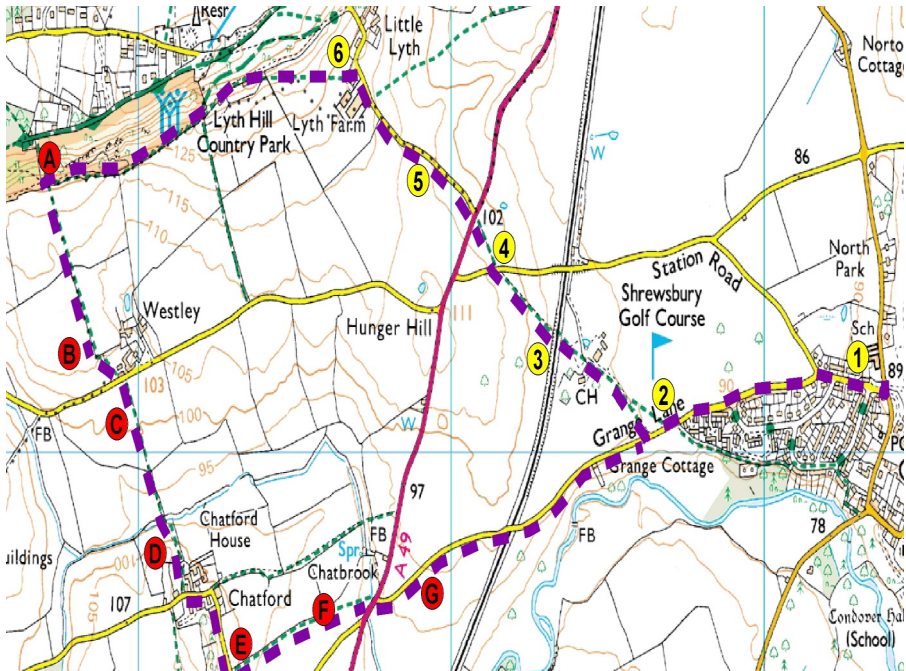
An “off the beaten track” route of 1¼ hours crossing peaceful wooded valleys, giving spectacular views over the Shropshire Plain as far as the Staffordshire Hills! The route goes between two small churches, both called ‘St Michael and All Angels’.

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1. From the church head south down a track for 200m to a road. Turn right and take the bridleway just to the left of the end gate.
2. Go straight on past the foot-path on the left, (you will re-turn to this point).
3. At the stream keep to the left and then ford the stream. After the gate bear right following the blue way-markers. The path goes up through trees and two meadows. Keep straight on along the bridleway.
4. After leaving the woods take a footpath to the left through a gate marked with a yellow footpath arrow. (NB Take care, it is easy to miss this). Follow the hedge over a stile until reaching the start of a steep valley
5. Descend straight down into the valley and after the stream bridge, go up through the wood, bearing slightly left. At the top go over the field to some small farm buildings on the left. Go through the gates to the village road.
6. Turn left down towards Woolstaston village green.
7. Just before the green, take the wooded steps up the bank to a garden. Visit the church if you want and/or cross the lawn to a stile at the north end of the garden. Go up a small rise to a second stile. from here you should be able to see your car on the far side of the valley.
8. Go down through a metal footpath gate and straight over pasture land to a stile to enter the woods. The path bears left and goes down to another small footpath bridge.
9. On joining the bridleway turn up, right to retrace your steps back to the car.

Condover to Lyth Hill

4 mile Circular walk



A lovely walk from Condover up to Lyth Hill along the ridge and back to Condover via Chatford.

Lyth Hill provides, arguably, some of the best panoramic views of the south Shropshire Hills, from The Wrekin in the east to Wenlock Edge in the southeast, and the Stiperstones in the southwest. The site has areas of woodland, scrub, and open grassland providing a wildlife refuge on the outskirts of Shrewsbury. Historically, rope making was carried out on the site and the author Mary Webb, author of 'Precious Bane', is associated with the area.

To Lyth Hill, approx 1½ miles

Start by the Primary School in Condoover.

1. From the bus shelter go west along Station Rd. After 200 yds take the left fork into Grange Lane.
2. At the golf course entrance follow the footpath signs up the main tarmac road to the club house and carry on across the car park.
3. Turn left at the end of the car park and cross the railway via a crossing.
4. After crossing, turn right for a short way on a main path and then turn left along the 14th tee. Then cross the fairway to a footpath gate leading onto Station Road.
5. Cross the road into the field opposite and head diagonally to a stile.

Cross the A49 **with care** and take the tarmac lane opposite signposted to Lyth Hill.

6. You can access the hill by either:

- a) Continuing on the tarmac lane to where the large carpark/ bus terminus is and turn left entering the 'Access Area' of the hill. Or...
- b) Immediately after the farm, head left diagonally up over the field to a stile in the corner.

Walk along the top of the ridge enjoying the amazing view

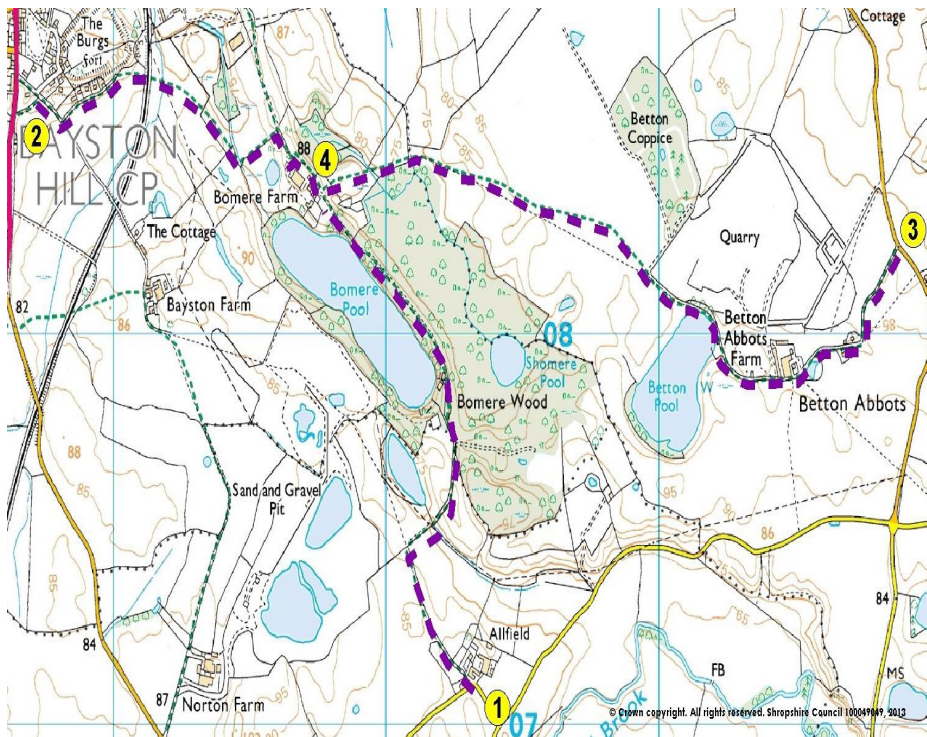
Return from Lyth Hill, 2½ miles

- A. Walk west along the ridge away from the two car parks. Just before the wooded area by the last wooden gate take the steep path down the hill
- B. At the bottom keep straight on, over a stile and cross a field with a clear path past a telegraph pole, arriving at a gate and then across a grassy paddock to Westley Farm.
- C. Go through Westley Farm, cross immediately over the little lane and follow the path again.
- D. Keep the fence on your left, cross the Chatford Brook footbridge and carry on to Chatford Village.
- E. In the village, turn left following the lane around the right hand corner. After 200 yds, take the footpath/stile on your left.
- F. Go down the meadow crossing the fence on the right at a gate/stile and go through a metal footpath gate at Chatbrook.
- G. Cross the A49 with extreme care into Grange Rd and follow this quiet lane back into Condoover.

Condover's Lake District

Short walks near Bomere Lake and Betton Pool,

Points 1-3 2 miles, points 1-4-2 1¾ miles



Bomere Lake , where people are often waterskiing. Please note the lake is privately owned with no public access – You can still get lovely views of this sheltered paradise!
Betton Pool – another idyllic but private Lake where people water ski – but with a path going beside part of it.

Bomere Lake.

1) Access from Allfield – to get to Allfield head north out of Condover, turn right signed “Allfield” & go down the small country road ½ mile. From the farm follow the “private” concrete road (but public footpath) It is between the farm buildings on the left & houses on the right. Follow the road around & up to the mo-toX track. At the top just before the 1st house take the stile on the right. The path runs alongside the house fence, and crosses another stile into woods . From this ridge you can see a wild boggy area on the right, and through the trees Bomere Lake on the left Stay on the ridge to Bomere Farm. Keep to the right side of the farm. Don’t go down. Follow the gates around to the farm access road which then leads out to Bayston Hill via the quarry or up around Sharpstones Quarry.

2) Access from Burgs Lane, Bayston Hill. -Burgs Lane is the 1st little road on the right when coming into Bayston Hill from Condover on the A49. Park in the lane Go down taking the left fork(Berries Lane). At the end you will find a footpath going through the trees ahead. Follow the path over a field, across the railway, and go diagonally up to a gate. Keep right, with the hedge on the right.

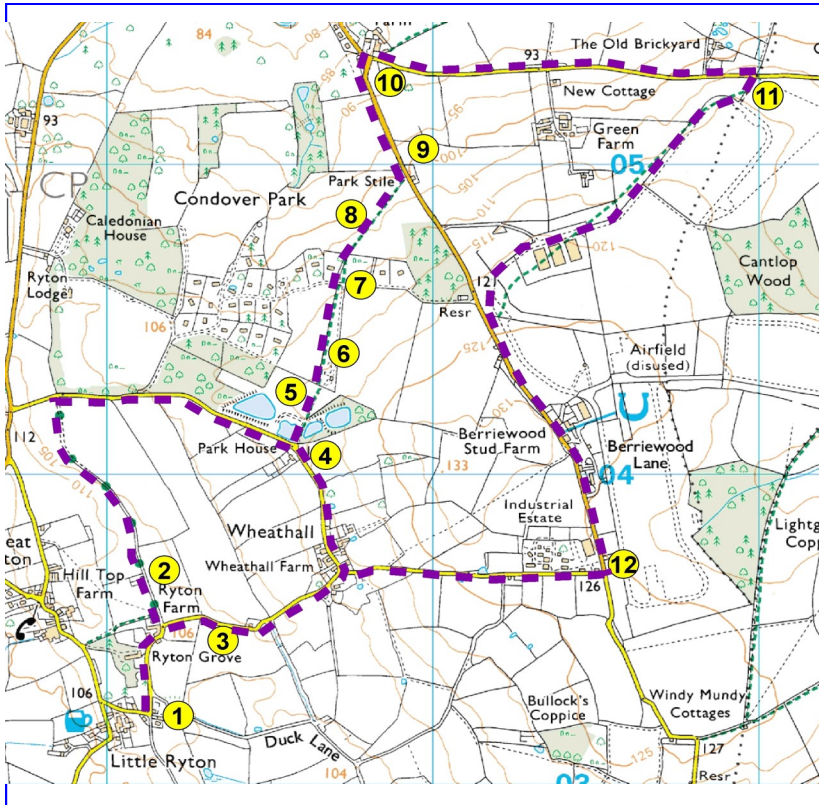
Then drop down to the hedge and follow it along into an area due to be a sand quarry. there is a stile on the left. Go up the pasture to Bomere farm. The path goes around the side of the farm – just follow the gates. Don’t go down. At the far side go to the woods . The path follows a ridge with views of the lake to the right. Keep on to come out on the road where Condover MotoX track is - & thence to All-field and Condover.

Betton Pool

3) Access can be from Acton Burnell to Shrewsbury Road but there is no good place to park. Just 100m beyond where the tip used to be is a footpath (not a bridleway) leading around Betton Abbotts Farm. Keep on & you come to the Lake. 200m past the lake, the footpath leaves the farm road along the line of telegraph poles. This path leads to Bomere Farm (see above)

4) Access from Bomere Farm – on skirting around the side of the farm – go down into the pasture on the left. Head slightly to the left to a gate near the woods. Follow the edge of the wood to the huge “prairie” field. It takes about 10min or so to cross this by following the line of the telegraph poles. At the farm track turn right. The foot-path goes past the lake, through the farm out onto the Shrewsbury to Acton Burnell Rd.

Ryton to Condover Circular



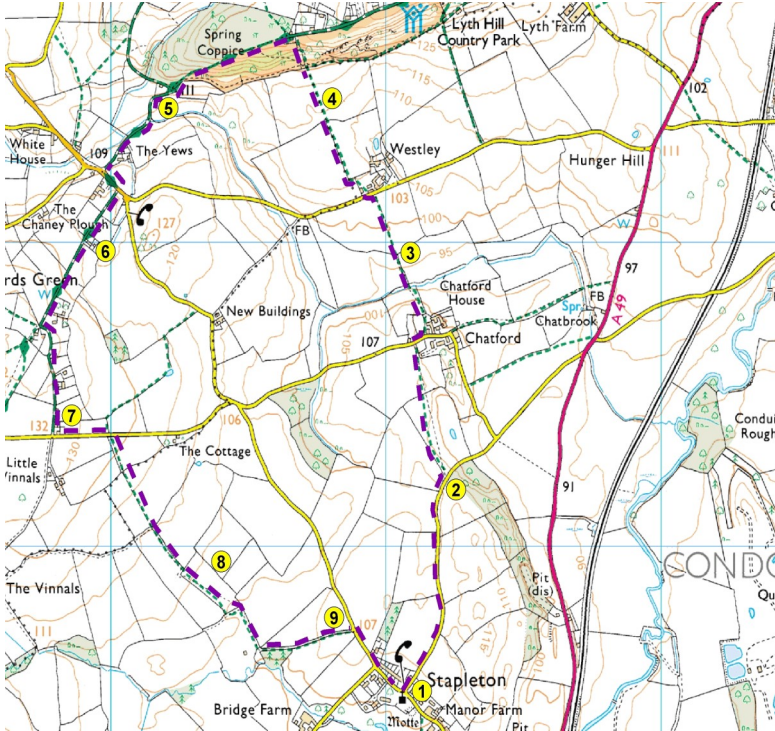
Start at Ryton Village Hall where there is ample parking.
There is also ample on street parking in Condover.
There is some road walking, but mostly the roads are reasonably quiet with verges.

1. From Ryton Village Hall car park, turn right towards Ryton Farm.
2. With the holiday cottages on your left, go straight on down a wide stone road past large barns. This track leads to the Radmore to Wheathall road. On reaching this tarmac road, turn right towards Park House.
3. As an alternative to step 2, instead of taking the stony track, stay right on the tarmac road to Wheathall Farm and turn left there at the T junction towards Park House.
4. At the sign for fishing ponds and caravan site near Park House, turn off the road (left if you followed step2, right if you followed step3) along a stone/dirt track.
5. Follow the track through to the far end of the caravan site. Please note that the fishing ponds themselves do not have public access. Cross a stile in the middle of a leylandi hedge.
6. After the stile follow the path through the pine trees – but please do be careful not to twist an ankle down one of the many rabbit & badger holes.
7. Cross the stile straight over the tarmac road into a lovely beech wood and carry on to a stile at the far side of the wood leading into a field.
8. Cross the field, bearing slightly right to emerge next to a stile and gate at Stile Cottage on the Condoover to Frodesley road.
9. Turn left on the road and go down the hill to Home Farm. If you want to detour to see Condoover, Condoover Hall and Condoover Church, stay on the road, bearing left.
10. To return to the route, at Home Farm, take the road signed to Cantlop.
11. After 1.5km turn right off the road and take the farm track that goes to the old Condoover airfield, bear right keeping the fence to your right. Note that the path goes in front of the chicken sheds (i.e. keep them on your left), afterwards bear left between the parked lorries. The foot-path is hidden on the right behind about the 12th lorry. Go through the woods to a stile on to the Condoover to Frodesley road.
12. Turn left on the road and then right immediately after the industrial estate.
13. At Wheathall, turn left on the road back to Ryton or continue on to the stony track as in step 3 and turn left there towards Ryton.

Stapleton Walks



Lovely 5 mile circular walk to Lyth Hill, Exfords Green and Lower Common



Stapleton Walks using a section of the Shropshire Way.

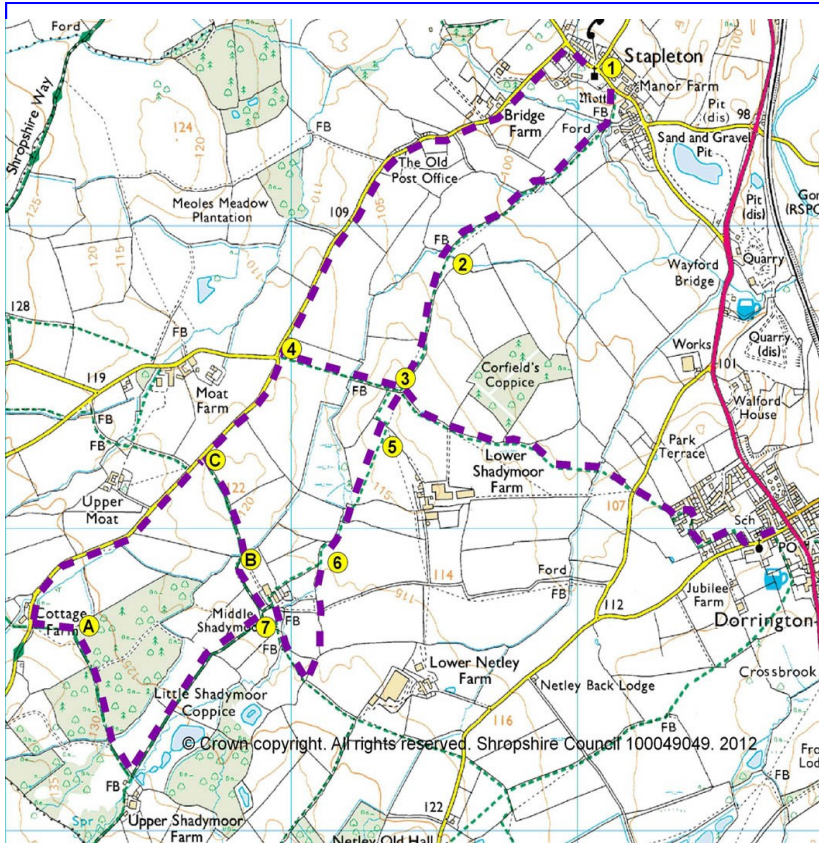
1. From Stapleton church take the small country road out of the village opposite, signed Shrewsbury
2. After $\frac{3}{4}$ mile take the footpath on your left up a steep bank. Cross two fields to the village of Chatford.
3. In Chatford turn right for only 20 yds and then left by the footpath sign, through the farm buildings towards Lyth Hill. Cross the brook up the next field to Westley Farm.
4. At Westley, go straight over the road, through the farm (new metal footpath gates). At the top left of this field go through the gate and over to Lyth Hill Country Park. Head up and then right to the view point.
5. From the view point retrace your steps along the ridge, but this time go through the wood or go through the gate straight ahead. Both lead down to deer farm at the bottom of the ridge.

6. From the deer farm go further down the farm access road into Exfords Green. Go left 100 yds and then right on to a long bridleway road.
7. Follow the (now the Shropshire Way) markers, right at the fork $\frac{3}{8}$ mile straight through a smallholding and then 2 grass fields veering left to the road in Lower Common.
8. In Lower Common, turn left. After $\frac{1}{4}$ mile take the footpath on your right by a small stable. Follow the way markers in a general south east direction over and around 5 fields.
9. Then turn left up the farm track that leads back to Stapleton.
10. Turn right for the village and church.

Stapleton Walks



To Dorrington 1½ miles or circular walks of 2, 3 or 4 miles.



Stapleton Walks visiting woods and lakes at Upper Shadymoor.

Stapleton to Dorrington 1½m

1. From the church in Stapleton (ample parking), go through the metal footpath gate just to left of the church gate. Note the ancient castle mott earth works next to the church. At the bottom of the pasture, cross the brook.
2. Cross the big pastures with the hedge on your right, over a footbridge and then over to and along a farm track on the left of the field.

To Dorrington,

3. At the footpath finger post turn left on a farm track, but after 100 yds. keep straight on. Leave the track keeping the hedge on your left. Follow the way markers and head for Dorrington church steeple to end up in Sidney Betts Close and Dorrington village hall.

Stapleton Circular Walks 2, 3, 4 miles

Follow 1 and 2 above and then at the footpath finger post

EITHER:

4. Turn right to Moat. Cross a footbridge and cross a field to the road. Turn right back to Stapleton (2 miles total route).

OR:

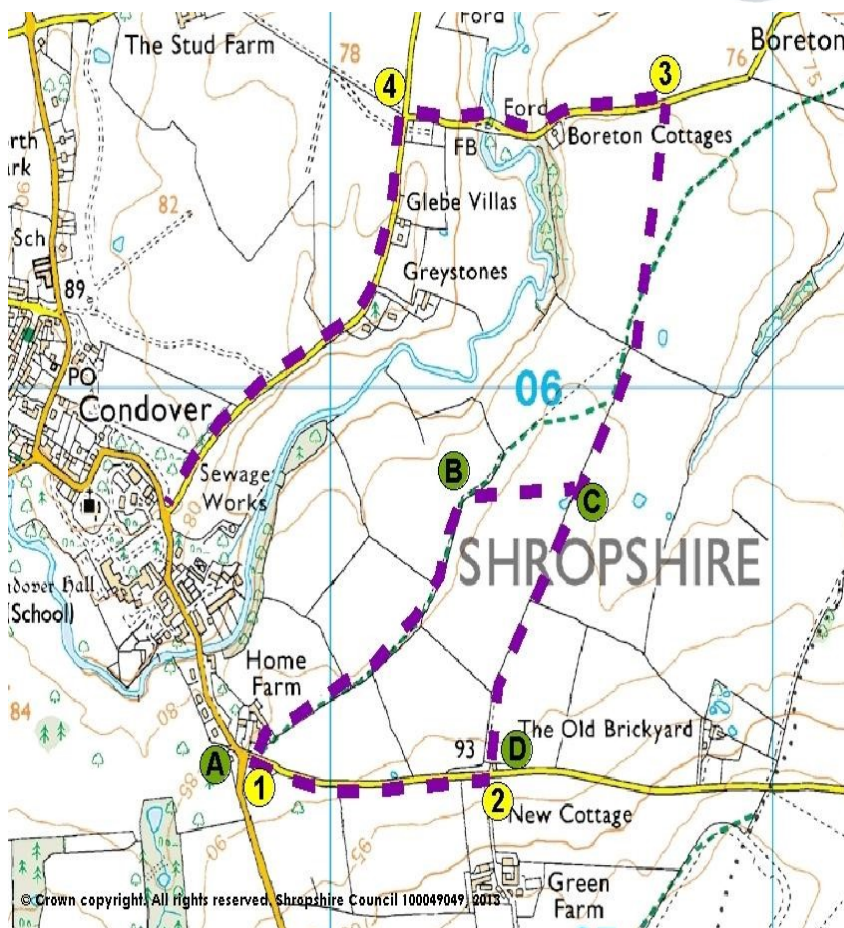
5. Go straight on to Shadymoor. Follow the way markers across 4 pastures.
6. Ignore the footbridge on the right but instead go straight on over 2 new stiles crossing the farm access road (NB The road is not a public right of way)
7. Go across 1 field, through the gate, turn right fording a stream back to Middle Shadymoor farm. At the farm turn left away from the buildings to a bridleway T junction.

After 7, EITHER..

- A. For the 4 mile route, turn left follow the old farm road for Upper Shadymoor. At the end of this beautiful isolated wood lane is a gate (next to Upper Shadymoor fishing ponds). Turn right along the farm access road and after 100 yds. turn right into a wood. Follow the way markers which lead to the road. Turn right for home. You could join the Shropshire Way here on the left instead. OR, instead of A and after 7..
- B. For the 3 mile route turn right.

C. Follow the blue way markers at the side of a field and left on to a farm This leads to the road. Turn right on this back to Stapleton.

Circular Walks to the East of Condover



3 mile and 1 mile easy walks over farm land and crossing the Count River.
May be suitable for little ramblers and large wheeled prams.

3 mile and 1 mile walks from East Side of Condover

3 Mile easy walk suitable for large wheeled prams. Leave the village on Frodesley road. **1** Turn Left by “Farm Friends Nursery on Cantlop Road. After $\frac{1}{4}$ mile go left along farm track **2** (opp. Green Farm) Farmer permission given for this.

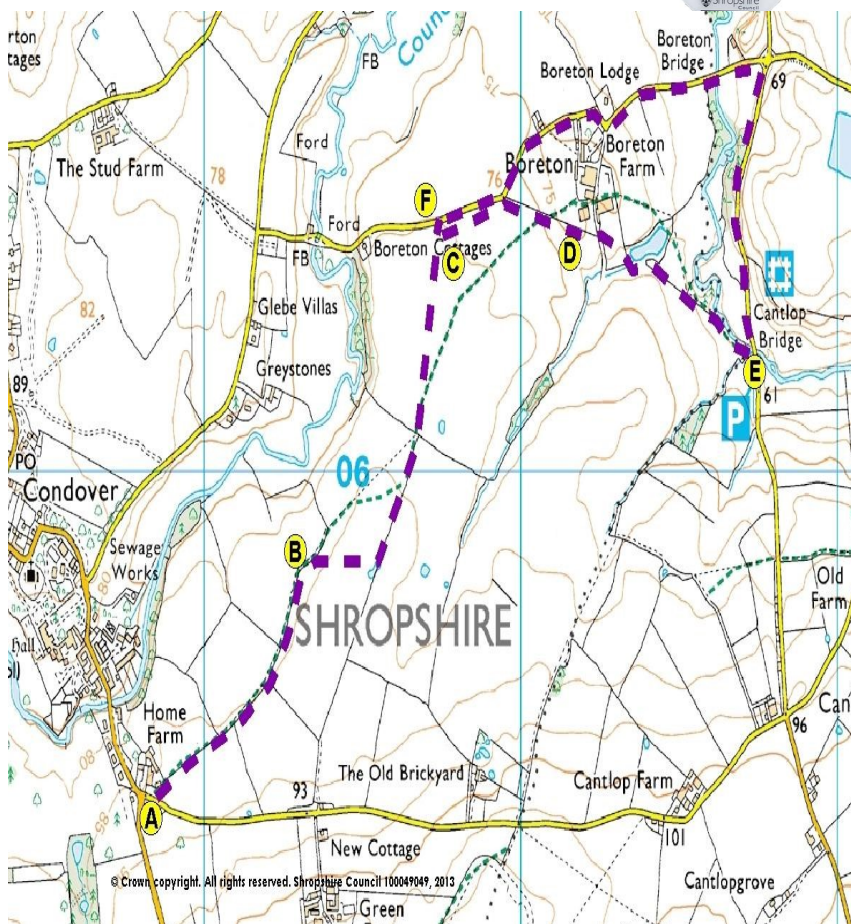
Can be busy with tractors please keep dogs and children near.

At end gate **3** turn left into minor road (Condover to Boreton)

Turning left go down, crossing the river by the ford. There is a big foot bridge to the left which children will love. At the top by “T” junction **4** turn left back to Condover.

1 Mile easy walk suitable for little beginner ramblers. Start by **A** “Farm Friends” just past their building on the left is a footpath gate. Go over the tiny paddock opposite there is a long farm track follow this and after 3rd field go over stile on RHS keep The stile is about 200yds into this field **B**. From here walk across the field **C** to new stile exit onto farm track. From here turn right and right again **D** to the road leading back to the Nursery.

Circular Walks to the East of Condover



5 mile easy walk over farm land and farm tracks crossing the Countess River. Beware of busy lanes and tracks with tractors.

5 mile walk from East Side of Condover

This extended walk follows on from the previous walks

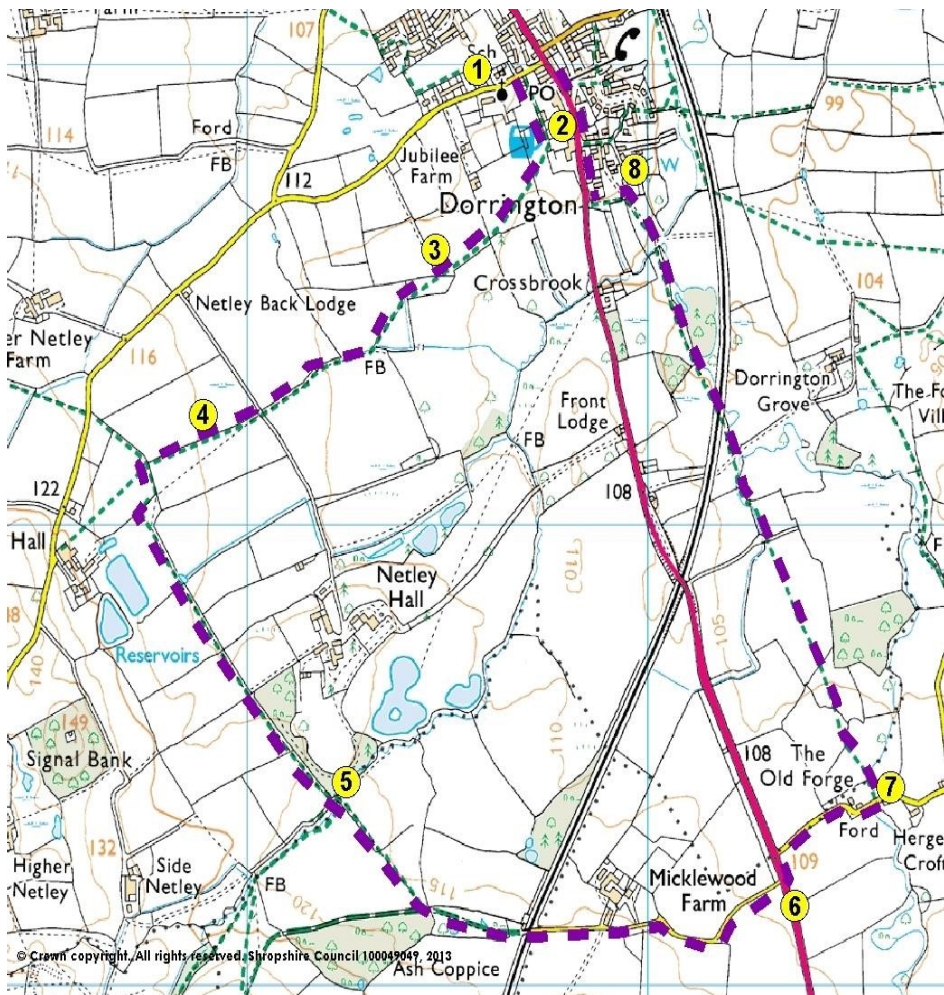
5 Mile walk :

Leave the village on Frodesley road. **A** Left by “Farm Friends Nursery just past their building on the left is a footpath gate. Go over the tiny paddock in the LH corner there is a gate leading to a long farm track follow this and after 3rd field **B** go over stile on RHS. From here follow the directional walk sign and walk across the field to new stile, exit onto farm track. Turn left and walk the track. At the end, by big gate, **C** turn right and follow into and below the farm buildings. Follow track swinging right and down a slope **D** cross concrete bridge and sharp left **E**. Walk with the stream on your left and pass the fishing pond. Then walk keeping the Moto x on your left and follow track keep straight on and trees to your left. 250yds exit onto Acton Burnell Rd. by the 1818 single cast iron Cantlop Bridge, possibly designed by Thomas Telford.

To return turn left and then ½ mile left again back to Boreton Farm then return via farm track **F** or continue to Cantelop cross Rds turn left and back to Condover.

Circular Walks South of Dorrington

A little bit over 3 miles,



A lovely 3mile walk taking in pasture fields small wooded area and ponds. Skirting around the back of Netley Hall and returning along the River Count.

1. Start by Dorrington church and walk back towards the A49. Follow the path on the right 20yds before you get the main road.

2. Go through the kissing gates, on reaching the Horse-shoes Pub turn right through kissing gate into field.

3. Follow the way marker signs:

- ◆ Diagonally over first field
- ◆ Around hedge of next two fields
- ◆ Over next well marked field to gate
- ◆ Over hedge stile into Netley Hall access road.
- ◆ And go straight over this private road.

4. Go straight over this field to a stile with lots of way marks. Turn Left and follow hedge.

Follow the hedge along 4 fields and pass by a small pond.

5. At the farm track do a left and quick right. Follow this hedge and enter into lovely wooded area.

Walk bearing to your left and emerge by railway line.

Cross line, with care, and walk to A49.

Turn left and then right towards the Ford.

Take the footpath on the left just before the Ford.

Follow concrete path and enter horse paddock and to stile in far corner. Then into small wood and emerge into grass field walk across field then:

Through the hunting gate and follow field boundary.

Cross the railway line, care again, and follow the field boundary.

Continue to follow field margins keeping the river on your right hand side.

Emerge into Falklands Road and back into Dorrington.