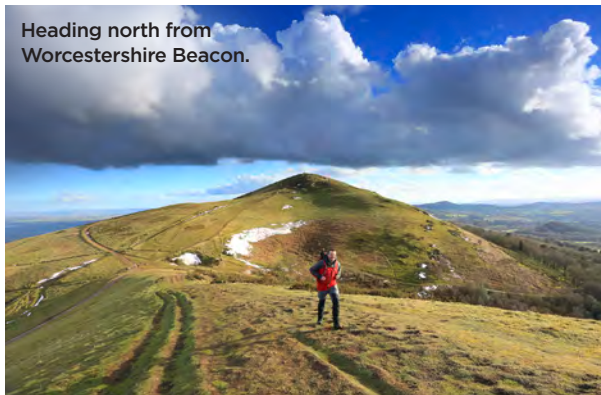




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▶ Distance: 10 miles/16.2km (+ ½ mile for option 2)
▶ Time: 5½ hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



Heading north from
Worcestershire Beacon.

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Fancy going end-to-end along the iconic Malvern ridge? This is an epic, challenging crossing of all the main hills of the range from south to north. The geography makes logistics a pain (see right) but it's surely one of the greatest full-day walks in England, with spectacular views from start to finish.

1 Start

Exit layby to NE, on footpath signed Chase End Hill. Where path splits, keep R. Path veers L and climbs to trig on Chase End Hill. Take L-hand path from summit down through woods to track. Follow track down past cottage to Whiteleaved Oak.

2 ¾ mile/1.2km

Turn R and follow road R. Turn L onto branching track after 80m. As track bends sharp L, locate path L which ascends through woods to Ragged Stone Hill summit. On far side, continue N. Where paths split, take R fork and continue down through woods to reach track. Turn R and through kissing-gate onto road. Turn R and continue to brow of hill. Cross road and turn L, through parking area. Through gate and climb bank. Continue uphill to summit Midsummer Hill.

3 2 miles/3.3km

Descend on far side, ignoring paths and veering L to reach farm track. Turn R. At junction before Peacock Villa,

PLAN YOUR WALK



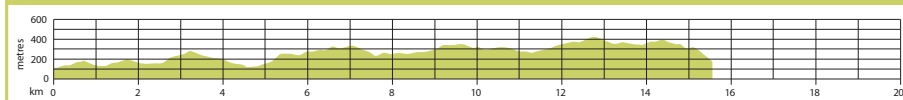
ROUTE

Start/parking Option 1: Park at Tank Quarry car park, grid ref SO768470 & take taxi or second car to Bromesberrow Estate parking area, grid ref SO756349 Option 2: Stay at Cowleigh Park Farm (www.cowleighparkfarm.co.uk, grid ref SO766476) which means no retracing steps. You still need to get to Bromesberrow parking area to start - farm owners may help with transport
Is it for me? A lot of ups & downs, exposed summits. Few options for shortening. Navigation skills required
Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Great Malvern
Refreshments Wynds Point & Wyche Cutting.
Public toilets As above
Public transport None to start; taxi/cars required
Maps OS Explorer 190, Landranger 150

GRADIENT PROFILE



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turn R on lane. Pass quarry and after 300m turn sharp L on track. Follow for 160m then branch L on path climbing to ridgeline. Turn R and cross summit of Swinyard Hill. Descend far side to junction of paths. Continue ahead, signed Giant's Cave & British Camp. At fork, continue ahead. Pass Giant's Cave and reach ridgeline. Turn L, go through gate and continue over Millennium Hill, before climbing to Herefordshire Beacon summit.

4 4½ miles/7.3km

Descend on far side and follow path. At bottom, go through gate and cross road at Wynds Point. Take road L off main road (N), passing hotel R. Two paths branch R after pub; take R-hand high path, skirting R of parkland to ridgeline. Turn L and follow path over Black Hill, Pinnacle Hill, Jubilee Hill & Perseverance Hill. Down steps to reach road at Wyche Cutting.

5 7¼ miles/11.5km

Cross road and continue ahead, branching R up Beacon Road. Through parking area and continue on higher track, (R) Upper Beacon Road. Pass car park R and continue on path up to Worcestershire Beacon summit. Descend on far side, keeping to higher of paths. Descend to crossroads of paths and continue ahead to climb Sugar Loaf Hill, then on ridgeline to Table Hill summit. Branch sharp R to continue to summit of North Hill.



6 9½ miles/15km

Descend far side. Where path splits, take L fork and descend to track. Turn L, then take 2nd footpath R, down to head of mini-valley. Ascend far side, veering R to ridgeline. Reaching main path, turn R to reach summit of End Hill.

7 9¼ miles/15.6km

Option 1 (to Tank Quarry car park): Retrace steps to head of mini-valley. At crossroads of paths, turn L and follow valley down to car park.
Option 2 (to Cowleigh Park

Farm): Descend far side of End Hill to track. Turn R down to road. Cross, turn L for 20m, before turning R down steps to road. Turn R, follow for 45m, then take footpath L on steps to road. Cross and continue up access track to farm. **CW**

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