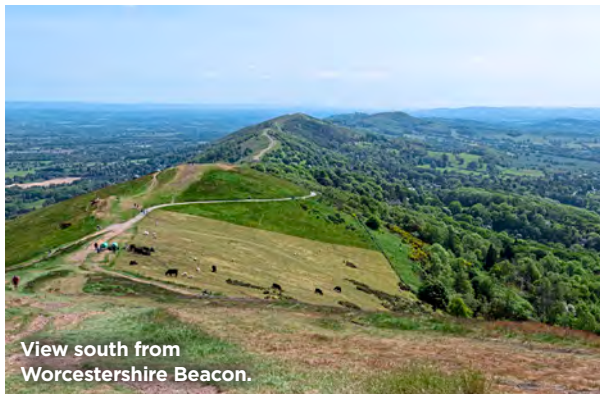




10 WORCESTERSHIRE WORCESTERSHIRE BEACON

Distance: 6 miles/9.5km Time: 3 hours Grade: Moderate



View south from Worcestershire Beacon.

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A superb introduction to the Malvern Hills taking in the Victorian splendour of Great Malvern, the wooded lower slopes and rich upland grasslands of the hills, and of course, the tremendous views. On a clear day, you can see Long Mynd to the north, the Cotswolds to the east, the Bristol Channel to the south and the Brecon Beacons to the west. The route loops up from Great Malvern railway station through the town and to the top of the highest hill in the Malverns, returning via a woodland path and Great Malvern Priory. The exotic

trees in town are magnificent – planted by the Victorians as status symbols, they are now mature and create a unique treescape – remember to look up as you walk.

1 Start

From ticket office, head diagonally R to far corner of park, then uphill on Avenue Road. At Church Street, L uphill through town centre. At top, R to St Ann's Road.

2 ½ mile/1km

Turn L uphill. Where road bends L, continue straight up Happy Valley. Pass refurbished donkey sheds on R. Just before metal column on R, turn R to rise and head N through woods. R at top,

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Free parking at Great Malvern Railway Station and surrounding streets, grid ref SO783457, postcode WR14 3AL

Is it for me? Easy-to-follow route on stony paths, woodland paths and some tarmac. Some steep ascents/descents, some with loose surfaces

Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Great Malvern

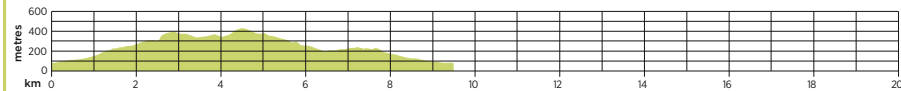
Refreshments Plenty of choice in Great Malvern, St Ann's Well café (01684 560285) at Point 4

Public toilets Grange Road, Malvern

Public transport Trains on Worcester to Hereford line (Great Malvern station, NOT Malvern Link. Bus 44 Worcester (firstbus.co.uk)

Maps OS Explorer 190; Landranger 150

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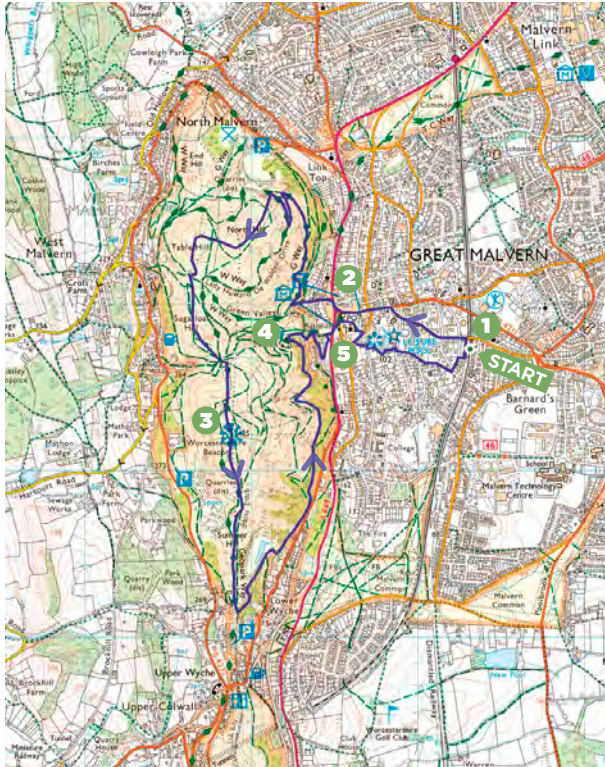
keeping hill on L. Immediately after a rockface on L, fork L uphill to continue N then zigzag up hill. At top, R. Opposite quarry fence on R, L up grassy path to summit of North Hill. R (W) down then up to summit of Table Hill. L (S) downhill towards Worcestershire Beacon. At dip, continue straight up and over Sugar Loaf to a circular stone waymarker. Follow path straight up Worcestershire Beacon to top.

3 $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles/4.6km

Continue S off hill, line of the hills ahead. Straight up and over Summer Hill after first dip to tarmac drive. Down drive to another round stone waymarker on L. Turn sharp L towards Quarry Walk. Fork R where path splits with low wall on R. Drop to join wider path, continue ahead briefly then R steeply downhill. Path undulates and slowly drops. Near road on R, keep L, then stick to main path until you reach St Ann's Well café and toilets.

4 $4\frac{1}{4}$ miles/7.7km

Follow drive downhill. At end, R onto St Ann's Road. Soon becomes Foley Terrace. By railings, bear L through gate into park. Keep L with another set of railings on L to steps on L. Take steps, continue down between stone embankments. Follow path L past Lark Ascending



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and Buzzards sculptures to garden entrance opposite Priory. Cross road, continue downhill to steps between Post Office and Lyttelton House to Priory churchyard.

5 $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles/8.5km

Walk round far end of the church then down path between walls. Cross road and enter the park to R of Malvern Theatres. At first crossroads of paths, continue ahead, then bear L downhill to lake. Turn R,

follow path to far side of lake. R down alleyway with steps. At end, dogleg R then L down Clarence Road. Before railway bridge, L into Imperial Road and back to the station. **CW**

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