

KNUCKLAS CIRCULAR WALKS –3

DESCRIPTION

Mixed pasture and woodland walking with fine views of Knucklas and the viaduct and the Shropshire hills across the Teme valley.

More info:

www.knucklas.org.uk

www.knucklascastle.org.uk

DISTANCE AND TIME

OS MAP Explorer 201/Landranger 148

Distance 7km (4m)

Ascent - 200m, max. height 370m.

Allow 2 hours with stops.

1.

START

The walk begins in Knucklas village.

Car parking: Community Centre car park; (for group walks please ask permission for cars).

Rail: Knucklas rail station.

Bus: route 41

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ROUTE

NOTE: Distances are cumulative, from the stream bridge/telephone box in the village.

1. Pass under the viaduct and in 100m pass the turn for Lower Dolwilkin farm (a short cut can be done here along the access road, see map) to a stile on the left. Head for the far right corner of the field and go through a gate with the wood on your left to a stile. Go ahead toward the farmhouse (Pentrusco) and just before the farmyard go left onto the farm road behind the house, and follow it left up into the wood. Admire the fine wood as you go along and there are good views of the Knucklas viaduct to the left.

2. 1.3km: At a gate where the road levels out go straight on through the gate (it is possible to continue ahead along the hedge but it is not a right of way).

Go through the gate and pass through several fields to join a farm road coming from the left just before a farm. Almost immediately go right through a gate and diagonally up the hill along a clear line to join the ridge.

3. 2.2km: The ridge rises steadily. Keep to the highest route (or a little right of the ridge) and look for a stile over a fence crossing your route. Keep heading uphill towards a few trees and take the farm gate to the right of them. Continue a little leftwards and take a farm gate before a small round pond.

Go diagonally right to the farm gate or stile onto a road.

4. 3.3km: Cross the road and take the gate in front of you. Follow the hedge (going through several gates) on your right for 1km as it goes gently down and swings right, to a farm (Cefn Coch). As you get close to the farm pass through the last gate and go right and immediately left following the hedge around the farm buildings, passing a large steel barn. Go through a gate into a triangular patch and take the gate to the left ahead. Turn left immediately and follow the hedge on your left. Follow this until you can see a farm gate into the wood in front.

5. 4.8km: There is narrow but clear footpath to follow. In about 50m you can choose to follow the footpath or go right to join the forest road. The footpath becomes a steeply descending groove, somewhat overgrown. If this doesn't appeal, take the road route, which initially goes back right but then turns sharp left and descends steadily. At the bottom join the road and take it right, back to the start. You pass through the hamlet of Heyope, with an interesting church (see www.thebeaconbenefice.org.uk for information).

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NOT TO SCALE

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KEY

- Main road
- Minor road
- Path

