KNUCKLAS CIRCULAR WALKS –1

DESCRIPTION

A walk using both National Trails – Offa's Dyke and Glyndwr's Way. You pass under the magnificent railway viaduct at Knucklas. The route crosses the Teme Valley, so there are two main ascents and some lesser ones.

All gates and stiles exist, mostly waymarked.

More info: www.knucklas.org.uk

DISTANCE AND TIME

OS Map - Explorer 201/Landranger 148

Distance 14km (9m), two main and a couple of short ascents - 500m total.

Allow 5-6 hours with stops.

The route can be followed in either direction.

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. Go uphill to the viaduct and just through it take the road immediately left and follow it steeply uphill. In about 800m take the first stile on your right. Go diagonally right and across the slope ahead on a path through the gorse bushes. Cross a stile and follow the hedge on your left to another stile. Continue rising diagonally leftwards across the slope to come out onto a road. Turn right and in about 200m turn left on a farm track. In about 300m you join Glyndwr's Way.
- 2. 2km: Go left, down past a small pond, right through a gate and follow the farm track ahead by the hedge. This eventually becomes a tarmac road.
- 3. 4.5km: At the junction follow Glyndwr's Way signs left then right, and into the woods around Garth Hill. (NOTE: Shorter to go right around Garth Hill see map.)
- 4. 7km: As you come into the town follow the Way marks, going down a narrow alley, cross a road and continue ahead. You come out into an attractive lane called The Cwm. Follow this left into town and turn left to the Offa's Dyke Centre.
- 5. 8km: Here join the Offa's Dyke Path. This follows the Teme and crosses the railway. After crossing a road it rises steeply to the ridge. Follow the acorn

- signs for the next 2km, to the first crossing track with a finger post.
- 6. 11km: Turn left, down the hill. At a cottage (Bryney Cottage) go through the gate to the right of it and continue downhill to a tarmac road. (A farm on your right was the training place of the first Derby winner!) Turn right on the road, parallel to the river Teme; continue to a junction in about 1km. Turn left, cross the Teme (a SSSI where otters are sometimes seen), to the main road (B4355). Turn left and then immediately right into Knucklas.

