



# MUCH WENLOCK SHROPSHIRE

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## Much Wenlock/Sheinton Circular Walk

This walk through the fields and woods to Sheinton provides for an interesting destination, and the return gives you changing perspectives of Wenlock Edge.

**Start:** The Square Much Wenlock

We advise strong shoes or walking boots

**Distance:** 13kms. 3 to 4 hours.

**Terrain:** Moderate along good footpaths, and quiet country lanes.

**Public Transport:** None

More details from Much Wenlock Visitor Information Centre **01952 727679**

From The Square ① pass the Guildhall and turn right into the Bull Ring. After 130 metres go through the kissing gate on the left and follow the right fork in the track. Go through a gate, and down the steps, and turn right onto the old railway track, following it for just over 1 km, then turn left up to the road junction ②, and turn right onto the verge of the major road as far as the layby.

Cross the road, taking great care, to a waymark, turn right, and go through a gate heading for the top left corner of the field to a kissing gate at the edge of the wood ③. Go through the gate into the wood following the path right down the hill until you reach a well established forestry track on the far edge of the wood and turn right. Follow the track down to a farm gate and turn left into a lane ④. On reaching the road turn left until you pass a house on your left, and turn right through a gateway ⑤.

Follow the hedge on your left, and just past a cottage behind the hedge bear diagonally right across the field to a stile rather than following the edge of the wood. Cross the stile into a wood and descend to cross a footbridge and go straight on up the path until you come to a footpath crossing at the edge of the wood ⑥. Go straight on over the stile and little bridge, and cross three fields bearing left at the third field to cross the third stile, and then turn left through a gate. Follow the path to a stile next to a house ⑦, and turn right onto a track which goes down to the road in Sheinton.

Turn left past the church, and down the road to pass over a bridge. After 100m turn left into a lane signposted to Belswardine Farm ⑧. At the T-junction by the farm turn left onto an unmetalled lane, and turn left again immediately after a sharp right bend into another lane ⑨. After a house and pond on the left turn left through a gap in the

hedge into a wood. Bear right up through the wood, and at the top follow the path right through a field gate, and turn half left across the field to a gate to the left of a wood. Go straight on through the gate with the wood to the right, and keep straight on across the field to go over a waymarked stile ⑩, and down to cross a gated footbridge. Bear half right up the slope with a wood to the right to a small gate in the corner of the field. Follow the hedge/fence on the right to cross two fields, and through two kissing gates to a road in Homer ⑪.

Cross the road and go straight up the road ahead to go through a gate facing you at the top where the road turns sharp left. Go straight up to a kissing gate and straight on for 75m then bear left diagonally across the slope to a kissing gate at the edge of the wood ⑫. Follow the path through the wood to the top, and out into a field ahead, and with a hedge on your right follow the path which soon goes between a hedge on the left and a fence on the right to a kissing gate. Go down the field to the main road ⑬, cross, and go up some steps through a small copse to a kissing gate, and out onto a hill with a windmill tower ahead.

Enjoy the view of Much Wenlock, and then go diagonally down the hill to a gate which leads onto playing fields. Go left along a row of trees to find the oak planted by Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1893 ⑭, and then to a cinder track through an avenue of trees, and go right. Go through the gate at the end, past the old station, and left to retrace your steps to The Square.



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