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Visit the parish website, www.fownhope.org.uk or find us on Facebook.

You might choose to walk the other village walks; there are leaflets for them available from the West End Stores or The Shop @ Coo Corner in the High Street as well as copies which you can download from the parish website. Or check out the Parish Map showing many other places to explore which you can see on the High Street or Recreation Field noticeboards.

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

- Stay on the public rights of way unless you are on open access land or where there are permissive roaming rights.
- Be safe: plan ahead and follow waymarkers.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Protect plants and animals.
- Take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under close control.
- Be considerate to other people.



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Fownhope Village Walk 3



A Circular Walk to Mordiford via Even Pits

Walk Length 5.5 miles (3 hours)

The walk has a couple of uphill climbs to the Iron Age fort on Cherry Hill and the ridge above Fiddler's Green towards the end of the walk.

The paths are mostly well-established and waymarked through wooded areas as well as some pastureland. You get a glimpse of both Fownhope and Mordiford from ground level and views of both villages from above. There are good views of the winding route of the River Wye and where possible the route has tried to avoid walking along the busy B4224 road.

From the recreation field pavilion, cross the recreation field to the diagonally opposite corner where there is a bench beside a small pond. Continue over the small wooden bridge and follow in the direction of the hedge on your left, past the gardens on your right of the houses which front onto the High Street. Continue past the car parks of The Green Man pub, Wye Leisure Health & Leisure club on your right to the end of the field. Cross over the concrete bridge and follow the track up to where it meets Ferry Lane - opposite a house, "The Forge and Ferry" (1). Turn right and walk up the road, ignoring the public footpath on your left, past industrial buildings on your left and a cream painted house and workshops on your right, "The Tan House Workshops" until you reach the main road (B4224). Cross the road and proceed up the road opposite, Woolhope Road. You will pass several houses on your right, "Jos, Warley & Court Lodge", and then a public footpath on your left and a private road on your right to Fownhope Court, both of which you should ignore. After a further 30 metres turn left at the green and white metal pathway sign on your left (2). Continue on the path to some steps, climb these and at the top, follow the path round to the right towards a way marked post ahead. Go on the path uphill past the way marked post (ignore the path to your left). The path climbs quite steeply upwards, passing another waymarked post on your right, leading you eventually to the site of an Iron Age camp at the top of Cherry Hill, where the path levels out as it passes around the camp(3). The path descends as it leaves the camp and after a short steep descent begins to gently raise again. Ignore the track on your left with a view across the Wye Valley (opposite a waymarked tree). Continue upward and at the waymarked post on your left take a right turn down a steep track. Follow the track to a junction with another track and turn left. Continue on this path until you reach a second waymarked post, and take the path to the right uphill. At the next way marked post take the right fork and follow the narrow path straight ahead (ignore the downhill track on your left) to some steps. Climb the

steps and bear slightly right at the top and immediately left by the way mark down through the lines of planted conifers. Follow the path down, crossing over a wide track to the planked bridge and stile at the edge of the wood (4).

Cross the stile into the field. Continue across the field bearing slightly right to a second bridge into a second field. Cross the bridge and turn left to the corner of the field and pass through a galvanised gate into a lane, where you will join the Wye Valley Walk. Follow the lane past a house on your right to Hope Springs Farm. Pass "The Old Stable" on your right and turn left up a tarmac road ("The Bullbox" on your left). Ignore the track on your left. At the top of this short stretch of road just after you pass "Bagpiper Cottage" on your left, fork right, continuing along the Wye Valley Walk through a galvanised gate into apple orchards. Follow the left-hand hedge down to a bridge and a kissing gate and across the next field past a cattle shed and eventually to the road at Mordiford (5).

Go straight across the road into the track opposite, past houses on your left. Turn left at the footpath sign immediately after "Garlands Lodge" through a metal gate and straight ahead to a second gate. Go through the gate and follow the hedge on your left through two fields to a metal gate. Follow the path to the B4224 road. Turn right along the narrow roadside path towards a house "Bark Cottage" on your right. At the house cross the road and follow the path uphill until you reach a track where you need to turn right (6). Follow this track for about a mile and 30 m after reaching a barrier, turn left uphill at a waymark post (7).

Follow the path uphill through the trees ignoring the stile on your right towards the top of the hill. About 50m further cross over a wider track again uphill towards the ridge. Continue on this path just below the ridge for about 300m until you meet an uphill section going through a wide avenue of cleared trees until you reach a waymark. Here you need to turn back on yourself (at 4 o'clock from the post) and go down the steps you came up earlier in the walk (8).

At the corner of the field turn left (ignore the access to the road) and follow the path parallel to the road towards Fownhope village through two fields. At the far corner of the second field before the Fownhope sign, turn right over the stile and cross the road towards a roadway following the line of the tall conifer trees (10). After the conifers, bear left and proceed through the wooden gate about 40m away and follow the path through two small fields at the back of gardens. This path takes you back to Ferry Lane where you turn right and then left at "The Forge & Ferry" and follow the path back across the fields to the Recreation Field.

There is an alternative route avoiding the final uphill climb into the woods.

At **point (7)** continue along the path and downhill until you reach the B4224. By the "Stag" sign cross the road, turn right and walk along the wide verge towards the "Ducks crossing" sign. At the sign take the permissible path between the two hedges to the entrance of Lucksall Caravan Park. Turn into the Caravan Park (refreshments available March – end of November) and follow the roadway along the river (to the right of the flag poles) through the campsite to a stile on the right of the canoe shed. Go over the stile into the field and continue along the riverbank to the end of the first field before turning half left at a waymark post on the side of the path leaving the river behind you. Cross the field to a gap in the hedge approximately 150 metres to the right of the barn. Cross the narrow field to a metal gate and upon entering the field follow the fence forward to the next gate and a wooden stile situated in that fence. Go through the gate or over the stile, continuing forwards to the right of a telegraph pole and to the left of two trees heading towards the house in the distance low down on the riverbank. Before you reach the house go through a final gate and take the short private drive in front of the property up to the B4224, turn right towards Fownhope walking in single file on the grass verge, where possible, for approximately 300 metres before turning right up a roadway just before the Fownhope sign towards **point (10)**.