



A View of Haugh Woods

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Visit the parish website, www.fownhope.org.uk
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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.



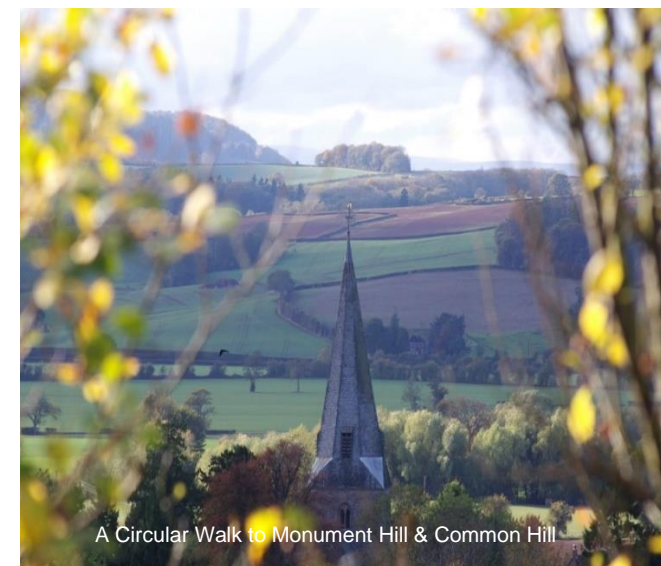
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Fownhope Village Walk 4



A Circular Walk to Monument Hill & Common Hill

Walk Length 3 miles (1.5 hours)

The walk gradually climbs to the ridges of Monument and Common Hill, and then returns back into the village. It passes through two nature reserves on Common Hill, where you can soak up the diverse local flora and fauna as well as spot deer. You can also enjoy views of Fownhope from above the village, the wider Wye Valley and Haugh Woods. There are some narrow road sections on Hawkers Lane but they are generally used by light local traffic.

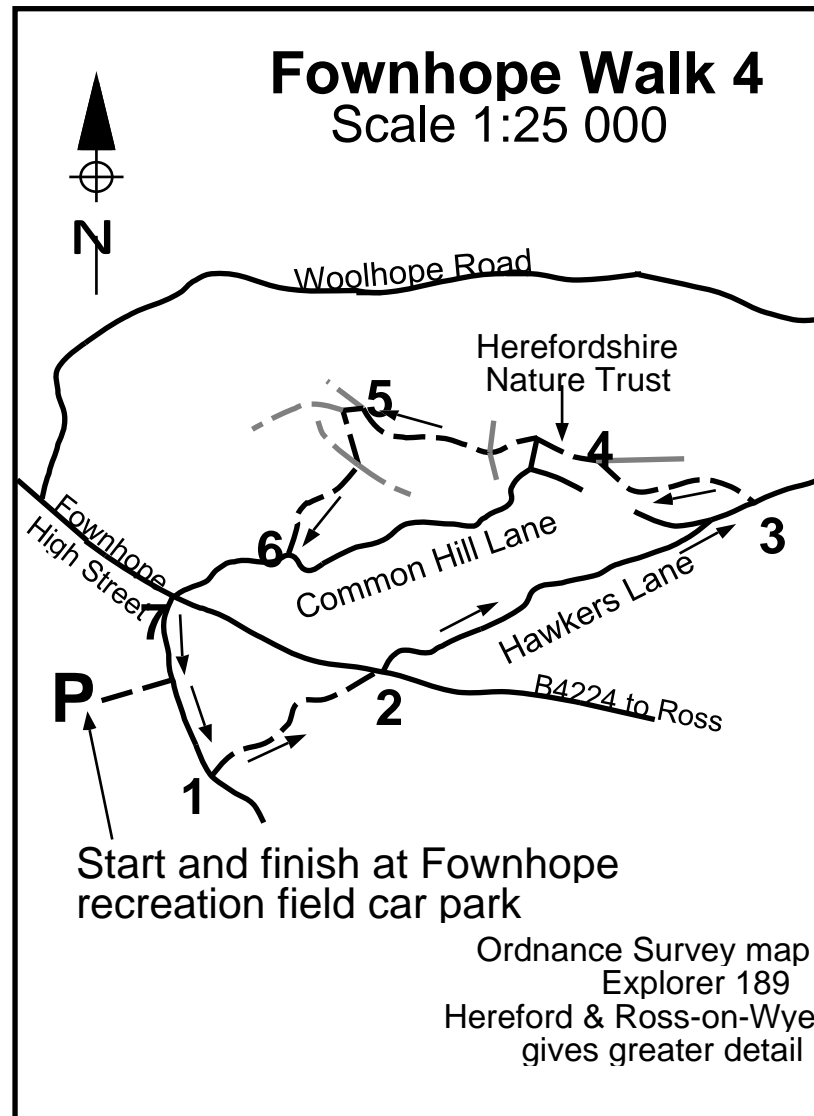
From the Recreation Field car park return to Capler Lane. Turn right and continue up the hill to “Tump Farm” at the crest of the hill. Turn left opposite the farm entrance up steep steps to a stile (1).

Go over the stile and continue straight ahead through the field with the fence/hedge on your left to another stile in the corner of the field. Go over the stile and continue straight ahead through a second field (solar panels on your right) to a third stile on the other side of the field.

Go over the stile and continue straight ahead in the direction of the farm buildings, passing to the left of the walled garden towards a metal gate in the corner on the other side of the field. Go through the metal gate and cross the main road (B4224) into Hawkers Lane (2). Follow Hawkers Lane for approximately 1 mile to where Common Hill Lane joins Hawkers Lane from the left. Continue up Hawkers Lane to the top of the hill. Turn left at the bridleway sign immediately after “Common Hill Farm”, walking between the farmhouse and the garage (3).

At the entrance to “Yew Tree Cottage” bear left up a signposted path. Turn right in approximately 60 metres through a waymarked wooden gate down two steep steps. Follow the footpath, initially in the private garden of “Yew Tree Cottage” up to the next waymark, through the woods over Monument Hill and along the ridge to a waymarked wooden gate (4).

Go through the gate into Common Hill Nature Reserve passing a bench on your left. Turn right at the waymarked post (in approx. 10 m) and down some steps. Continue following the path down and across the field to a waymarked wooden gate (Herefordshire Nature Trust Information Board to your right). Go through the gate, turn right and almost immediately left through a wooden gate into North Meadow Common Hill Nature Reserve. Follow the path through the meadow past a bench on the left and follow the fence/hedge down to a waymarked wooden gate (Herefordshire Nature Trust Information Board on your right). Go through the gate and turn right. In a few metres you will reach “Five Ways” junction. Take the third track on the left (straight ahead) passing “The Pump House” on your left and a little further along “Morning Star” on your right and a further house on your left. Continue into the woods and up onto and along the ridge for approximately 200m until you



reach a disused quarry on your left and a waymarked post ahead of you (5). Bear left down a steep path just before the waymarked post to a telegraph pole where you turn left. After 50 m turn right down a small narrow path, continuing downhill. At the bottom of the slope, with a waymarked post on your right, and where a narrow path comes in from the right, bear left until you reach a waymarked telegraph pole on your left. Turn steep right and continue downhill on a waymarked path until you reach a track with a stile straight ahead. Go over the stile into the field opposite. Continue straight ahead, initially keeping close to the hedge on the left. At the end of the hedge/where the hedge changes direction, turn left cutting across the corner of the field, to a wooden gate situated between two clumps of trees. Go through the gate and turn right into Common Hill Lane (6).

Follow Common Hill Lane to the junction with the main road (B4224-Pritchard's butchers and St Mary's Church opposite) (7). Cross the road into Capler Lane and follow this for approximately 200m, before turning right at the signpost (8) to return to the recreation field and car park.