

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.



TAKING NOTHING BUT PHOTOGRAPHS

LEAVING NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS

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Fownhope Village Walk 5

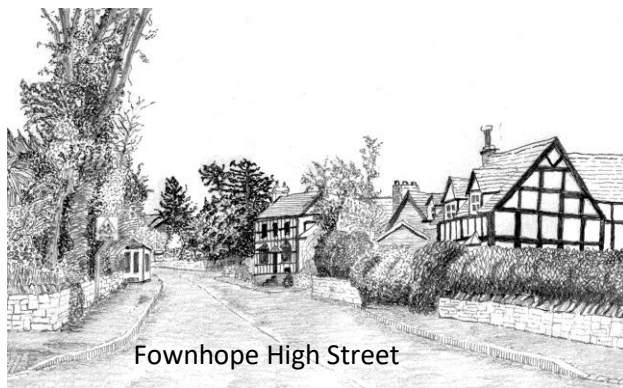


A Circular Walk from Fownhope to Mancell's Ferry, Brinkley Hill, returning via Capler Camp, Paget's Wood & Common Hill

Walk Length 8 miles (4.5 hours)

The walk initially gives you views from above the river Wye, but then you walk along the river edge for a couple of miles allowing you to see both people and wildlife enjoying the water.

After a short, steep uphill climb at Brinkley Hill you get a glimpse of life in Brockhampton, before a final view of the river Wye at the viewpoint. On the return journey you follow well-marked paths through woodland via Capler Camp & Paget's Wood, from where you can get good views across to Wales.



Fownhope High Street

Starting at the village walk start point at the edge of the car park next to the pavilion, walk along the track towards the green Tractor Shed ignoring the sign to the river and go through the kissing gate on the left at the entrance to “Lea Brink”. Follow the field edge on your right, go through a metal gate and walk 100 metres uphill until the path flattens, then turn half left to a wooden kissing gate at the top of the field. Go through this and take a diagonal permissive path across this field to a gate and a stile, cross the stile and a further stile towards a derelict barn, on the left. From the far corner of the barn head down, to the left of the two large oak trees, towards a metal gate and a way mark on a tree and follow the line of the hedge down to another gate. Go through and follow the line of another hedge on your left and nearing the end of this field, veer slightly to the right to a metal gate (50 metres to the left of a metal gate into the next field) in the corner of the field over the downhill track. Go through the gate and a second gate at a lower level. Follow the line of the hedge again until you reach “Mancell’s Ferry Cottage” (1) where you cross a stile into the garden, passing through the garden to another stile into the next field where you follow a riverside path over several fields to a stile at the bottom of Capler Wood (2). Cross this and turn left to climb up towards the road and then turn right along a track, through trees, just above the river and then continuing along a wide grassy path. At the point where there is a broad track leaving the river, climb this to reach Brinkley Hill Car Park on the right. Leave the car park turning left along a road towards Brockhampton (3). Where the road bends slightly to the right, turn half left along a track, to follow the Wye Valley Walk eventually leading down a private drive and a woodland until you meet the road again by a bench and viewpoint. Turn left along the road for a few metres and immediately after passing Caplar Lodge turn right along a track uphill into the wood. On reaching a clearing turn half right along a waymarked path through some pines. At the end of this path turn right onto a track, still going uphill past a waymark post and in a short distance, passing through a gate, you will have reached Capler Camp (4).

Continue along a grassy path, alongside the camp, and after passing farm buildings on the right, look out for a way mark sign, about 30 metres on the left. Head downwards to a stile, climb this to continue steeply down steps through a wooden gate into a field. Follow the field downhill towards the bungalow in front of you. Pass a bungalow on your left, through a clump of trees to a car park. Exit the car park and turn right along the tarmac lane to reach the main road (B4224) (5). Turn left along the road for about 75 metres and turn right at a way mark post, along a track for a short distance and then turn right through a kissing gate to cross a field following the direction of the waymark to a gate in a gap in the hedge at the end of the field. Go through this, turn right and follow the hedge down to the bottom of the field, turn left and at a yellow way mark turn right through a gap in the trees. Follow the left-hand hedge upwards, ignoring a waymark sign to the left, to a metal gate, continue upwards to the left corner near a large oak tree. Go through another metal gate, walking uphill through an orchard to a wooden gate leading towards Paget’s Wood. Finally, enter Paget’s Wood through a metal kissing gate in the left-hand top corner of the field (6). *Here, looking to your left there are fine views with Hay Bluff in the distance.* At the Hereford Nature Trust information board take the right fork and continue along this path, ignoring various permissive paths along the route. At a junction of various tracks, with a waymark post on your right, bear half left towards a waymark post 50 metres ahead. Just before you emerge from the woods look out for the remains of lime workings on your right. Pass through the gate or over the stile and following the line of a hedge on the right, climb up to a tarmac road, cross it and take the first left waymarked tarmac driveway,

walking between “Common Hill Farm” and a garage (7).

At the entrance to “Yew Tree Cottage” bear left up the waymarked 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. Turn right through a gate into Common Hill Nature Reserve, pass a wooden bench on your left, and then bear right downhill to a gate at the bottom of the field (see Nature Reserve Information Board on your right).

Go through the gate and follow the broad track to the left, continuing downhill until you meet a junction of paths and take the second left down to a local information kiosk and water pump, where you can shelter from the rain, if necessary (8). Bear right along a lane and continue along and down until you reach the main road (B4224) opposite St Mary’s Church and Pritchard’s butchers (9).

Cross into Capler Lane, walk along for about 200 metres before turning right at the signpost to return to the recreation field and car park.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT FOWNHOPE

***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 @ Coe 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.