



MUCH WENLOCK

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50 pence

Much Wenlock – Arlescott – Much Wenlock

This excellent walk gives splendid views of Corve Dale, The Wrekin, Brown Clee, The Long Mynd and the site of the Medieval Village of Arlescott.

Start: The Square Much Wenlock

We advise strong shoes or walking boots

Distance: 11kms. 2½ to 3 hrs.

Terrain: Moderate with good field tracks, old railway line and some quiet country lanes.

Public Transport: Much Wenlock can be reached by bus from Shrewsbury, Bridgnorth and Telford. A seasonal weekend shuttle bus runs along Wenlock Edge to and from Church Stretton.

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

From the clock **1**, face the Guildhall and turn left down Willmore Street. Pass the church on your right and turn right at the first road. The Bull Ring. Follow this road which becomes a narrow lane past Much Wenlock Priory **2** on your right.

Continue up hill on this narrow lane turning right with the lane and passing the Severn-Trent sewage works on your left. At the end of the lane turn right through the kissing gate **3** into a field.

Go slightly right to cross a stream bridge, turn slightly left and cross a field to meet a wire strock fence then follow the indistinct path keeping the fence on your right hand side. Continue to the right hand corner of the field and go through the kissing gate **4**.

Carry straight on keeping the hedge on your right. At the end of the field by Bell Hole cottage pass a five barred gate on your right, go left through the hedge following a good path to cross a stile on your right in 50m **5**.

Keep ahead at 11 o'clock to meet an old hedge/trees. Continue slightly uphill with this former hedge on your left and follow an indistinct path to reach a stile. Cross the stile into an overgrown green lane and follow up hill to an open field. Keep straight ahead, and as you climb higher **6** look out to your left for fallow deer by Ash Coppice. Views to the left from here to the Wrekin, Berwyns and Long Mynd and behind you to the Clee Hills.

At the stile go ahead to join a metalled track. At a sharp bend **7** go straight ahead towards a large tree to the right of Arlescott Farm **8**, (in wet weather follow the metalled track and turn

left at the road and walk back to the farm). Go through the gate and keep ahead towards a row of cottages and a finger post. The site of the medieval village of Arlescott is on your right **9**.

At the bottom of the field wade through a small stream and go through the gate, pass a cottage on the left. At the top of the hill where the metalled track goes right go through the gate on your left into a field **10** (a good place to sit and admire the views).

Follow the hedge on your right and in 100m pass a stunted tree, and continue to a marker post in the hedge where you then bear half left down hill on a track through a large gap in a line of trees. Turn right and follow the path through several fields to cross a bridge into a metalled lane **11**.

Turn left and follow this quiet lane for 1.75kms and then turn left at a small bungalow onto a disused railway track **12**, just before reaching A4169.

Walk along this pleasant track passing old quarry workings. Turn left at a firm track to meet a metalled road **13**. On meeting the metalled road go straight ahead to meet the Bull Ring. The walk back to the church and town is to the left.

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