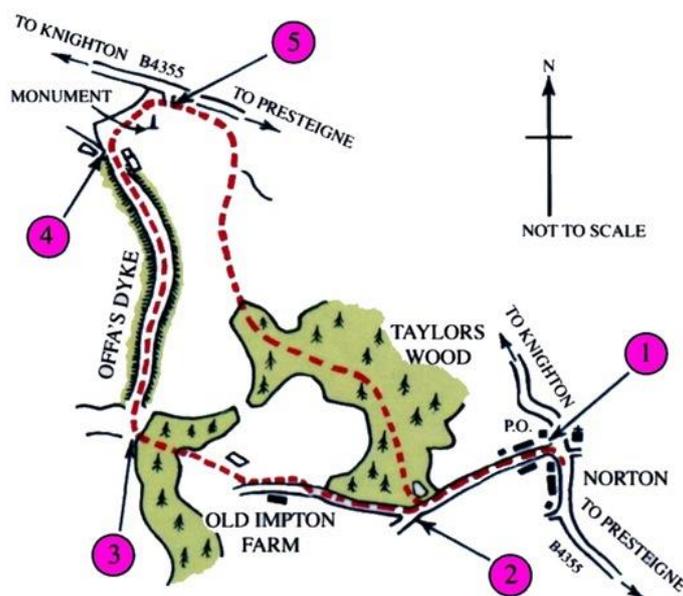


## NORTON, OLD IMPTON FARM, TAYLORS WOOD

4.5 miles (7 km). 200m ascent. Allow 2 hrs.

Offa's Dyke, named after the 8th century King of Mercia, formed the original official border between England and Wales. The Offa's Dyke path closely follows the original line of the dyke.

A shorter walk using Offa's Dyke Path giving good views from Hawthom Hill of Radnor Forest and Whitton.



Park in Mynd Road - opposite Norton Church off B4355 OS Grid Ref. SO304672. Busy at times of church services.

### WALK 9

**NOTE- amendments to published version shown in bold.**

- (1) Go up Mynd Lane, opposite Church, that soon becomes a track. At the top of the rise, keep ahead when the road divides and the track becomes a farm road.
- (2) Continue up, over a cattle grid, to Old Impton Farm. At the gate in front of the farm follow signs (R) **uphill** and then (L) through a gate **in the corner**. Follow signs ahead **to the next gate, then bear (R) diagonally across the field towards the large oak tree and beyond through a gate in top (R) corner**. Continue uphill 100m, then fork (L) and continue through a gate to enter wood.
- (3) **Follow the track uphill leaving wood through a gate onto open pasture. Head towards the Offa's Dyke signpost just visible on the skyline. Take the walking gate onto the Offa's Dyke Path and proceed along it. (A short detour via a marked permissive path allows access to the view from the small hill (Tyr Gofal) to the (R), which on a clear day**

includes the Black Mountains, Brecon Beacons, the Clee Hills, and nearer, Lytton Hill and Radnor Forest.) Proceed **through another walking gate** along the Offa's Dyke, which has by now become an obvious earthwork. (Always try to avoid eroding the dyke by not walking actually on it). **Pass through 3 more metal walking gates, then over two stiles into and out of a small plantation.**

(4) **Turn diagonally (R)** passing a small monument on a grassy mound (read the memorial inscription in memory of Sir Richard Green-Price M.P.). Follow the dip round to the right and pass through a gate near the road junction.

(5) Turn (R) along the tarmac lane. Where this turns sharply (L) downhill, continue ahead on a grassy lane that can be muddy. Go through the gate into the plantation, staying on the forestry road, downhill, until **a wooden gate** brings you out to point (2) of the outwood route. Turn (L) retracing steps back to Norton Church and starting point.

Norton Church is a mediaeval church extensively refurbished in Victorian times by Sir Gilbert Scott.

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