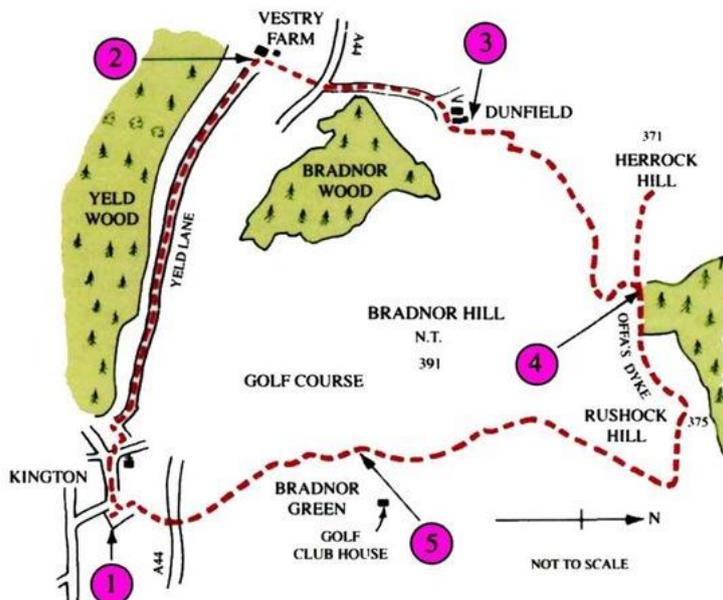


KINGTON, HERROCK HILL, RUSHOCK HILL, AND BRADNOR HILL

8 miles (11 km), 400m ascent. Allow: 3 – 3.5 hrs; easy going.

A walk using the Offa's Dyke LDP and gradual ascents to reach the three hills giving stunning views in all directions.

Park in "The Square" C.P. OS Grid. Ref. SO295567 (Turn (R) by "The Swan Hotel" and War Memorial when leaving Town Centre to go up to Kington Church) - room for 30 + cars.



WALK 15

NOTE- amendments to published version shown in bold.

(1) From the car park take (L) turn at top near facing cottages into lane and turn (R) at main road onto Church Road. Just after road bends (L) take path to pass alongside and to (RH) of Church rejoining main road by de-restriction sign.

(2) Cross road to lane opposite s.p. "Hergest Croft" and Offa's Dyke Path, but just before first house turn (R) into Yeld Lane which drops down and veers (L). Keep ahead for 2½km almost to its end at Vestry Farm. Some 30m before the farm cross stile on (R) to cross half (L) to another stile and follow waymark alongside stream to bridge, turn (R) on it, and through three fields and their gates, to reach A44 main road.

(3) Cross to lane opposite s.p. Dunfield Farm. Go up lane to footpath on (R) - **permissive access by Dunfield House (See Alternative below if necessary)** to base of Herrock Hill. Where bracken covered slopes of Herrock Hill jut out, and gate and stile are on the (L), go immediately uphill steeply. A rearward look is rewarding at the brow where Offa's Dyke Path comes up from Burfa and Ditchyeld Bridge across the valley and meets at the junction of paths.

(ALTERNATIVE: Pass Dunfield House, continue along lane to 2 FP signs, take right path. Follow hedge until ground steepens, bear left to a stile onto access land. Go right, fork left onto rising path. When this reaches a path contouring right, follow it to meet ODP – 4A below.)

(4) A 1km diversion to the top of Herrock Hill is optional but highly recommended. Turn (L) at S.P. and take a diagonal line (R) aiming for the clear grassy path or, the longer and easier line by taking the direct (L) turn at S.P. onto a lower level path. The effort is quickly rewarded by magnificent views in all directions. (Radnor Forest radio mast at Black Mixen (650m) is in front with the village of New Radnor at its foot to the distant (L); Burfa Hill and Fort lies to the near (R) (313m); Hindwell Valley with Knill further (R) with Presteigne just hidden beyond Nash Woods; coming further round is Rushock Hill with Bradnor Hill where the walk route will pass; further round still is Hergest Ridge, and beyond that lies Hay Bluff and the Brecon Beacons. On a clear day Clee Hills can be seen to the northeast and the Malvem Hills to the southeast). Retrace steps to acorn waymarked ODP.

(4A) Follow the grassy track and earthworks of the Dyke for approx. 1km. The Dyke itself continues ahead into Herefordshire but the ODP turns (R) across Rushock Hill towards Bradnor Hill and Kington. Cross the field aiming for distant hedge in next field, over stile and onward. Where (LH) fence bears away, keep ahead dropping down to stile. Cross next field diagonally (L) to stile by plantation corner and to stile in fence in next field on (L) and uphill to yet another stile in fence at top. Aim again (L) diagonally to trees where straighten (R) and through a stile down slope to join metalled lane from house to the N.T. Bradnor Hill. (Kington Golf Course is said to be the highest in England or Wales).

(5) The ODP goes diagonally (L) to cross the golf course fairways (**DO KEEP A SHARP LOOKOUT FOR GOLFERS BEFORE AND DURING PROCEEDING**). Aim for the small white marker posts ahead and in front of trees with disused quarries to the (R). Follow the path as it now drops steeply downhill passing between the cottages, down narrow F.P, kissing-gates and paddock to reach the lane going down to the A44 main road. Cross the road with care, then the stream by F.B. and turn (L) to follow round passing further cottages and houses as it bears (R) and goes uphill. Ignore other F.P. signs and crossroads to reach the top of the road and bend to the (R) and immediately arrive back at the top of "The Square" C.P. and starting point.

Refreshments and Accommodation are plentiful in Kington to meet all needs.

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