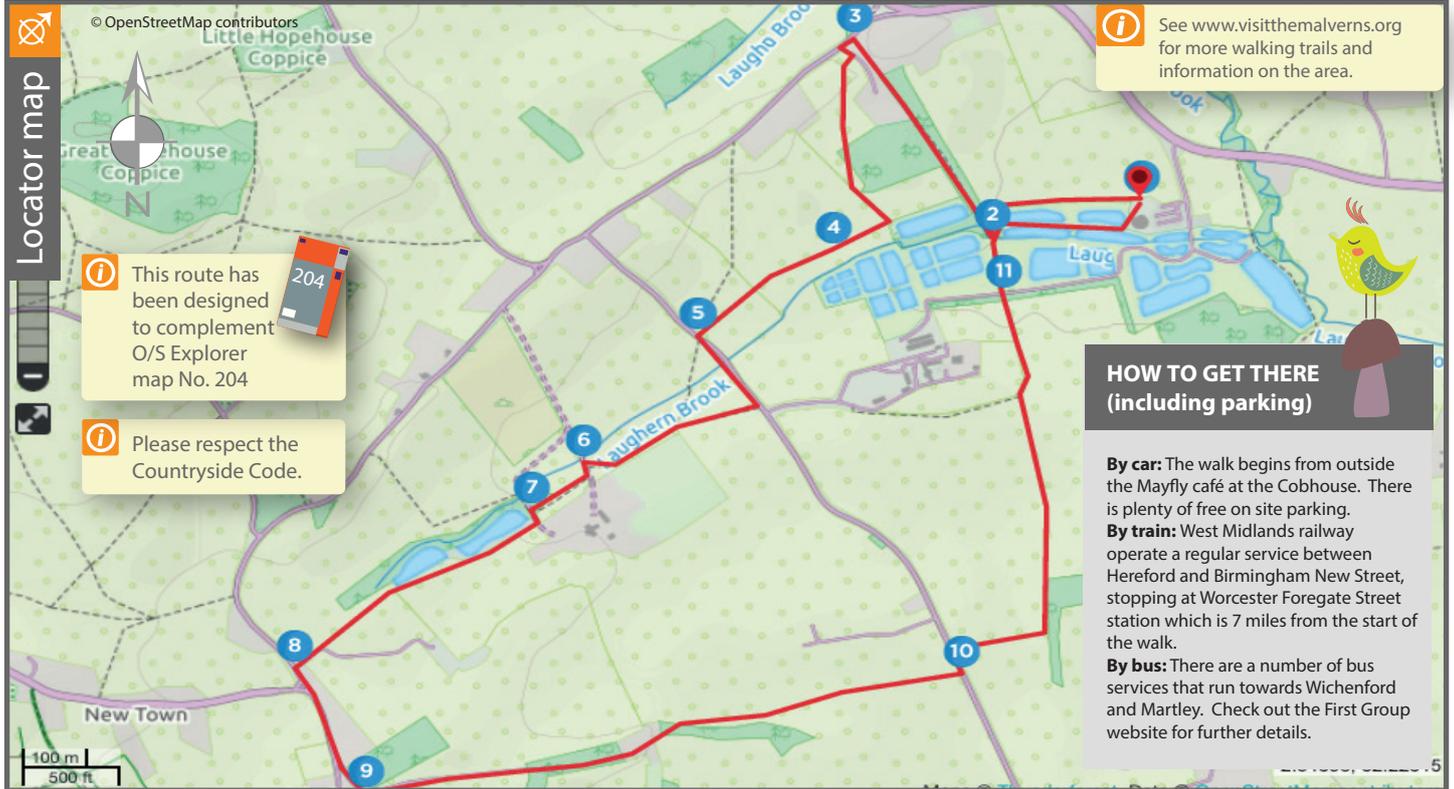




A CIRCULAR WALK FROM THE MAYFLY CAFÉ AT COB HOUSE COUNTRY PARK TOWARDS ANKERDINE LANE



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This route has been designed to complement O/S Explorer map No. 204

Please respect the Countryside Code.

HOW TO GET THERE (including parking)

By car: The walk begins from outside the Mayfly café at the Cobhouse. There is plenty of free on site parking.
By train: West Midlands railway operate a regular service between Hereford and Birmingham New Street, stopping at Worcester Foregate Street station which is 7 miles from the start of the walk.
By bus: There are a number of bus services that run towards Wichenford and Martley. Check out the First Group website for further details.

WALK DIRECTIONS

1 Start of the walk

The walk begins from outside the Mayfly café. Turn left outside the Mayfly café and head towards the pools, keeping them on your left hand side. You will pass two pools and as you've passed the last pool, bear round to the left and you will see a small wooden bridge. Cross over this. As soon as you have crossed over the bridge turn right hugging the hedgerow on your right.

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You will immediately see a large metal farm gate on your right. Go through this. After you have been through the large metal farm gate, continue straight ahead along the small footpath which is surrounded by big trees with lots of mistletoe, you will then see a large wooden gate, go through this. Continue straight ahead along the wide path with hedges either side. Eventually you will reach some farm buildings and a red brick house and a black large metal gate. Go through this and turn immediately left onto the road.

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As soon as you have got onto the road you will see a driveway on your left (signed Greenwood), with a small black metal gate to the right hand side of the main entrance. Go through the small black ornate metal gate and then immediately through a small wooden gate. Continue diagonally across the field towards the shed. Keep the shed on your right and pass through the gap into the next field and continue to walk diagonally through this field towards the next wooden gate. Go through this gate and continue down the hill through the next field to the next wooden gate which is in the right hand corner of the field. Go through this next

wooden gate, and continue down the field keeping the fence close to your right. At the bottom of this field you will see another small wooden gate, go through this and into the next field. Shortly after you will see a small metal gate on the left hand side BUT DO NOT go through this, instead turn right and head through the large field towards the gap in the hedge and another small metal kissing gate.

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Go through the small metal kissing gate and continue straight ahead into the next field with horses. Keep the hedge on your right and head towards the disused horsebox and through the taped fence, keeping the disused horse box on your left. You will then see a small metal kissing gate. Go straight ahead through this until you see a road.

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Turn left onto the road. TAKE CARE!! A short way on the road and you will see a gap in the hedge with a stile on your right. Go over this stile and continue into the field heading for the gap in the hedge. Go through this gap and continue into the next field. At the end of this field you will see a fence on your left. Keep this fence on your left and head towards the large metal gate. Go through this and then continue straight ahead crossing over the track.

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At the time of recyding this route there was a clearly mown path, but this may change throughout the year. As soon as you have crossed over the track and continued straight ahead the path will bear round to the left, keeping the fence line on your left, follow this well mown path. The path will bear round to the right and then continue straight ahead. Eventually you will reach the end of the field and see another stile. Cross over this stile.

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As soon as you have crossed over the stile you will see a track, turn left onto this track and then immediately turn right onto another lovely mown path. Continue to follow this grass path, passing a pool on your right, eventually you will meet a large metal gate. Go through this metal gate and continue straight ahead, keeping the fence directly on your left. At the end of this field you will see large metal gate with a stile to the left. Go over the stile and you will see a road.

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Turn left onto the road. As soon as you have turned left onto the road, you will see a grass triangle and a t junction. Turn left here. Continue round the bend and continue straight ahead on this road, keeping another grass triangle to your right. Shortly after the second grass triangle you will see an entrance and footpath sign on your left.

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Turn left onto the driveway and continue to follow the footpath/track. Continue to follow the track all the way to the end where you will see a red brick house on your left. Keeping the house on your left you will see a metal gate on the first corner of their garden on the right. Go straight ahead through this into a field and continue to follow the footpath, keeping the fence and then hedgerow directly on your left. You will see a gap in the hedge ahead, head towards this. Go through the gap in the hedge and immediately turn right, keeping the hedgerow on your right. In the middle of this field you need to turn left through the middle of the field and head towards the white cottage. At the end of this field you will see a large

metal gate with a small metal gate to its right hand side. Go through this and onto the road.

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Turn left onto the road. A short way on the road and you will see another large metal gate on the right. Go through this gate and into the field, keeping the hedge directly on your left. At the corner of this field you will see a stile in the hedge. Go over this and into the next field. You will follow the edge of this field, keeping the hedge directly on your right. At the edge of this field you will then see that the footpath continues straight ahead through the middle of the next field. At the end of this field, turn left to continue to follow the footpath, keeping the hedge directly on your left. Continue straight ahead at the end of this field through the gap in the hedge and continue to follow the footpath around the edge of the field, keeping the pylons to your right. The path will then bear round to the right and you will then need to head down the hill, through the middle of the field, following the line of pylons. At the end of this field you will see a large wooden gate. Go through this and continue straight ahead, keeping the hedge directly on your right and the pylons now on your left.

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Continue straight ahead on this grassy path, heading towards the pool. You will see a gap in the path with the wooden footbridge. Cross over this and immediately turn right. Continue to follow the pools, keeping them on your left. You will now be heading back to the Mayfly café. You will pass two pools on your left. You have now reached the finish. End