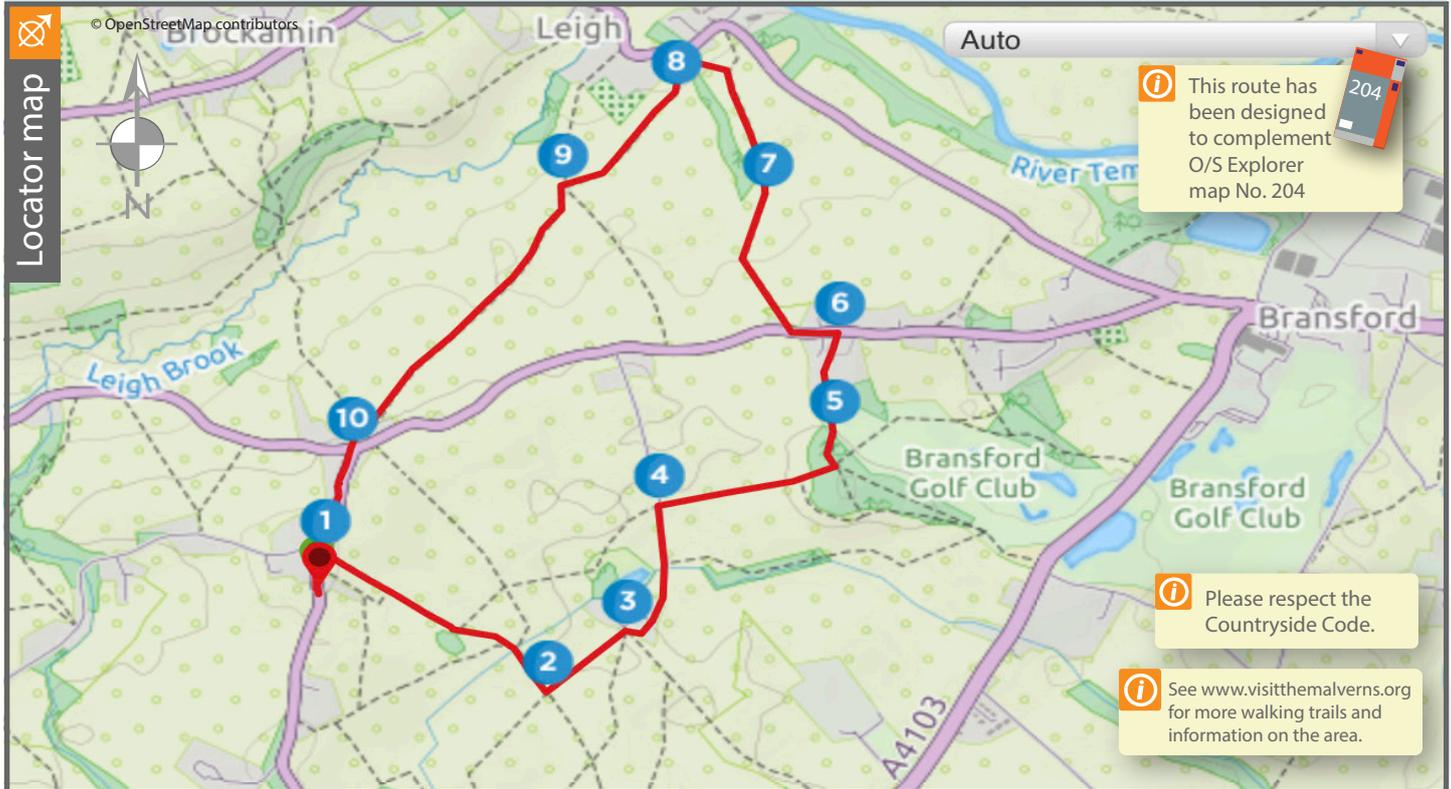




A CIRCULAR WALK FROM LEIGH AND BRANSFORD MEMORIAL HALL TOWARDS BRANSFORD



HOW TO GET THERE (including parking)

By car: The walk begins from Leigh and Bransford Memorial village Hall at Smith End Green, Sherridge Road, WR13 5DE. Plenty of parking in the village hall car park.

By train: West Midlands railway operate a regular service between Hereford and Birmingham New Street, stopping at Malvern Link station which is 3.6 miles from the start of the walk.

1 Start of the walk

The walk begins from the car park at the Memorial Hall. Head towards the road that runs alongside the car park and turn right onto it. After a short time you will see Chirkenhill Farm B&B on your left with a footpath on your right – turn right onto this footpath. Continue to follow the footpath (past an old stile and narrow bridge) and through the middle of a big field. When you get to the edge of this field with some trees directly in front of you, continue to go through the middle of the trees following the narrow footpath which drops down and then continues with two fields either side. Follow the footpath keeping the hedgerow directly on your left.

2 After a short while you will see a gap in the hedge with another footpath that runs adjacent to the one you are on. Turn left through the hedge and onto this footpath which goes through another field and then meets a bridleway at a farm.

3 Join the bridleway and then bear right keeping the red brick barns on your left and heading towards the silver metal cylindrical grain store. Keeping the grain store on your right, continue to follow the bridleway straight ahead (with barns on your left). You'll leave

the farm and the bridleway will continue as a track.

4 After a short while on this track you will then see a large footpath/track through the field towards a woodland. Head towards this. When you reach the woodland go straight ahead on the footpath into the woods, as soon as you are in the woods, bear left on the footpath and continue to follow this until you reach the small metal gate that comes out onto the golf course.

5 Turn left onto the track that runs alongside the golf course and continue to follow this all the way to the end where you will see a wooden gate in the left corner. Go through this. Continue to follow this path through the wooded area. At the end you will reach a grassed area with houses on the left, continue straight ahead on this footpath, which then becomes a track. At the end of the track there is a black and white building on the left and a road. Turn left onto the road.

6 Drop down the hill on the road and after passing the last house on your right you will see a footpath on your right also. Turn right here and go over

the stile and follow the narrow footpath with hedges and a house either side. You will then see another stile. Go over this. And into a field keeping the hedgerow close on your right hand side. As you reach the next field you will see a stile in the right hand corner, tucked in between two trees. Go along to this stile and over it. Continue to follow this footpath, keeping the hedgerow on your right hand side.

7 At the end of this field you will need to bear left and continue to follow the footpath, keeping the treeline on your right. At the end of this footpath you will then meet another road. Turn left onto this road. BE CAREFUL OF THE BEND AND CARS!! On the first bend you will see some houses on your left hand side and a footpath and track that goes down through the middle. Turn left down this footpath, all the way to the end.

8 At the end of this footpath you will come to a large metal farm gate, go through this and continue up the hill. When you reach the top of the hill it then drops back down towards another large metal farm gate. Go through this and continue to follow the footpath.

9 At the edge of the next field you will then reach another large metal farm gate and small metal gate to the left. Go through this. Continue to follow this footpath, all the way to the edge of the field. At the edge of the field you will see a series of signposts located in the hedge. Turn left to continue to follow the edge of the field and hedgerow on your right.

10 At the top of the field you will see a large metal farm gate, go through this. And rejoin a road. Go straight over here. Continue to follow this road up the hill, past Chirkenhill Farm B&B (on your right) and as you drop back down the hill the other side you will see the Memorial Hall car park on your left.

