









# Welcome to the Geopark Way

This guide is designed to help you plan your trip along the walking trail. Within you will find information on places to stay and places to eat. Details of public transport and alternative ways to explore the Geopark Way are listed along with a host of information detailing places to visit and explore.

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Every effort has been made to ensure that the information in the guide is accurate at the time of printing, but users are recommended to check opening times, admission prices and other details before making a special journey to attractions and facilities.





# **ACCOMMODATION**

There is a wide ranging choice of places to stay along the Geopark Way, suiting every pocket. It is recommended that you pre-book accommodation before setting off.

Accommodation is listed reading Bridgnorth to Gloucester (north to south) along the trail. Location is indicated by Ordnance Survey grid reference and by trail section e.g. accommodation in Bewdley town at the end of Section 4 and start of Section 5 would read: Section 4 / 5. Accommodation found mid-trail Section 5 would simply read: Section 5.

The vast majority of accommodation within this guide is on or within  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile of the Geopark Way. Places further afield are indicated by an \* in the location column.

	Serviced accommodation.		
	Self-catering properties.		
	Camping, caravan sites and bunkhouses.		
Price	Per night unless otherwise stated.		
	pp = per person	pr = per room	pc = per caravan
	pt = per tent pw = per week pn = per night		

	Accommodation details	Price	Location
B&B	The Croft 10-11 St Marys St, Bridgnorth, Shrops. WV16 4DW Tel: 01746 762416 E-mail: thecroft@outlook.com Website: www.crofthotelbridgnorth.co.uk	Single room: from £36 Dbl/twin room: from £65pr/73pr	Section 1 (start of) SO 715 931
B&B	The Severn Arms Hotel 3 Underhill St, Bridgnorth, Shropshire. WV16 4BB Tel: 01746 764616 E-mail: thesevernarms@aol.com Website: www.thesevernarms.co.uk	Single room: from £32 Dbl/twin room: from £32pp/£27pp	Section 1 (start of) SO 717 927
Town House	35 Danesbridge Wellmeadow, Bridgnorth, Shropshire. WV15 6DF Tel: 01694 771371 / 07967 976164 E-mail: sandra-allsop1@hotmail.co.uk Website: www.sandwardguesthouse.co.uk	Sleeps up to 5 contact for prices	Section 1 (start of) SO 719 924
Bunkhouse	Big Mose Basecamp Dudmaston, Quatford, Shropshire. WV15 6QW Tel: 01746 780838 E-mail: dudmaston@nationaltrust.org.uk Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk	Sleeps up to 20 contact for prices	Section 1 / 2 SO 761 892

	Accommodation details	Price	Location
Cottage	Various cottages  Dudmaston, Quatford, Shropshire. WV15 6QW Tel: 01746 780838 E-mail: dudmaston@nationaltrust.org.uk Website: www.nationaltrust.org.uk	Various contact for prices	Section 1 / 2 SO 761 892
Inn	The Ship Inn Severnside, Highley, Shropshire. WV16 6NU Tel: 01746 861219 E-mail: katrina@shipinnsevernside.co.uk Website: www.thesevernarms.co.uk	Double room: from £70pr Twin room: from £70pr	Section 2 SO 749 829
B&B	Hardwicke Farm Stottesdon, Shropshire. DY14 8TN Tel: 01746 718220 E-mail: hardwickefarm@btinternet.com Website: www.hardwickefarm.co.uk	Single room: £35 Double room: £60pr	Section 3* SO 664 823
B&B	Cox's Barn B&B Bagginswood, Stottesdon, Shropshire. DY14 8LS Tel: 01746 718415 E-mail: iain.thompson12@btopenworld.com	Double room: £55pr Twin room: £55pr	Section 3* SO 682 805
Cottage	Hobnill The White Cottage, Kinlet, Bewdley, Worcestershire. DY12 3BD Tel: 01299 841238 E-mail: sallytallents@talk21.com Website: www.hobnill.co.uk	Sleeps 2 £250 - £350 pw	Section 3 / 4 SO 719 804
Cottage	Manor Holding Cottages Kingswood, nr Bewdley, Worcestershire. DY12 3BD Tel: 0797 0260010 E-mail: nds@landscapeconsultancy.freeserve.co.uk	Sleeps 4 from £225-£430pw	Section 4 SO 732 770
B&B	Pewterers House Pewterers Alley, Bewdley, Worcestershire. DY12 1AE Tel: 01299 401956 E-mail: pewterershouse@tiscali.co.uk Website: www.pewterershouse.co.uk	Double room: from £65pr Twin room: from £65pr	Section 4/5 SO 789 755
B&B	Number Thirty 30 Gardners Meadow, Bewdley, Worcs. DY12 2 DG Tel: 01299 402404 E-mail: info@numberthirty.net Website: www.numberthirty.net	Single room: from £55pn Twin room: from £75pr	Section 4/5 SO 789 751
Inn	Woodcolliers 76 Welch Gate, Bewdley, Worcs. DY12 2AU Tel: 01299 400589 E-mail: roger@woodcolliers.co.uk Website: www.woodcolliers.co.uk	Single room: £25 Dbl/twin room: £25pp	Section 4/5 SO 784 753

	Accommodation details	Price	Location
B&B	Bank House 14 Lower Park, Bewdley, Worcestershire. DY12 2DP Tel: 01299 402652 E-mail: fleur.nightingale@virgin.net Website: www.bewdley-accommodation.co.uk	Single room: £35 Dbl/twin room: £60pr	Section 4/5 SO 788 752
B&B	The Old Town Hall Wyre Hill, Bewdley, Worcestershire. DY12 2UE Tel: 01299 409 465 E-mail: Theoldtownhall@btinternet.com Website: www.bewdley-oldtownhall-bandb.co.uk	Single room: £40 Dbl/Twin room: £60pr	Section 4 / 5 SO 780750
Camping, tipis and caravan	Hopleys Family Camping Cleobury Road, Bewdley, Worcestershire. DY12 2QL Tel: 01299 402 173 Mob: 07973 135909 E-mail: info@hopleyscamping.co.uk Website: www.hopleyscamping.co.uk	Camping: from £7ptpn Tipis (sleep 2 - 6) from £40-£80pn Electric hookups: from £13.50pn	Section 4 / 5* SO 769 746
B&B	Victoria Villa 4 Lion Hill, Stourport, Worcestershire. DY13 9HD Tel: 01299 824017 E-mail: bookings@victoriavilla.co.uk Website: www.victoriavilla.co.uk	Single room: from £35 Double room: from £55pr	Section 5 SO 813 713
B&B	Woodhampton House Weather Lane, Astley, Worcestershire. DY13 0SF Tel: 01299 826510 E-mail: enquiries@woodhamptonhouse.co.uk Website: www.woodhamptonhouse.co.uk	Single room: from £40 Dbl/twin room: £65pr	Section 6 SO 803 682
Hotel	Hundred House Hotel Worcester Road, Great Witley, Worcs. WR6 6HS Tel: 01299 896888 Email: enquiries@100house.co.uk Website: www.100house.co.uk	Rooms: from £75pn	Section 7 SO 752 662
Cottage	Old Yates Cottages Old Yates Farm, Abberley, Worcestershire. WR6 6AT Tel: 01299 896500 E-mail: oldyates@aol.com	Sleeps 2 - 4 £190 - £420pw	Section 7* SO 668 735
В&В	The Chandlery Worcester Road, Martley, Worcestershire. WR6 6QA Tel: 01886 888318 E-mail: info@worcesterbb.com Website: www.worcesterbb.com	Single room: from £45 Dbl/twin room: £75pr	Section 7 / 8 SO 756 599
Inn	The Royal Admiral Berrow Green, Martley, Worcestershire. WR6 6PL Tel: 01886 821375 E-mail: rodney@admiral.fslife.co.uk Website: www.admiral-rodney.co.uk	Double room: from £65pr	Section 8 8 SO 747 583

	Accommodation details	Price	Location
Inn	The Talbot Knightwick, Worcestershire. WR6 5PH Tel: 01886 821235 E-mail: info@the-talbot.co.uk Website: www.the-talbot.co.uk	Single room: from £60 Twin room: from £90pr Double room: from £100pr	Section 8 8 SO 731 558
Inn	Chirkenhill Farm Sherridge Road, Leigh Sinton, Worcs. WR13 5DE Tel: 01886 832205 E-mail: chirkenhillbandb@tiscali.co.uk Website: www.chirkenhill.co.uk	Single room: from £40 Double room: from £32.50pp	Section 9* SO 775 522
Camping	The New Inn Hereford Road, Storridge, Herefordshire. WR13 5HB Tel: 01886 832353	£6 pt plus £2pp	Section 9 SO 759 493
B&B	Cowleigh Park Farm Cowleigh Rd, Malvern, Worcestershire. WR13 5HJ Tel: 01684 566750 E-mail: cowleighpark@ukonline.co.uk Website: www.cowleighparkfarm.co.uk	Single room: from £40 Double room: from £70pr	Section 9 SO 759 493
Cottage	Farmhouse Cottage Cowleigh Rd, Malvern, Worcestershire. WR13 5HJ Tel: 01684 566750 E-mail: cowleighpark@ukonline.co.uk Website: www.cowleighparkfarm.co.uk	Sleeps 6 £325-£685pw	Section 9 SO 766 475
B&B	Clevelands Guest House 41 Alexandra Road, Malvern, Worcs. WR14 1HE Tel: 01684 572164 E-mail: jonmargstocks@aol.com Website: www.malvernbandbconsortium.co.uk/	Single room: from £40 Double room: from £70pr	Section 9 / 10 SO 775 474
Inn	The Wyche Inn 74 Wyche Road, Malvern, Worcs. WR14 4EQ Tel: 01684 575396 E-mail: thewycheinn@googlemail.com Website: http://www.thewycheinn.co.uk	Single room: from £55 Double room: from £65pr	Section 10 SO 769 437
Cottage	Walkers End 3 Fossil Cottages, Fossil Bank, Upper Colwall, Herefordshire. WR13 6PJ Tel: 01684 562597 E-mail: info@walkers-end.co.uk Website: www.walkers-end.co.uk	Sleeps 4 £350 - £600pw short breaks available	Section 10 SO 767 436
В&В	Little Kings Hill		Section 10 SO 766 437

	Accommodation details	Price	Location
B&B	Old Library Lodge Stone Drive, Colwall, Herefordshire. WR13 6QJ Tel: 01684 540077	Double room: from £30pp	Section 10/11 SO 756 425
Camping	Caves Folly Evendine Lane, Colwall, Herefordshire. WR13 6DU Tel: 01684 540631 E-mail: Bridget@cavesfolly.com Website: www.cavesfolly.com	Contact for details	Section 11 SO 752 412
Cottage	The Pleck, Caves Folly Evendine Lane, Colwall, Herefordshire. WR13 6DU Tel: 01684 540631 E-mail: Bridget@cavesfolly.com Website: www.cavesfolly.com	Sleeps 4 £50pn £350pw	Section 11 SO 752 412
B&B	Russett House Belle Orchard, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 1DD Tel: 01531 630060 E-mail: info@russethousebnb.co.uk	Single room: from £40 Double room from £65pr	Section 11/12 SO 708 380
Lodge	Woodside Lodges Country Park Falcon Lane, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 2JN Tel: 01531 670269 E-mail: info@woodsidelodges.co.uk Website: www.woodsidelodges.co.uk	Sleeps 2 -6 £320 - £831pw Short breaks available	Section 11 / 12* SO 684 382
Camping Caravan Bunkhouse	Woodside Lodges Country Park Falcon Lane, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 2JN Tel: 01531 670269 E-mail: info@woodsidelodges.co.uk Website: www.woodsidelodges.co.uk	Tents from £15ptpn Hook ups: from £18pn Bunkhouse from £12.50pppn	Section 11 / 12* SO 684 382
B&B	Redland Newbury Park, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 1AU Tel: 01531 634803 E-mail: sallywoodrobinson@hotmail.com Website: http://www.ledburybandb.com/	Single room: from £36 Double room: from £28pp	Section 11 / 12 SO 707 383
Inn	The Talbot Inn 14 New Street, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 2DX Tel: 01531 632963 E-mail: talbot.ledbury@wadworth.co.uk Website: www.talbotledbury.co.uk	Single room: from £45 Twin room: from £80pr	Section 11 / 12 SO 710 375
В&В	No 26 26 Pound Meadow, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 2EU Tel: 01531 633779	Single room: from £25 Dbl/twin room: from £25pp	Section 11 / 12 SO 708 373

	Accommodation details	Price	Location
Cottage	Eastnor Castle Holiday Cottages Eastnor Estate, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 1RL Tel: 01531 633160 E-mail: enquiries@eastnorcastle.com Website: www.eastnorcastle.com	Contact for details	Section 12 SO 734368 SO 755381
Bunkhouse	Berrow House Hollybush, nr Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 1ET Tel: 01531 635845 E-mail: berrowhouse@tiscali.co.uk Website: www.berrowhouse.co.uk	£12pp	Section 12 / 13 SO 762 369
Camping & Caravan	Berrow House Hollybush, nr Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 1ET Tel: 01531 635845 E-mail: berrowhouse@tiscali.co.uk Website: www.berrowhouse.co.uk	Camping: £5pp  Caravan: £6pp  + hook up £4pn	Section 12 / 13 SO 762 369
Inn	Rose and Crown Playley Green, Redmarley D'Abitot, Gloucestershire. GL19 3NB Tel: 01299 401956 E-mail: enquiries@roseandcrownredmarley.co.uk Website: www.roseandcrownredmarley.co.uk	Contact for details or book via www.laterooms.com	Section 13* SO 763 313
B&B	Three Choirs Vineyard Newent Road, Newent, Gloucestershire. GL18 1LS Tel: 01531 890223 E-mail: info@threechoirs.com Website: www.threechoirs.com	Dbl/twin: from £135pr	Section 14 SO 714 291
В&В	Sandyways Countryside Bed and Breakfast Redmarley Road, Newent, Gloucs. GL18 1DR Tel: 01531820693 E-mail: jean@sandy.f9.co.uk Website:www.sandywaycountrysideguesthhouse.co.uk/	Single room: £27.50 Dbl/twin room: £30pp	Section 14 SO 723 272
Camping & Caravan	Pelerine Ford House Road, Newent, Gloucestershire. GL18 1LQ Tel: 01531 822761 E-mail: pelerine@hotmail.com Website: www.newent.biz	Camping: from £18pt Caravan: from £18pc + hook up £2pn	Section 14 / 15 SO 732 272
Inn	The George Hotel Church Street, Newent, Gloucestershire. GL18 1PU Tel: 01531 820203 E-mail: enquiries@georgehotel.uk.com Website: www.georgehotel.uk.com	Twin room: from £60.00pr Double room: from £50.00pr	Section 14 / 15 SO 723 259
Flat	The George Inn Mews Church Street, Newent, Gloucestershire. GL18 1PU Tel: 01531 820203 E-mail: enquiries@georgehotel.uk.com Website: www.georgehotel.uk.com	Sleeps 4 - 5 £300 pw	Section 14 / 15 SO 723 259

	Accommodation details	Price	Location
B&B	New House Farm  Barrel Lane, Longhope, Gloucestershire. GL17 0LS Tel: 01452 830484 E-mail: scaldbrain@btinternet.com Website:www.newhousefarm-accommodation.co.uk	Single room: from £49.50 Double room: from £35pp	Section 15* SO 680 223
Cottage	New House Farm  Barrel Lane, Longhope, Gloucestershire. GL17 0LS Tel: 01452 830484 E-mail: scaldbrain@btinternet.com Website:www.newhousefarm-accommodation.co.uk	Sleeps up to 4  Call for details	Section 15* SO 680 223
Inn	Kings Head Inn Birdwood, nr Huntley, Gloucestershire. GL19 3EF Tel: 01452 750348 Website:kingshead-birdwood.co.uk	Single room: from £40 Double room: from £50pr	Section 15 / 16 SO 737 188
Camping & Caravan	Forest Gate Huntley, Gloucestershire. GL19 3EU Telephone 01452 831192 Website: www.forestgate-huntley.co.uk	£8pppn + hook up £3.5pn	Section 15 / 16 SO 718 193
B&B	Birdwood Villa Farm Huntley, Gloucester, Gloucestershire. GL19 3EQ Tel: 01452 750451 E-mail: birdwood.villafarm@virgin.net Website: www.birdwoodvillafarm.co.uk	Single room: from £35 Dbl/twin room: from £32pp	Section 16 SO 737 188
Cottage	The Vineary Vine Tree Cottage, Solomons Tump, Huntley, Gloucestershire. GL19 3EB Tel: 01452 830006	Sleeps 6 £200 -£290pw	Section 16 SO 732 194
Hotel	The Wharf house The Wharf House, Over, Gloucester. GL2 8DB Tel: 01452 332900 E-mail: thewharfhouse@yahoo.co.uk Website: www.thewharfhouse.co.uk	Double room: from £85pn Twin room: from £95pn	Section 17 SO 816 196
B&B	The Edward Hotel 89-92 London Road, Gloucester. GL1 3PG Tel: 01452 525865 E-mail: reception@ehglos.co.uk Website: www.edwardhotel-gloucester.co.uk	Single room: from £49.50 Dbl/twin room: from £60pn	Section 17 (end of) SO 841 189

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Further accommodation options can be found on the websites listed on the back page of this booklet, and via Tourist Information Centres within the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark

# TASTES of the GEOPARK WAY

From Angus beef to prize winning wines, the local region produces a fine array of foods and drinks. Several towns along the Geopark Way have specialist shops selling local fares including cheeses, pickles, fruit and vegetables, meats, wines, beers, cider, perry, soft drinks and baked goods. There are pick-your-own farms and farm shops close to the trail.

#### FARMERS MARKETS ON THE GEOPARK WAY ROUTE

**Bridgnorth Market,** High Street. WV16 4DS Every Saturday

**Teme Valley Market,** The Talbot Inn, Knightwick. WR6 5PN 2nd Sunday of the month

**Bewdley Market,** Severnside South. DY12 2AE 1st Sunday of the month

**Malvern,** Abbey Road. WR14 3ES 3rd Saturday of the month

**Ledbury,** High Street. HR8 1BN 4th Friday of the month

**Gloucester,** Gate Streets. GL1 2DP Every Friday







### VINEYARDS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Astley Vineyard**, Astley, DY13 ORU. Shop and walks around the vineyards. For opening times and further information Tel: 01299 822907 (*nr Geopark Way Section 5*)

**Three Choirs Vineyard**, Newent, GL18 1LS. Shop, tours and walks. For opening times and further information Tel: 01531 890223 or visit www.threechoirs.com (*Geopark Way Section 14*).

St Anne's Vineyard, nr Newent, GL18 1RW. Shop and tours for large groups by prior arrangement. For further information. Tel: 01989 720313 (nr Geopark Way Section 14).

#### **CHEESE**

**Smart's Traditional Gloucester Cheese**, Old Ley Court, Birdwood, GL2 8AR. Open to public on Tuesdays and Thursdays - if you wish to visit please telephone to make a booking. Tel: 01452 750225 or visit www.smartsgloucestercheese.com *(on Geopark Way Section 16)* 

#### ALE

There are several local breweries within the Geopark. Many of their ales are served in pubs along the Geopark Way. Look out for: Bridgnorth Brewing Co Ltd, Hobsons Brewery and Co Ltd, Bewdley Brewery, Teme Valley Brewery (the Talbot Inn), Brockhampton Brewery and Whittingtons Brewery.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON LOCAL PRODUCE VISIT

Shropshire Food and Drink: www.shropshirefoodanddrink.co.uk
Tastes of Worcestershire: www.visitworcestershire.org/tastes
Herefordshire Food Links: www.herefordshirefoodlinks.org.uk
Gloucestershire Local Food and Drink Directory: www.glosfoodanddrink.org



# PLACES TO EAT on the GEOPARK WAY

The table below lists businesses that are found directly on the Geopark Way trail (\*exceptions). The table reads from north to south (Bridgnorth to Gloucester). The location of each establishment is shown by the Geopark Way trail section in which it is found. It is recommended that you phone to check opening hours before setting off on your walk.

LOCATION	DETAILS	TYPE	TELEPHONE
start of Section 1	Bridgnorth Town.	Various	
along Section 1	The Danery, Quatford.	Pub	01746 762255
end 1 - start 2	Dudmaston Hall, Quatt (seasonal).	Tea Room	01746 780866
along Section 2	The River and Rail, Hampton Loade.	Pub	01746 780 404
along Section 2	Severn Valley Country Park, Alveley.	Café	01746 781192
along Section 2	The Ship Inn, Highley.	Pub	01746 861219
along Section 2	The Engine House, Highley.	Café	01746 862387
along Section 3	Rays Farm, Billingsley.	Tea Room	01299 841255
end 3 - start 4	The Eagle and Serpent, Kinlet.	Pub	01299 841227
end 4 - start 5	Bewdley Town.	Various	
along Section 5	Stourport Town.	Various	
along Section 6	The New Inn, Shrawley (300m S of trail).	Pub	01299 822701
end 6 - start 7	<b>The Manor Arms,</b> Abberley (500m N of trail).	Pub	01299 896507
end 7 - start 8	The Crown, Martley.	Pub	01886 888840
along Section 8	The Talbot, Knightwick.	Pub	01886 821235
along Section 9	The New Inn, Storridge.	Pub	01886 832353
end 9 - start 10	Malvern Town.	Various	
along Section 10	St Ann's Well, Malvern (seasonal).	Café	01684 560285
along Section 10	Wyche Inn, Malvern.	Pub	01684 575396
end 10 - start 11	The Crown Inn, Colwall.	Pub	01684 541074
along Section 11	The Kettle Sings, Colwall (500m E of trail).	Café/restaurant	01684 540244
end 11 - start 12	Ledbury Town.	Various	
along Section 12	Eastnor Castle, Eastnor (seasonal).	Tea Room	01531 633160
along Section 14	Three Choirs Vineyard, Newent.	Restaurant	01531 890223
end 14 - start 15	Newent Town.	Various	
along Section 15	Yew Tree Inn, Clifford Mesne.	Pub	01531 820 719
end 15 - start 16	Peppers Café, Country Garden Centre, Huntley.	Café	01452 830229
end Section 17	Gloucester City.	Various	

# ATTRACTIONS on the GEOPARK WAY

**Dudmaston Estate** (Geopark Way Sections 1 & 2)

A National Trust property. Late 17th-century mansion with art collection, lakeside garden, gift shop and tea room. Open late March until late September.

Tel: 01746 780866 or visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk

Severn Valley Railway (Geopark Way Sections 1-4)
One of Britain's most spectacular Heritage Steam
Railways. Running from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster,
there are a number of stations along the route.
Tel: 01299 403816 or visit www.syr.co.uk



The Engine House (Geopark Way Section 2)

Severn Valley Railway's Visitor & Education Centre. The centre houses a large collection of full-size steam locomotives and artefacts. Café and gift shop.

Tel: 01746 862387 or visit

www.svr.co.uk/EngineHouse.aspx



#### Rays Farm Country Matters

(Geopark Way Section 3)

Relax and enjoy the wildlife and nature. See unusual farm animals and birds. Large owl and deer collection. Woodland walks and sculpture trail. Tea room, craft and gift shop. Open weekends in February. Open daily from 1st March - 31st October.

Tel: 01299 841255 or visit www.raysfarm.com

**Bewdley Museum** (Geopark Way Sections 4 & 5)

The museum offers a fascinating insight of the town's working past. Includes an Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark display.

Tel: 08456 035699 or visit

www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/museum

St Ann's Well and the Clock Tower (Geopark Way Section 10)

Many wells, springs and spouts can be found on the Malvern Hills.

Visit www.malvern-hills.co.uk/malvernspa



#### Church Lane (Geopark Way Section 12)

Situated in the market town of Ledbury, cobbled Church Lane is lined with timber framed black and white buildings. The Butchers Row Museum, Heritage Museum and The Painted Room can all be found on this lane.

Eastnor Castle (Geopark Way Section 12)

Magnificent Georgian Castle dramatically situated in the Malvern Hills, surrounded by a deer park, arboretum and lake. Café and gift shop. Seasonal opening.

Tel: 01531 633160 or visit www.eastnorcastle.com

Gloucester Cathedral (Geopark Way Section 17)

A magnificent 900 year old Norman Cathedral It is

A magnificent 900 year old Norman Cathedral. It is one of Europe's enduring architectural glories. Café and gift shop.

Tel: 01452 528095

Visit www.glouœstercathedral.org.uk



## COUNTRYSIDE SITES and RESERVES

#### SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Severn Valley Country Park (Geopark Way Section 2). An area of some 180 acres of beautiful countryside including large areas of ancient woodland and unimproved meadows attracting an increasing variety of wildlife. The park offers 'way-marked' trails, a visitor centre and tea room, toilets, a picnic area and easy access to Severn Valley Railway stations. A programme of events is held at the site throughout the year.

For further details Tel: 01746 781192



### WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL COUNTRYSIDE SERVICE

Hartlebury Common (Geopark Way Section 5) is one of the most important heathland nature reserves in the Geopark. It is especially noted for its wild plants and abundance of moths and butterflies. The main car park, together with information panel, is located at Wilden Top. The Countryside Service manages a number of other sites along the Geopark Way including Leapgate Old Railway Line (Geopark Way Section 5) and Ankerdine Common (Geopark Way Section 8).

For further details Tel: 01905 768214 or visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk/countryside



#### FORESTRY COMMISSION

The Wyre Forest (Geopark Way Section 4) One of the largest areas of semi-natural woodlands in the UK, designated as a National Nature Reserve. From the Discovery Centre you can access three self guided trails, family cycle routes, picnic sites, café, toilets and a children's adventure playground. Go Ape Tree Top Adventures is also located in the forest. The Forestry Commission runs a busy programme of events throughout the year including deer watch evenings and fungi forays.

For further details Tel: 01299 266944 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/wyreforest





#### WORCESTERSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST

#### The Knapp and Papermill Reserve

(Geopark Way Section 9). One of the finest reserves in the Midlands because of its scenic beauty and the sheer variety of habitats and wildlife for visitors to enjoy. There is a small information centre at the front of the warden's house, picnic benches at the entrance, and 3 marked trails around the reserve. The Wildlife Trust cares for over 70 reserves throughout the county including Knowles Coppice (Geopark Way Section 4).

For further details Tel: 01905 754919 or visit www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk

#### MALVERN HILLS CONSERVATORS

Malvern Hills and Commons (Geopark Way Section 10). The area is not only beautiful, but consists of a mosaic of habitats providing homes for some of Britain's rarest animals, birds, insects and plants. Of the twenty named hills that make up the range, two of them, Herefordshire Beacon and Midsummer Hill, are ancient hill forts. Several car parks and information panels are provided around the Hills and Commons.

For further information Tel: 01684 892002 or visit www.malvernhills.org.uk





#### GLOUCESTERSHIRE GEOLOGY TRUST

### **Huntley Quarry Geological Reserve**

(Geopark Way Section 15). Together, Acker's Quarry, Bright's Hill Quarry and the main Huntley Quarry exhibit a variety of geological features and rock types representing a number of geological time periods. Interpretation boards within the reserve highlight the geological significance of this geological gem. Bluebell and daffodil woodland can be visited at the reserve.

For further details Tel: 01452 864438 or visit www.glosgeotrust.org.uk

# WALKING TRAILS in the GEOPARK

Each of the three Geology Trusts within the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark publish a series of trail guides. The trail guides explore building stones, landscape and geology. Several are available from Tourist Information Centres within the Geopark. For full listings of publications and/or to place a trail order please contact:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust

Tel: 01905 855184 E-mail: eht@worc.ac.uk

Website: www.EarthHeritageTrust.org

### **Gloucestershire Geology Trust**

Tel: 01452 864438

E-mail: info@glosgeotrust.org.uk Website: www.glosgeotrust.org.uk

### **Shropshire Geological Society**

Tel: .01938 820 777

E-mail andrew@scenesetters.co.uk

Website: www.shropshiregeology.org.uk



Several long distance walking trails pass through the Geopark and cross the Geopark Way trail: The Severn Way runs alongside the River Severn. The Jack Mytton Way can be found in the north of the Geopark. The Worcestershire Way links Bewdley to Malvern. The Herefordshire Way weaves its way across the whole county. The Three Choirs Way is a themed walk linking the Music Festival celebrated at the three local Cathedrals. The Gloucestershire Way passes through distinctive areas of the county. A geological interpretation of the Simon Evans Way around Cleobury Mortimer in Shropshire can be found at www.cmfa.co.uk

With over 2000 miles of pathways in the Geopark there are countless short walks available. Leaflets for many of these walks, including town trails, are available from Visitor Centres and Tourist Information Centres. Listed below is a selection of recommended short walks close to the Geopark Way trail, which are available to download:

#### **Four Parishes Heritage Group**

Vanishing Villages and Mining Trail www.fourparishesheritagegroup.org.uk

### Path-or-Nones

Walks around Martley parish www.thepathornones.co.uk

# Worcestershire Wildlife Trust Wildlife and Landscape Trail

Wildlife and Landscape Trail www.worcswildlifetrust.co.uk

#### Malvern Hills AONB

A series of Discovery Walks www.malvernhillsaonb.org.uk

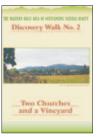
#### **Stotty Stolls**

Walks around Stottesdon parish www.stottystrollers.org.uk



#### Go West

Teme Valley Trails www.temevalley.org.uk



# **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

#### Canoe UK

Give your feet a break and explore the delights of the River Severn from a Canadian-style canoe. Day trips run between Bridgnorth and Bewdley and sections in between.

For further information and booking:

Tel: 07774 907326

E-mail: sunvalleycanoeing@calder.com

Or visit www.canoeuk.com

### On your bike

National Cycle Network **Route 45** passes through the Geopark from Bridgnorth to Hartlebury. On several occasions the Geopark Way and Route 45 share the same byways. Maps of the route are available from Tourist Information Centres (TIC) or download from www.shropshirecycling.co.uk.



There are locally promoted cycle routes within easy access of the Geopark Way trail: Cleobury Country cycle rides - download maps from www.cleoburycountry.com Wyre Forest cycle trails - start from the Discovery Centre. Routes marked on the ground. By bike in the foothills of the Malverns - download map from www.malvernhillsaonb.org.uk The Ledbury area - visit www.comecyclingledbury.com for more information

### Cycle hire available from:

 The Bicycle Hub
 OVAC

 Telford
 Stottesdon

 01952 883249
 01746 718436

info@thebicyclehub.co.uk ovac@livetheadventure.co.uk

Bewdley Outdoors Ledbury Cycle Hire

Bewdley Ledbury 01299 405382 01531 635024

Bewdleyoutdoors@btconnect.com Info@OldKennelsFarm.co.uk



### Walking holidays and activity breaks

The Old Vicarage Adventure Centre (OVAC), Stottesdon, Shropshire. A variety of local activities available including canoeing and horse treks.

Tel: 01746 718436

E-mail: ovac@livetheadventure.co.uk

Website: www.ovac.co.uk

Berrow House, Hollybush, Herefordshire.

Activities and walks available for people staying at the campsite or bunkhouse.

Tel: 01531 635845

E-mail: info@berrowhouse.co.uk Website: www.berrowhouse.co.uk

## FESTIVALS and EVENTS

#### May

### Upton upon Severn Folk Festival

boxoffice@uptonfolk.org www.uptonfolk.org

### **Discover Bewdley**

info@bewdley.org.uk www.bewdley.org.uk

#### June

### Upton upon Severn Jazz Festival

01684 593254

www.uptonjazz.co.uk

### Three Counties Show, Malvern

01684 584900

www.threecounties.co.uk

#### Malvern Walking Festival

01684 892289

www.malvern-hills.info

#### Herefordshire Walking Festival

01432 268430

www.visitherefordshire.co.uk

### **Bewdley Carnival**

01299 401841

www.bewdley.org.uk

#### July

### **Upton upon Severn Blues Festival**

01684 592621

www.uptonbluesfestival.org.uk

#### **Ledbury Poetry Festival**

0845 458 1743

www.poetry-festival.com

# Gloucester International Rhythm & Blues Festival

01452 207020

www.gloucesterblues.co.uk

#### August

#### Three Choirs Festival

0845 652 1823

www.3choirs.org

#### August

### The Big Chill

www.bigchill.net

#### Worcester Festival

01905 611427

www.worcesterfestival.co.uk

### **Bridgnorth Music & Arts Festival**

www.bridgnorthmusicfest.com

### The Chorley Show

www.chorleyshow.co.uk

#### September

### Stourport-on-Severn Carnival

01299826930

www.stourportcarnival.co.uk

### **Newent Onion Fayre**

01531 822468

www.newentonionfayre.org

#### Herefordshire Country Fayre

01432 851705

www.herefordshirecountryfair.co.uk

#### October

#### **Autumn in Malvern Festival**

01684 892289

www.malvernfestival.co.uk

#### **Bewdley Festival**

01299 404808

www.bewdleyfestival.org.uk

### Various

#### GeoFest

A summer programme of events hosted by the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark partnership

www.Geopark.org.uk

#### Severn Bore

www.riversevernbore.co.uk

# Severn Valley Railway special events

www.svr.co.uk

# TRAVELLING to and within the GEOPARK

### By Coach

National Express makes regular scheduled services to Worcester, Malvern, Ledbury, Tewkesbury, Newent and Gloucester.

Tel: 08717 818178

Website: visit www.nationalexpress.com

### By Train

Main line stations to access the Geopark: Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester stations.

**Local stations in the Geopark:** Kidderminster, Malvern Link, Great Malvern, Colwall and Ledbury.

### National Rail Enquires:

Tel: 08457 484950

Website: www.nationalrail.co.uk



#### Severn Valley Railway

Combine your walk on the Geopark Way with a trip on one of Britain's most spectacular heritage steam railways. Running from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster there are several stations along the route, the majority of which are in close proximity to the Geopark Way. Trains operate every weekend throughout the year and daily in the summer season.

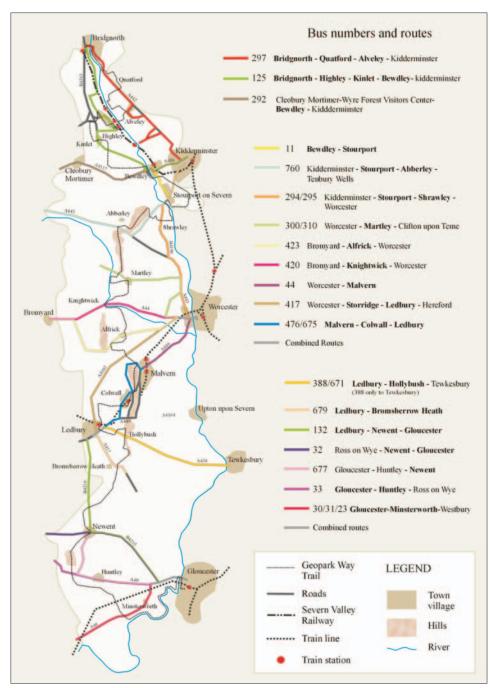
Tel: 01299 403816 Website: www.svr.co.uk

### By Bus

Several local bus services enable you to travel between sections of the Geopark Way Trail. The map opposite details the main services that cross the Geopark Way Trail. Timetables for these services can be found on the websites listed below. Tourist Information Centres stock some timetables. Alternatively call Traveline for details. Always check timetables prior to setting off on a walk. Some services are infrequent and/or seasonal.

Bus R	Route Nun	nbers	Website
11	44	125	
292	294	295	www.shropshire.gov.uk/traveltransport.nsf
297	300	310	www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/bus/timetables.aspx
417	420	423	www.worcestersinre.gov.uk/cms/bus/timetables.aspx
760			
388	476	671	www.herefordshire.gov.uk/transport/public_transport/38331.asp
675	677	679	
23	30	31	www.stagecoachbus.com/WyeDeanRM.aspx
32	33	132	

# GEOPARK WAY PUBLIC TRANSPORT MAP



### TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES

### **Bridgnorth Tourist Information Centre**

The Library, Listley Street, Bridgnorth, Shropshire. WV16 4AW
Tel: 01746 763257

E-mail: bridgnorth.tourism@shropshire.gov.uk

### **Cleobury Country Visitor Information Point**

New Market Hall, Church Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire. DY14 8BX

### **Bewdley Tourist Information Centre**

Load Street, Bewdley, Worcestershire. DY12 2AE Tel: 01299 404740

E-mail: bewdleytic@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

### **Worcester Tourist Information Centre**

The Guildhall, High Street, Worcester. WR1 2EY Telephone: 01905 726311

Email: touristinfo@visitworcester.com

### **Malvern Tourist Information Centre**

21 Church Street, Malvern, Worcestershire. WR14 2AA Tel: 01684 892289

E-mail: info@visitthemalverns.org

## **Ledbury Information Centre**

Ice Bytes Café, 38 The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 1BN Email: ledburytic@gmail.com

### **Gloucester Tourist Information Centre**

28 Southgate Street, Gloucester. GL1 2DP Tel: 01452 396572

Email: tourism@gloucester.gov.uk

# TOURISM ON THE WEB

Bridgnorth area www.visitbridgnorth.co.uk
Cleobury country area www.cleoburycountry.com
Bewdley area www.wft.co.uk
Worcestershire area www.visitworcestershire.org
Ledbury area www.visitherefordshire.co.uk
Newent area www.visitforestofdean.co.uk / www.wyedeantourism.co.uk
Gloucester area www.gloucester.gov.uk/tourism