

LUGG, TEME AND CLUN VALLEYS O/S Landranger Sheet 137

Short Route. Fairly easy 25 miles west along the Lugg valley to Presteigne.

Medium Route. Up the Lugg valley then over the divide to Knighton and the Teme valley. A steady scenic ride with one long climb and compensatory descent.

Long Route. Valley hopping from Lugg to Teme to Clun with stiff climbs between. Magnificent views.

KINGSLAND. An ancient village but still very active with school, garage, post office and medical practice. There are two pubs and a café (Weds to Sun) and all is ranged along the long main street with several fine properties. There is a 14th C church and a castle mound with moat reputedly built by King Merewald of Mercia.

SHOBDON. Church with striking Georgian Gothic interior. Shobdon Arches - resited remains of Norman church. Visitor centre for refreshments. At **Ref 13** Bateman Arms at bottom of drive, village stores at top of hill and after **Ref 14** Shobdon airfield.

PRESTEIGNE. Worth a stop for Assembly Rooms, the award winning Judges Lodging and museum and St Andrew's Church, all in Broad St. Tourist information at Judges Lodging. Radnorshire Arms in High St. is a fine timber framed building. *Refreshments will be available at The Memorial Hall, please call in and have a social coffee stop!*

LINGEN. Royal George Inn - good country pub.

PILLETH. The Battle of Pilleth was fought in 1402 when the army of Glyndwr with his Welsh archers led by Rhys Gethin inflicted terrible slaughter on the army of Edmund Mortimer. There were a thousand dead and the Welsh women inflicted shocking indignities on the corpses. Cf. Shakespeares Henry IV Part1 Act1 Scene1. *The Churchyard makes an ideal picnic spot with splendid views down the Lugg Valley.*

MONAUGHTY. There once was a monastery here but nothing remains. Wonderful medieval house across the road once the home of the Sheriffs of Radnorshire but unfortunately not open to the public.

KNIGHTON or TREF-Y-CLAWDD. The town on the Dyke. A rural market town with a marked air of self sufficiency. Take a break at the Offa's Dyke Centre in West Street where there is a pleasant recreation area and childrens playground.

BRAMPTON BRYAN. Home of the Harleys (of Harley Street fame) since 1309. Lady Brilliana Harley in 1643 with a garrison of 100 defied the Royalists taking the entire village into the castle for protection. Good place for a cuppa at tea rooms.

LEINTWARDINE. Formerly the Roman town of Bravonium sited at the confluence of the Teme and the Clun. The church is built on a Saxon site on top of Roman remains. Good butchers and excellent fish and chip shop. Near the river and the chippy is the Sun Inn , a traditional 'parlour pub'- a real time warp.

BURRINGTON. Cast iron grave 'stones' in the churchyard marking the graves of the ironfounders of Bringewood Chase where the essential charcoal was produced.

KNUCKLAS VIADUCT. Fine 19thC. railway viaduct on the Central Wales Line.

CLUN. Good place to stop at the riverside car park where there are toilets that play music while you.....! Tea rooms across the road and a castle to explore nearby. Have a little potter round the town where there is a fascinating little museum.

ASTON ON CLUN. The Kangaroo Inn, two circular stone houses and the new poplar called the Arbor Tree or Tree of All Nations in the village centre which is dressed with flags every Royal Oak day (29th May). The previous tree was struck by lightning a few years ago.

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Route	Distance	Ref	Instructions	Map Ref
SML	0.0	0.0	1 L at camp site exit	439644
SML	1.3	1.3	2 R at X SP Kingsland, Hereford	453631
SML	2.5	1.2	3 SO at X by 'Corners Inn' in <u>KINGSLAND</u> SP Hereford, Eardisland. Pass Fire Station	444615
SML	2.9	0.4	4 R at T with main road. No S.P	441614
SML	3.3	0.4	5 L, SP The Brook, Ledicot	437616
SML	3.6	0.3	6 BR, SP Shobdon	432614
SML	3.8	0.2	7 BL, SP Shobdon	429617
SML	4.8	1.0	8 R at grass triangle on uphill just past corrugated barn, Red Post Box on left, No SP	416621
SML	5.2	0.4	9 L at main road No SP	413626
SML	5.6	0.4	10 R, SP 'Shobdon Arches' etc.	408624
SML	6.0	0.4	11 L, SP ' <u>SHOBDON ARCHES</u> ' etc	406630
SML	6.3	0.3	12 L, SP 'Access to church only'. Disregard 'No Entry' signs. Ride down Drive. <i>Church worth a visit inside.</i>	401629
SML	6.9	0.6	13 R at main road by 'Bateman Arms'	401620
SML	7.2	0.3	14 BL, SP Pembridge, Kington	397617
SML	8.4	1.2	15 R at X, SP Byton, Titley	383606
SML	11.6	3.2	16 R on main road, SP Presteigne	335608
SML	13.7	2.1	17 SO at RBT, 2 nd Exit	321634
SML	13.9	0.1	18 R, SP Town Centre, Leominster	319636
SML	14.1	0.2	19 L at roundabout, 1 st exit, SP <u>Town centre</u>	321639

Toilets on right in car park. RECOMMENDED TEA STOP ARRANGED AT MEMORIAL HALL. All routes L at mini RBT (ML Ref 30) up hill to T and Hall is on the left. Short Route return to mini RBT (Ref 20), Medium and Long Routes R at T(Ref 31).

THE SHORT ROUTE CONTINUES BELOW.

MEDIUM AND LONG ROUTES GO TO REF 30/31.

S	14.6	0.5	20 L at mini RBT then immediately R into Broad St. <i>Judge's Lodging on right.</i>	314643
			on left and over R. Lugg.	
S	15.2	0.6	21 R, SP Kinsham	319652
S	17.4	2.2	22 L at T, SP Lingen, Kinsham.	351642
S	19.3	1.9	23 R, SP Limebrook, Lye. Take care - very steep hill.	371661
S	19.5	0.2	24 After steep hill BR between Limebrook cottage and barn	373661
S	20.0	0.5	25 BL, SP Upper Lye, Aymestrey	379654
S	21.0	1.0	26 BR, SP Mortimers Cross, Covenhope. Take care - very steep descent.	395658
S	23.5	2.5	27 L on main road. No SP.	422635
S	23.7	0.2	28 SO at Mortimers Cross. Take care - Dangerous junction.	425636

*If required, turn left at Mortimers Cross for extra tea stop at 'The Watering Hole', about ½ mile on Left.
Retrace to Xrds, go L,*

S	24.8	1.1	29	R to Lucton School and you've FINISHED!	438646
ML	14.6	0.5	30	L at mini RBT up Station Rd. <i>Mem. Hall on Left.</i>	314643
ML	14.7	0.1	31	R at hill top T , SP Knighton, Llanbister	313642
ML	15.2	0.5	32	SO, SP Whitton and Llangunllo (L)	308647
ML	16.0	0.8	33	Pass Rockbridge Caravan Park	297654
ML	16.3	0.3	34	SO SP Cascob	293654
ML	17.9	1.6	35	R, SP Whitton and Knighton	268652
ML	19.3	1.4	36	Over River Lugg, at crossroads in Whitton , Long Route turn L , B4356 , Medium Route SO , B4357 . <i>Medium route may divert L to visit Pilleth Church & site of Battle of Pilleth. Retrace to Whitton, L at Xrds</i>	272673
L	21.7	2.4	37	Past PILLETH Court. R at T on to A488 . House opposite is MONAUGHTY - see attractions sheet	239686

LONG ROUTE GO TO REF 58. MEDIUM ROUTE CONTINUES BELOW.

M	21.1	1.8	38	L at T , SP Knighton, B4355	288720
M	22.8	1.7	39L	at T , into KNIGHTON . <i>To visit Offa's Dyke Centre, climb hill past Clock Tower, Centre is on R approx 250 yds. Cafes opp. Clock Tower & at Jcn. at bottom of hill.</i>	
				Retrace past Clock Tower and at bottom of hill L , SP Bishops Castle and Clun	287723
M	23.8	1.0	40	Over R. Teme, pass station, at sharp left bend R , SP Stowe, Bucknell	302728
M	24.5	0.7	41	SO at X , SP Weston Cubbage	313729
M	27.3	3.0	42	In Bucknell at T . TR , SP Brampton Bryan passing B&J Davies	356737
M	27.6	0.3	43	L at 'Hillside' - white posts on left	357733
M	28.5	0.9	44	Pass 'Little Corral'. at T , Sharp R , SP 'Weak Bridge 7.5 T'	372730
M	29.0	0.5	45	Over R. Teme into BRAMPTON BRYAN L at main road for Leintwardine	230729
M	31.1	2.1	46	Through Walford , <i>Soup Dragon's Kitchen at Walford Court on R.</i> L at T to LEINTWARDINE	401734
M	31.4	0.3	47	Over R. Teme. Immediate R . No SP	404738
M	31.8	0.4	48	Road bends R , SP Downton	410738
M	33.3	1.5	49	SO at next junction SP BURRINGTON	423722
M	34.1	0.8	50	R after R. Teme bridge, SP Leinthall Starks	435720
M	34.6	0.5	51	Sharp RH then L . SP Leinthall Starks , Wigmore	435715
M	35.8	1.2	52	In Leinthall Starks R at T , SP Wigmore	436697
M	36.1	0.3	53	L at speed de-restriction. No SP , (unsuitable for HGV)	432695
M	37.2	1.1	54	R at T , No SP	431679
M	37.7	0.5	55	L at main road A4110 , No SP <i>'Watering Hole' Café on right just out of Aymestrey - good for cuppa or meal.</i>	422678
M	40.4	2.7	56	L at Mortimers Cross onto B4362	425636
M	41.5	1.1	57	R to Lucton School . FINISH	438646

L	21.9	0.2	58	L, SP Llangunllo, Llanbister	238689
L	24.2	2.3	59	R in Llangunllo SP Station(Gorsaf)	212714
L	24.6	0.4	60	R at X, SP Knighton, Knucklas	213719
L	25.8	1.2	61	Phew! L, SP Knucklas, Heyope	230729
				Take care - very steep descent	
L	27.1	1.3	62	R at Rylands Fencing SP Knighton	240746
L	27.8	0.7	63	Under VIADUCT then L over bridge SP Beguildy.	252743
L	28.0	0.2	64	L along B4355 SP Beguildy etc	253745
L	31.8	3.8	65	R at Dutlas, over R. Teme	210782
L	32.0	0.2	66	L, SP Coed y Hendre, Cwm Farm	212782
L	32.8	0.8	67	SO at minor X ('Unsuitable	
				for motors' and Cwm Farm on right)	219790
L	33.3	0.5	68	SO at Upper Wain sign. Keep going up!	223797
L	34.0	0.7	69	Phew! R at T, No SP	228806
L	34.1	0.1	70	BL follow 'Stoneypound/Clun'	230806
L	34.8	0.7	71	SO at Stoney Pound crossroads SP Clun	230810
L	35.8	1.0	72	SO at Springhill Farm crossroads.	
				Here you cross Offa's Dyke	253808
L	37.3	1.5	73	L at Xrds, SP Clun	276800
L	38.9	1.6	74	L down main road into CLUN	299805
L	39.2	0.3	75	SO over R.Clun bridge	300807
				<i>Picnic stop by the river. Good café on right.</i>	
L	39.3	0.1	76	R along B4368 SP Craven Arms	300809
				Stay on this road for 7km.	
L	43.7	4.4	77	R 1km after Purslow SP Clunbury	368814
L	44.4	0.7	78	Through village TL, SP Beambridge	372805
L	45.6	1.2	79	L over Beambridge	388814
L	45.9	0.3	80	R at main road into <u>ASTON ON CLUN</u>	390818
				<i>Note the tree with flags, The Arbor Tree - see info boards.</i>	
L	46.2	0.3	81	R along B4369 SP Broome,	394816
L	46.8	0.6	82	Under railway, R at X - SP Clungunford.	402810
L	48.4	1.6	83	SO in Clungunford SP Leintwardine	399785
				<i>Detour R for 0.5 mile to 'Rocke Cottage Tea Room'.</i>	
L	51.5	3.1	84	B4367, B4385, A4113 into <u>LEINTWARDINE</u>	
				then L before bridge. Pass 'Sun Inn' on L	404739
				<i>Lion Hotel on R at Jcn has pleasant riverside garden.</i>	
L	51.8	0.3	85	R, SP Downton	410738
L	53.2	1.4	86	SO at next junction <u>SP BURREINGTON</u>	423722
				From here you can follow the medium route home. The next junction is Ref.50 on the medium route. Tough guys only carry on to tackle Killhorse Lane and the Goggin!	
L	54.0	0.8	87(50)	SO Just past R.Teme bridge	436720
L	55.4	1.4	88	R at T, SP Wigmore etc	457713
L	55.8	0.4	89	Through Elton then L, SP Richards Castle. Up	
				Killhorse Lane, over The Goggin	
				and then a glorious descent!	456706
L	57.7	1.9	90	2nd R at red post box, SP Woofferton, SP Portway	476691
L	58.3	0.6	91	L, SP Orleton, Woofferton	477683
L	59.1	0.8	92	R at X along main road	490677
L	60.4	1.3	93	BR following B4362	484659
L	60.9	0.5	94	BR after Bircher sign SP Presteigne	478654
L	63.7	2.8	95	TL, you're home - and knackered?	438646