

A HOP AROUND HEREFORDSHIRE

O/S Landranger Sheet 149

Short Route. Fairly easy route of 25 miles through and south of Leominster with a 2 mile section along A417 which is reasonably wide, straight and well surfaced. There is one moderate climb of about mile from Saffrons Cross.

Medium Route. Good generally easy 48 mile run to Hereford and back through pleasant countryside. One very short sharp hill on the outward run and a steep climb for about 3/4 mile over Wormsley Hill on the return. There is a short cut avoiding this but you'll miss some lovely views if you take it.

Long Route. The longest route of the week at 70+ miles but a wonderful run down to Hereford, Much Dewchurch, Kilpeck and the Golden Valley. Herefordshire at its best. Moderately hilly with the option of short cuts of 11 miles.

KINGSLAND. An ancient village but still very active with school, garage, village stores and tea room and medical practice. There are two pubs and a cafe 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.

LEOMINSTER. Pronounced Lemster! An ancient market town with a turbulent past which formerly prospered on the wool trade. Now it is the second largest town in the county - population 10,000 - with a growing antique trade. There are many fine streets and buildings but don't miss the impressive Priory Church with the famous ducking stool, magnificent Grange Court and, if you have time, the museum on Etnam Street.

HAMPTON COURT. This is the finest mansion in the county and was founded in 1430 from ransom money extracted from French nobles captured at Agincourt. It was extensively restored in the eighteenth century. The gardens, neglected for decades, have been restored and are well worth a visit. There is a restaurant in the Orangery serving lunches and refreshments. There is a reduced charge for Tandem Club members.

BROADFIELD VINEYARD. A historic English house with a fine garden and a working vineyard which produces excellent wines which, of course, may be tasted. Light refreshments are available. Should visitors wish to purchase wine it can be delivered to Lucton.

HEREFORD. One of our smaller and more intimate cathedral cities standing at one of the major crossing points on the River Wye. The names of many famous people are associated with the town. Owen Tudor was executed in High Town after the battle of Mortimers Cross and the town is the birthplace of Nell Gwynne and also David Garrick. Have a look at the cathedral which was commenced in 1107. Adjacent is the exhibition building housing the Mappa Mundi and the Chained Library, both unique treasures. The top of Broad Street leads to the open centre known as High Town with the magnificent Old House, all that remains of 'Butchers Row' which stood here in 1612. Hereford is the home of Bulmers, the world famed cider producers founded here in the 19th Century. The Cider Museum, with excellent tea rooms, is on your route home. There is a reduced admission charge for TC members.

KILPECK. Riders on the Long Route must spare a moment to have a look at this splendid little Romanesque church of the 12th Century with its wonderful carvings. There is a café and a pub nearby.

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Short and Medium Routes only.

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Route	Distance	Ref	Instructions	Map Ref
SML	00.0 0.0	1	L at camp site exit	439644
SML	1.4 1.4	2	R at X, SP KINGSLAND , Hereford	454631
SML	2.0 0.6	3	Next L before mirror and bridge, unsigned	449622
SML	3.0 1.0	4	R at T SP Eyton and Luston	464620
SML	5.2 2.2	5	R at T SP LEOMINSTER	492604
SML	5.7 0.5	6	R at RBT by the Hop Pole pub, SP Rhayder Brecon	495596
SML	6.0 0.3	7	L into one way system and cycle path, SP Town Centre , short stay parking, then L at T to follow one way system to Broad Street.	494592
SML	6.2 0.2	8	At Broad street SO staggered XR into Church Street .	497591
SML	6.3 0.1	9	R into Pinsley Rd (to the Grange)	498592

Follow this road to an open area called ‘The Grange’ where you will find the **Priory Church**. There is a good **café** around to the right of the green and a **Children’s playground** to the left. Continue around to the L, passing the playground. On your right is **Grange Court**, probably being refurbished. Continue on Pinsley Rd and around several wiggles.

SML	6.6 0.3	10	L at T by the White Lion pub	501590
SML	7.0 0.4	11	L onto cycle path . Go over railway line, dismount and push over A49. Continue to end of cycle path.	502585
SML	7.2 0.2	12	L onto A44 . Can be busy	507585
SML	7.4 0.2	13	R after River Lugg, SP Stoke Prior .	508586
SML	8.9 1.5	14	L at T after The Lamb Inn. SP Humber, Risbury	522565
SML	9.6 0.7	15	R at T SP Risbury for Broadfield Vineyard	532560
or S option only.....			L at T (no direction signed) if you want to miss vineyard. Go to ref 18 and deduct 5.0 miles from future distances.	

SML 11.9 2.3 16 Entrance to **‘BROADFIELD VINEYARD’** Free garden and expensive but good cafe. You can buy the wine – it’s not cheap but they will deliver it to Lucton School. Note speed hump at bottom of hill. 540531

MEDIUM ROUTE Either **detour L to BROADFIELD VINEYARD** or continue straight on. Go to **REF 32**

SHORT ROUTE L to vineyard. After visit return up the hill to the vineyard entrance and R, returning to junction ref 15. The milages assume you have visited the vineyard.

S	14.6 2.7	17	Carry on – this is ref. 15	532560
S	15.8 1.2	18	SO at staggered XR over A44 , SP Hamnish	529576
S	17.8 2.0	19	R SP Grantsfield	517605
S	18.3 0.5	20	L at CR SP Kimbolton	523607

S	18.7	0.4	21	L at T onto A4112 SP Leominster then immediately R after Stockton Cross Inn. (There is a café and garden centre 200m further down the A4112. Children are not allowed in the garden)	
S	20.6	1.9	22	L at XR, SP The Hundred , Ashton	532637
S	21.6	1.0	23	L onto A49 – A VERY NASTY ROAD	516640
S	22.1	0.5	24	R at lodge, unsigned, into BERRINGTON HALL You can see the road you need crossing the park. TAKE CARE!!	513632
S	22.6	0.5	25	Follow signs to car park.	

Berrington Hall has a café and playground but you need to pay to go into the park and gardens to access them. There are toilets and a picnic area for free in the car park. The NT has agreed to give us two-for-one entry for adults and kids go free with paying adults.

S	22.8	0.2	26	Follow exit signs North then L at T SP Croft Castle NT	510641
S	24.5	1.7	27	R at T SP Croft Castle	486635
S	24.6	0.1	28	L SP Yarpole	485636
S	25.6	1.0	29	L at T SP Kingsland, Hereford. NB Yarpole village shop is 0.4 miles R. Open 9-1, 2-5	471642
S	27.0	1.4	30	R at XR SP Lucton , Mortimers cross.	454631
S	28.5	1.5	31	It's no mirage. You're home and dry!	439644

ML	12.8	0.9	32	R then L across A417 at X by Murco Garage , SP Bodenham Church. To visit Hampton Court continue to R on A417 for 1.5 miles.	540517
ML	13.2	0.3	33	R at T, after 30mph sign	538512
ML	13.3	0.1	34	First L after small bridge, into derestricted road.	536512
ML	13.8	0.5	35	R at T by electricity sub-station. Up steep hill...	537503

then up 'God Almighty Hill' 538503

ML	16.2	2.4	36	SO past Marden sign and through Walkers Green	521479
ML	16.4	0.2	37	R at T, SP Sutton, Hereford into 'Paradise Green'	520474
ML	17.8	1.4	38	Enter Sutton St Nicholas	528458
ML	18.3	0.5	39	R at Golden Cross bar and restaurant	533456
ML	20.0	1.7	40	R at minor X, SP Shelwick, Munstone	526430

and immediately under railway bridge.

ML	20.8	0.8	41	L at X by salt grit box and bus stop, SP HEREFORD	515427
ML	21.2	0.4	42	SO at X down College Road	515420
ML	21.6	0.4	43	L at Traffic Lights along Venns Lane	516414
ML	22.2	0.6	44	R and immediate L at mini RBTs along Folly Lane	521407
ML	22.6	0.4	45	R at TL down Ledbury Road onto A438	526403
ML	23.0	0.4	46	SO at RBT	523399
ML	23.2	0.2	47	Under Railway Bridge and when road swings R, ride SO down St James Road SP 7.5 ton limit	517396
ML	23.5	0.3	48	L at T, then immediate R along Nelson Street	514394
ML	23.7	0.2	49	At end, bear left to river and push over Victoria Bridge	513394
ML	23.8	0.1	50	R along river bank to Wye Bridge - [Toilets behind tennis courts on L just before bridge] or SO for Swimming Pool, Childrens Playground then R for Wye Bridge .	

NB The Long route departs to the LEFT along the river bank.

M	24.1	0.3	51	R over Wye Bridge to Left Bank Restaurant and immediate R through arch and up lane to Cathedral and Mappa Mundi Exhibition .	
M	24.3	0.2	52	L at top along King Street and SO at give way sign to TLs . There is a bike shop L down Bridge St.	
M	24.5	0.2	53	SO at TLs on to Barton Road	507397

TAKE CARE WHEN CROSSING VERY BUSY DUAL CARRIAGEWAY

To visit the Cider Museum and Tea Rooms - after 0.2 of a mile and after the junction with Station Road, just before passing over an old railway bridge, take the Cycle Path on R. Follow path to L of Sainsbury's car park and L by car park exit. There is a reduction for TC members. Return to Ref. 54 after visit.

M	24.8	0.3	54	SO along Breinton Road, SP Broomy Hill Waterworks	503397
M	25.0	0.2	55	BR along Westfaling Street	499397
M	25.4	0.4	56	Pass Crematorium - Please!	494402
M	25.6	0.2	57	R at RBT down Wordsworth Road	491404
M	25.8	0.2	58	2nd L at RBT , SP Knighton, Canon Pyon	493407
M	26.7	0.9	59	L at Three Elms Inn , SP Burghill, Tillington	491420

There is a less hilly and slightly shorter (by 2.5 miles) route by going **SO** here, **SO** at **TL** along **A4110** to ref 67 at Bush Bank. It's not as pretty!

M	27.0	0.3	60	SO at staggered X , SP Burghill , Tillington , etc	488423
M	29.5	2.5	61	In Tillington SO past Bell Inn , SP Weobley	464454

and over **Wormsley Hill** passing Golf Course.

M	32.3	2.8	62	Over Wormsley Hill . Café and bar at Golf Club .	434478
M	33.4	1.1	63	R at bottom of hill, SP Kings Pyon	420492
M	35.0	1.6	64	L at X , SP Weobley, Kings Pyon	438503
M	35.2	0.2	65	Pass Church and R , SP Bush Bank , U'hill	437507
M	36.0	0.8	66	R at T , SP Bush Bank , Upperhill	447516
M	36.3	0.3	67	L at T on to main road at Bush Inn then immediate R , SP Upperhill	451515
M	38.2	1.9	68	Sheppards Store on R	473535
M	40.6	2.4	69	SO in Ivington past church and school	474566
M	42.7	2.1	70	L at RBT , across TLs , follow main road	494590
M	43.2	0.5	71	L at mini- RBT , SP Richards Castle	495596
M	43.8	0.6	72	L , SP Eyton , Lucton	492604
M	45.1	1.3	73	L , SP Kingsland , Lucton , Aston	474613
M	46.9	1.8	74	SO at X , SP Lucton , Mortimers Cross	454631
M	47.8	0.9	75	BR at bend with junction	443640
M	48.4	0.6	76	It's no mirage. You're home and dry!	439644
