

Clent Hills

Distance: 5 miles but with steep climbs

(Re walked August 2017)

Map: OS Explorer 219

Starting Point: Car park behind Fountain Inn (DY9 9PU) GR 924796

Cross road to climb steep path opposite. Continue upwards & wherever choice of many tracks take the uphill/ middle one.

Continue upwards to the Four Stones to rest and admire the views!

Continue onwards to left of Stones, down track through trees & then up to wooden fence on left. Turn left at fork through kissing gate (KG), continue downhill along narrower wooded path.

Exit through KG into Wood Lane. Cross lane & walk to left looking for stile in hedge. (Almost opposite cafe sign). Go over stile. *(From here the walk can become very muddy after wet weather.)*

Continue downhill through 2 fields, leaving towards the left. Follow footpath over stile. Keeping hedge on right, continue downhill to gate to Nature Reserve. Turn right here through KG on to footpath with wire fence on RHS. Eventually turn right into nature trail. Follow path over a stile & through KG, keeping ditch/brook on right. Continue through 2 more KGs & cross a stream. Exit left on to driveway & follow drive down to metal gate. Just before metal gate turn right into overgrown footpath.

Follow footpath upwards through 4 KGs, over 2 small bridges and 2 more KGs leading to St Kenelm's Well & Church. (Martyred here in 821 AD)

Proceed upwards beside the church to path, turn left & exit via lychgate into Chapel Lane.

Turn left, then right at T junction into Uffmore Lane. As road bends to left enter driveway on RHS (The Wesleys) & immediately take footpath on left, waymarked to Clent.

Follow footpath, climbing field towards trees. Enter lane via steps and KG between trees.

Turn left on to lane & keep ahead to KG on RHS leading into woods. Follow path upwards, eventually seeing wooden fence ahead and trig point to right. Rest and admire views of Malverns!

Continue ahead, taking path slightly to the right but remaining on top of ridge.

Eventually the path descends. Towards bottom of hill keep ahead *(following yellow arrow)* and go through KG into field. Climb over brow of hill following path through two KGs to enter narrow path with church wall on right.

Enter lane and turn right towards crossroads. Go straight ahead on Odnall Lane.

(Footpath initially on left beside stream.) Where road forks take uphill road to right.

This leads to road just above car park at Fountain Inn.

