



Park at the Three Horseshoes.

A) Facing the pub, walk up the right-hand side of the building passing through two metal gates and entering a small paddock. Follow the hedge on your left, passing through a gateway in a fence, to the paddock's far left-hand corner, where you will find a stile.

B) Cross the stile and turn right to cross the field (i.e. by continuing to follow the line of the hedge you've just been following), and when you reach the far side, turn left and follow the hedge along to the top corner of the field. Note: you may find that the farmer has created a path through any crops on a diagonal line to the top corner of the field, in which case follow that path.

C) However you reach the top corner of the field, once there go through the metal gate on your right, and then follow the fence on your right till you reach a stile after 200 metres or so. Here you turn away from the stile and cross the field on your left, heading towards Norton Canon Church, to cross into the next field by a kissing gate. Cross this next field still heading for the church, crossing out of the field in one of its corners by a stile. Follow the hedge on your left to an old gate into the churchyard, and walk round the church, keeping it on your left, leaving the churchyard by a path that leads to a road.

D) Turn right on the road and continue along it till you reach the first road off to the left after about half a kilometre, signposted to Staunton-on-Wye and which you take. You soon cross the line of the old railway, and then, on the left, a series of barns followed by Upper Norton. Near the crest of the road just past Upper Norton, look for the stile in the hedge on your right, and you cross this into a field. Head across the field keeping roughly parallel to the field boundary on your right, aiming for a crossing point in the far hedge at a point roughly midway between two telegraph poles. (In

this and the next field you made need to follow tramlines left by the farmer that approximate to the route of the path.) Once through this gap in the hedge you continue down the next field, heading roughly for the right-hand end of the ridges of Oaker's Hill and Merebach Hill, which are almost in line here in front of Hay Bluff. At the far end of the field, turn right along the field boundary and cross into the next field through a gap in the hedgerow which is also at the end of a track that runs down to this point from the right.

E) You cross this next field to a point just to the left of the far corner, near where the far hedgerow runs up to the boundary with the orchard on the right. Here you will find a bridge and stile into the next field, in which you follow the boundary with the orchard on your right to join a track. Turn right on the track, but when it turns right, which it does almost immediately, you carry on straight ahead to cross a corner of a field and emerge back onto a road via a stile.

F) Turn right on the road, follow it across the railway line (which would have passed overhead on a bridge) and soon, at the bend, turn left through a field gate. Follow the short section of hedge on your right to the next field gate, and go through it or across the stile to its right into the next field. The path crosses the length of this field on a course parallel to the hedgerow on your right, at the far side heading alongside a short length of hedge on your left to a stile in a corner of the field. Cross this and head towards the top left-hand corner of the field, past a horse shelter, to a stile on the far side. Cross this and the associated footbridge into the Davies Meadows. Follow the hedge on your right up to the far side of the field, where you will find a stile into the next field, also part of Davies Meadows.

G) Turn right here (almost immediately you'll find a bench on which you can take a break) and follow the hedge to the far end of the field and cross a stile into a small market garden. Keep following the field boundary on your right over a number of stiles, including one each side of a gravelled track, to cross out onto the main road by a stile just to the left of a gate. Turn right and follow the road until you are back at the pub.

The church is a Grade II* Listed building that has a rare silver paten dated 1460 kept for safety in Hereford Cathedral, and an Elizabethan chalice dated 1570. It contains a Romanesque capital, adapted for use as a piscina, which indicates a church has stood on the site for 800 years, whilst the discovery of an incised Roman stone in the foundations may indicate an even earlier religious site. Recently the church has been completely restored, the bell frame replaced and a new bell added to make a ring of six bells. Pevsner compares the church favourably with Shobdon church. The Revd Charles Robinson was appointed vicar in 1865 and, following the death of his wife and parents in quick succession, he took up researching local history, writing *The Castles of Herefordshire and Their Lords* (1867) and *The Mansions & Manors of Herefordshire* (1873).