



This walk starts at the Kinnersley Arms.

A) Turn right out of the pub car park and walk down the lane towards Letton. Take the first road right towards Ailey.

B) Turn down the gravelled approach to the first house you come to on the left, reached after 250 metres along the road, the footpath continuing through the garden of the cottage and then through a small gate. Follow the sunken footpath (which can be very wet as it follows a water course), going through another small gate and then climbing up a steep bank. Continue ahead, passing to the left of Myrtle Cottage.

C) Enter the farmyard and continue straight ahead to a small gate to the immediate left of a poultry shed and which is reached by going down three steps. Still keep straight ahead, walking right alongside the poultry shed to its far end, where you go through a pair of metal gates on your right. Immediately turn left and go through a gate into a field where you'll find yourself next to a large array of solar panels. The footpath diagonally crosses this field to the far right-hand corner where there is a wide gateway into the next field.

D) The path crosses an arm of this next field on much the same line that you've been walking to another large gateway into the field beyond. In this third field you follow the field boundary on your left till you reach a footbridge in the next corner. From here the path turns right to cross

the field, aiming slightly to the right of the far left-hand corner where you should see a gap in the hedge indicating where a stile is to be found. But don't cross the stile! Instead, turn left in front of the hedge and walk down to the corner of the field where you'll find another stile adjacent to an old gate. Cross this into the next field.

E) You head across this field to its furthest corner, initially aiming to pass between two trees that stand in the middle of the field and then heading on to the corner. Here you will find a gateway next to a large oak. Go through this and you will find a wooden bench seat and a three-way finger post on your left.

F) Turn right and walk across the field to a gateway, and then keep on across the next field, to the right of a pond, and aiming for a single poplar. Near the corner of the field you will find a bridge followed by two stiles. Having crossed these, turn right and follow the hedgerow till you come to a double metal gate.

G) Go through this gate and head just to the right of the white-painted Lower Kinley that stands in the field, from where you will see another double stile in the hedgerow beyond. Cross this and then aim for the far right-hand corner of the field where you will come to a stile, the other side of which is a ditch. (Care should be taken as this could be full of deep water after heavy rain; a bridge should be being provided here not too long after this booklet goes to print.)

H) Once over the ditch, the path crosses two fields, aiming for the far right-hand corner of the second field, just to the right of the white-painted farmhouse, crossing the hedgerow between the two fields by a stile adjacent to a metal gate.

I) You cross a stile out onto a lane by the farmhouse, on which you turn right, and then left at the junction almost immediately reached. (Please note, at the time of printing, part of the path beyond this point was badly blocked and until cleared you may wish to follow the alternative route set out in the paragraph below.) Follow this lane until just before the old railway bridge where you turn right down the drive that serves Railway Cottage. The path then crosses the grassed area between the cottage and some sheds and goes over a stile in the field beyond. The path then heads for a corner of the wooden railings that surround a horse-riding ring, crosses this, goes across the ring to the far side, and then down to a stile into the next field. Follow the hedge on your right to the end of the field and go through the gate on your right, to turn immediately left and cross a stile and footbridge into another field. Turn right along the hedge and, when it makes a right-hand turn, carry on across the field, aiming for the white-painted house to the left of the Kinnersley Arms. You leave the field by a gate onto the Letton road, and here another obelisk is to be found.

Alternative route: Rather than turn left at the junction, carry on ahead, pass the entrance to The Sturts Nature Reserve on the right and after approximately a further 100 metres, take some steps up the bank on your left and cross a stile into a field. The path crosses this field diagonally to the far corner where there is another stile. Cross this and head to the stile and footbridge a few yards ahead just to the right of a gate. Cross these and then turn right along the hedge. When it makes a right-hand turn, carry on across the field, aiming for the white-painted house to the left of the Kinnersley Arms. You leave the field by a gate onto the Letton road, and here another obelisk is to be found.

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's The Sturts South Nature Reserve

The 16.1 hectare reserve lies in the flood plain of the River Wye at the western edge of a low-lying basin known as Letton Lakes. This entire area is flooded every winter when the water levels rise in a nearby river, enriching the grassland soils. The reserve comprises a complex mosaic of grassland and wetland communities. Meadow-sweet, lesser-pond rush and pepper saxifrage can be seen at various areas throughout. There is a wide variety of birds species here throughout the year.

Please avoid trampling the vegetation in the wet areas, and use the bridges to cross streams and ditches. Conditions underfoot can be wet even in summer so boots are advised.

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