

## HABBERLEY VALLEY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

Haberley Valley demonstrates the countryside of Worcestershire at its finest. Buzzards can be seen soaring overhead whilst green tiger beetles scurry about their business on the ground. Each season reveals new wild plants, yew and holly trees over the winter, bluebells in the spring, carpets of wavy hair grass in summer and an amazing display of mushrooms and toadstools in the autumn.

Magnificent heather capped sandstone outcrops tower above all this wildlife creating a beautiful backdrop. Open grassland plains and rich woodlands make Haberley Valley the perfect place to enjoy the countryside, picnic and relax.

### WALKING THE WAY TO HEALTH

Walking is a form of exercise that is free, fun, suitable for all ages and a great way for families and friends to get fit together.

Just 30 minutes a day of brisk walking, on a regular basis, can have a positive effect on your health and quality of life. It is also an ideal way to explore your local countryside.

### TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We would be very interested to hear whether you enjoyed this walk, how useful you found this leaflet and any ideas you have for improvements. If you would be prepared to complete a short, simple questionnaire please telephone Worcestershire County Council Countryside Service on 01905 766493 and we will send you a form.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

There is a Visitor Centre (summer only) at Haberley Valley Local Nature Reserve and an Information Board at the car park.

For more information about Haberley Valley and other Local Nature Reserves within the district, contact: Wyre Forest District Council Ranger Service, telephone: 01562 732971

For more information about access to the countryside and other walks, or if you encounter any problems on this walk contact: Worcestershire County Council Countryside Service, telephone: 01905 766493

## HABBERLEY VALLEY CIRCULAR WALK

A wonderful walk exploring the lovely, peaceful countryside beyond Haberley Valley Local Nature Reserve. The walk takes you through a section of Haberley Valley and on through pastures, woods, alongside a stream and over a hill, with time to enjoy the views.

... and you won't get lost ~ just follow the waymarks!

### WALK FACTFILE

**Location:** On the B4190 Wolverley to Bewdley road

**Start / Finish:** Haberley Valley Local Nature Reserve Car Park (free) or link paths to / from Ferndale Estate (Coningsby Drive), Bridgnorth Road (via Sandy Lane), Haberley Road (via High Haberley)

**Length:** 2 1/2 miles (approx. 1 1/2 - 2 hrs)  
3 3/4 miles with one of the link paths (approx. 2 - 2 1/2 hrs)

**Maps:** O S Explorer 218 ~  
Wyre Forest & Kidderminster OS Landranger 138 ~  
Kidderminster & Wyre Forest

**Terrain:** Undulating pasture, tracks, woodland, with one short, steep, ascent with steps and one, short, fairly steep descent. One or two sections may be muddy after rain - wear suitable boots and clothing.

**Stiles:** No stiles, 6 gates

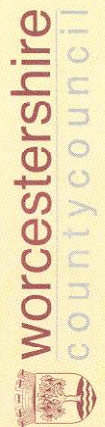
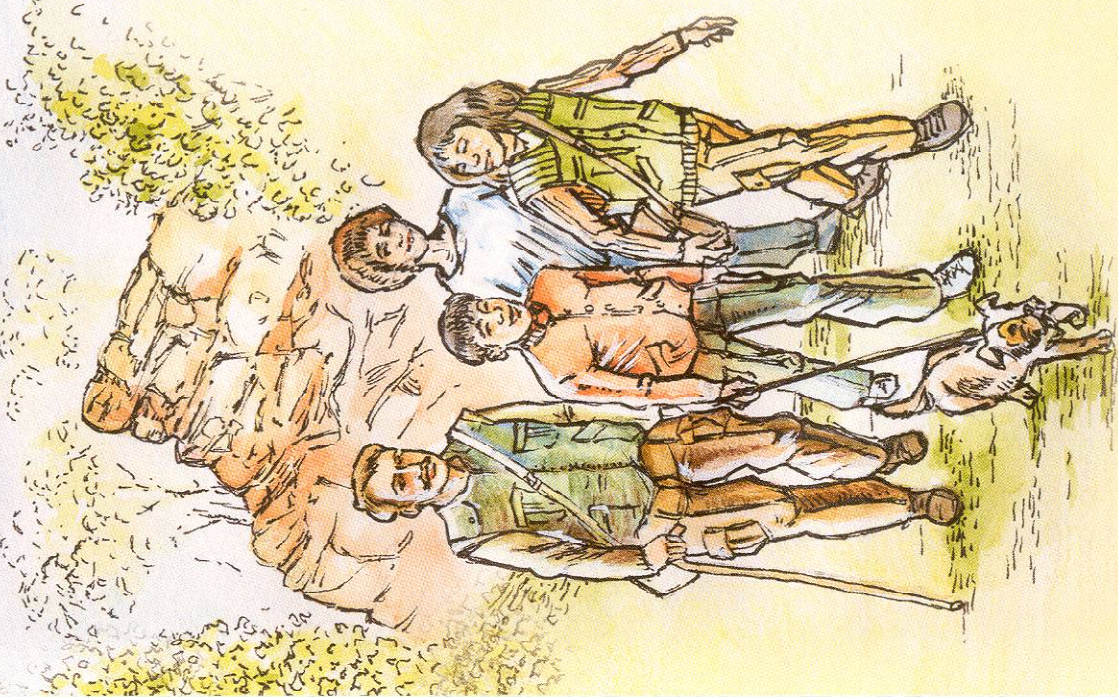
### PUBLIC TRANSPORT INFORMATION

To check details and timetables of buses contact: County Bus Line - 0345 125436



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As you pass Easthams Farm look out for the Honey Brook, a tributary of the River Stour. This picturesque little stream follows the route for a short distance before its course takes it towards the town of Kidderminster



Shortly after passing Easthams Farm the route skirts close to a group of 'rock houses' carved into a sandstone cliff. Their low doorways are still clearly visible even though they have not been inhabited since 1949

# Haberley Valley

## Circular Walk



An easy to follow waymarked walk through a distinctive corner of Worcestershire

- Countryside Code**
- Use alternatives to your car whenever possible
  - When you do use a car, park responsibly, avoiding verges, gateways and passing places
  - Keep to public rights of way and designated areas of public access when crossing farmland
  - Use appropriate gates and stiles to cross field boundaries
  - Close all gates that you have opened
  - Avoid damaging or disturbing wildlife, including plants and trees
  - Keep dogs under close control and always clean up after them
  - Guard against all risk of fire
  - Make no unnecessary noise
  - Take your litter home and dispose of it responsibly
  - Support local businesses and services
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The area in and around Haberley Valley Local Nature Reserve is rich in wildlife. It is home to green woodpeckers, summer flowering heather and a wide variety of insects. As you follow the route look out for yellowhammers singing their 'wheezing' song, ancient hedgerow oaks, and even the occasional hare if you are lucky! Above all else enjoy your walk and don't forget to tell your friends about it too!

- visitor centre (summer only)
- visitor information point
- car parking (free)
- public road
- public bridleway
- public footpath
- main route (walk clockwise)
- link route (walk both ways)
- field boundaries
- pond or open water
- woodland
- streams
- public telephone
- panoramic viewpoint