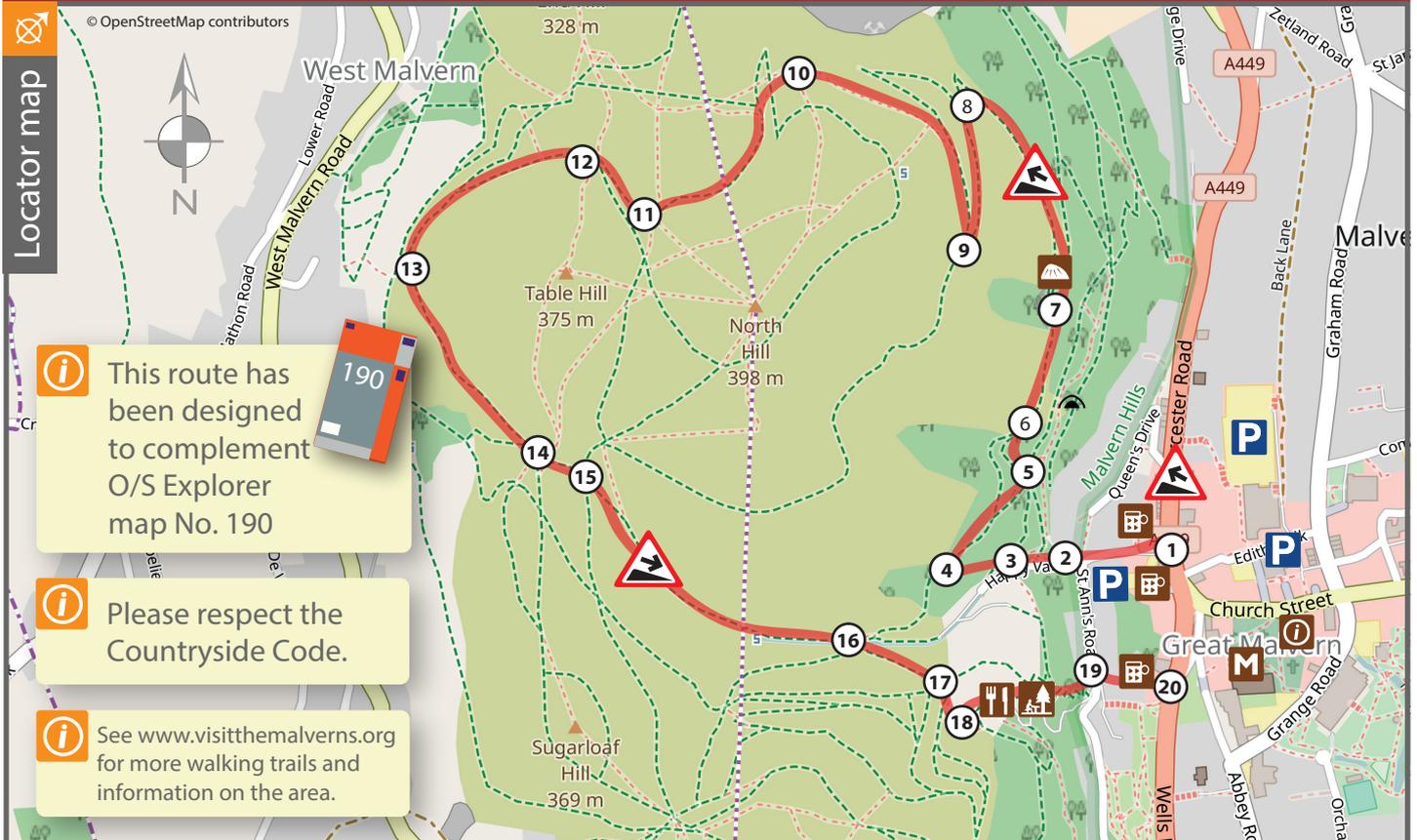




A WALK AROUND NORTH HILL, BEGINNING AND ENDING IN THE CENTRE OF GREAT MALVERN



Map Key

- Main route
- - - Bridleway
- ⋯ Footpath

- 1** Route keypoints
- Public house
- Ascent/descent

- Museum/gallery
- Information
- Landscape feature

- Cafe
- Parking
- Church

- Picnic site
- Mansion
- Take care!

Directions

1 The walk begins at the Unicorn Inn in the centre of Great Malvern. Walk up St Ann's Road.

2 Continue uphill, St Ann's Road bears left, however this walk continues up Happy Valley road.

3 Just past the last house on the right at a low wooden shed, donkeys could once be hired by people wishing to ride to the top of the hills. Continue up Happy Valley.

4 Further uphill, at the vehicle turning point, take the path to the right which leads gently upwards.

5 You will shortly ahead reach an intersection, continue uphill in the same general direction.

6 Remain on the uphill path which shortly joins a broader gravelled track continuing

uphill. Along this track, gaps through the trees reveal splendid views of Great Malvern and behind is a fine view of the summit of Worcestershire Beacon (424m).

7 The path flattens out shortly before Ivy Scar Rock, take the smaller uphill path to the left of the main track signed North Hill. Continue steadily uphill, with the view both eastwards and northwards widening as you climb, until a rocky hairpin bend to the left is reached.

8 Keep following the stony zig-zag path uphill until a level track is joined.

9 Turn right here onto the broader, level track - known as Lady Howard de Walden Drive which was cut as a carriageway in the 1890s to encircle the North Hill - continue along the track.

10 Continue along the same track around the hill, the view westwards across Herefordshire now begins to open up.

11 De Walden Drive climbs to its highest point and this is the nearest point to the top of North Hill (397m)

12 As the track continues, the wide view to the north-west opens up. Continue along the track as it begins to descend.

13 Further down the track where it splits in two directions, take the uphill track on the left past a small quarry. Continue until the path flattens at the crest of the ridge with a bench.

14 From here, paths and tracks to the right lead over or past Sugar Loaf Hill (350m) towards Worcestershire Beacon. The route, however, continues straight ahead over the crest of the ridge and begins descending.

15 Cross a wide path and descend down into Happy Valley passing into an avenue of sycamore trees.

16 Fork right when the wider paved driveway is reached. (The downhill road leads directly into Great Malvern).

17 Continue on this path over the crest of the hill at the next intersection and begin the descent back towards Great Malvern via St Ann's Well.

18 Continue on the path as it curves down to the left to St Ann's Well. Follow the paved path that zig-zags steeply down into Great Malvern.

19 Take a right as the path meets St Ann's Road, and bear left following the 'Public Footpath' sign down the '99 steps'.

20 Back into Great Malvern and the end of the walk.

PLEASE LEAVE NO LITTER BECAUSE OF GRAZING LIVESTOCK, DOGS SHOULD BE KEPT UNDER PROPER CONTROL

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