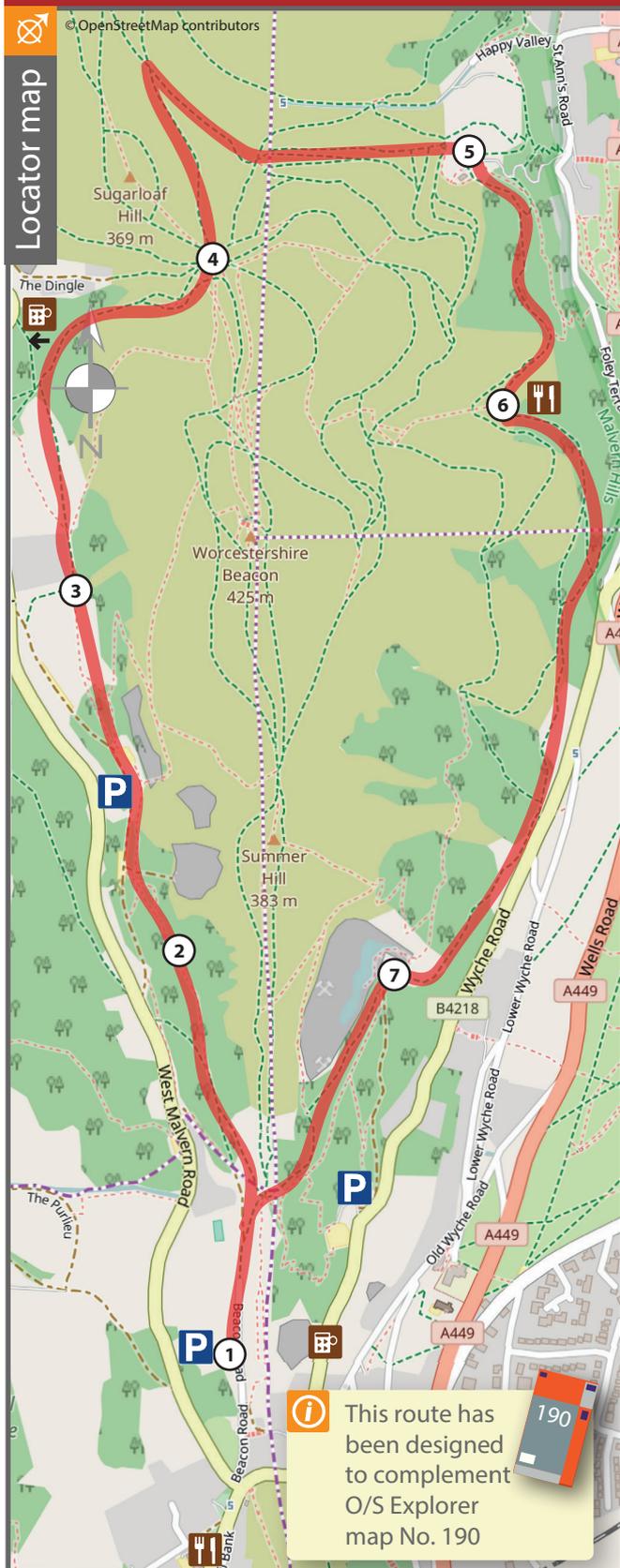




## A CIRCULAR WALK STARTING AT BEACON ROAD CAR PARK, TAKING IN THE EAST AND NORTHERN VIEWS OF THE MALVERN HILLS AND GREAT MALVERN



### Directions

**1** The walk begins at Beacon Road car park. Take the road uphill to the circular indicator stone known as the Goldmine. Follow the path diagonally left downhill towards Hayslad which is one of the many springs on the hills. Continue along the path taking the uphill track to the right through the trees and follow the path until you reach a clearing of open space.

**2** Walking through the open grassy space you will see what remains of the West of England Quarries to your right. Continue ahead until the path narrows through a line of trees, and eventually leads you to the parking area.

Cross the car park, and take the middle path signposted Hillside Cottage.

The path leads to an open clearance, now a picnic site, with magnificent views towards Herefordshire and Wales on a clear day.

**3** Re-join the main path and follow the wall and go straight ahead on the level path until it descends through the trees to a broad path leading uphill to your right. Climb the broad path leading uphill. The path winds up out of the gorse and scattered trees to the head of the valley marked by an indicator Stone.

**4** A direct return to the starting point can now be made by way of the summit of the Worcestershire Beacon to your right, but this trail continues by the main path on your left. Continue on this relatively level path with views of Malvern down to your right and Sugarloaf hill to your left.

Take the sharp hairpin path on your right to descend quickly towards St. Ann's Well via the tree lined 'Happy Valley'.

**5** At the foot of the descending, steep path is a clearing with more fine views over Great Malvern and the Severn Valley. Head to the right where nestling among the trees at the foot is St. Ann's Well. The walk continues behind the building taking the wooded path to the right. Keep on the level path ignoring a fork to the left which descends to the road but take the first fork right leading to along the hillside into Rushy Valley.

**6** Pass the gully on the bend and continue on the level, wood shaded path. The path bends and weaves with the busy A449 below. Ignore hairpins/forks to the left and right, continuing steadfast. The path comes close to the road now, but take the right hand fork upwards, and continue uphill eventually emerging on to an open grass area.

**7** Meeting a tarmacked path at the top follow the path to the right to Earnslaw Pool, named after the large house which once stood on the grassy area behind. Head a short way along the tarmac path until you come to a trail branching off uphill to the right. Continue uphill as the path widens, arriving at the top of the ridge at the Gold Mine, from where it is only a short downhill walk to the beginning of the trail and the Wychy Cutting.

**i** This route has been designed to complement O/S Explorer map No. 190

**i** See [www.visitthemalverns.org](http://www.visitthemalverns.org) for more walking trails and information on the area.

**i** Please respect the Countryside Code.

### 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!

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

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