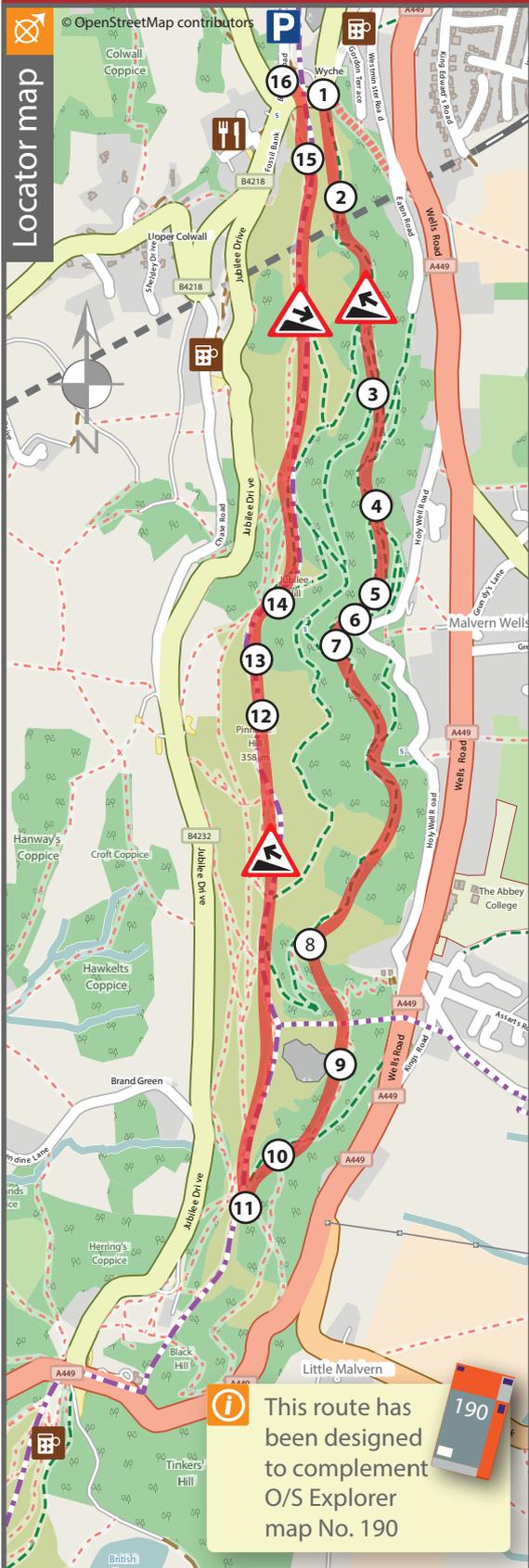




A WALK THROUGH MIXED WOODLAND, PASSING HOLY WELL AND BERINGTON'S QUARRY, BEFORE RETURNING ALONG THE RIDGE



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

Directions

- 1** The walk begins at the east side of the Wyche Cutting at the junction of the Wyche Road (B4218) and the Old Wyche Road. Follow the main pathway southwards past Rock Cottage, keep to the level path leading directly ahead ignoring any side paths.
- 2** The path turns to the left around a prominent rock outcrop. Follow the track gently downhill and, ignoring any side paths, continue into mixed woodland
- 3** The path splits in three directions, take the middle path straight ahead (a stone direction marker points the way to Holy Well).
- 4** The track is joined by an old wooden fence-line on your left. Where the path (and the fence) splits downhill, continue straight ahead on the relatively level path.
- 5** Continue along the path and you will see the Holy Well buildings ahead of you. In the 18th century it was the most important spring in the Malvern area and many remarkable cures were claimed for its waters. Return along the same path, retracing your steps for a short distance.
- 6** Take the path that zig-zags sharply to the left just before the bench.
- 7** Follow the zig-zagging path uphill until it reaches a level path, take a left along the level path passing the green bench. Continue along the same path in the same general direction through the trees onto the open hillside.
- 8** After about 0.8km, the path leads around the head of an open valley. Where the path splits, take the left fork downhill towards Berington's Quarry.
- 9** From the quarry, the path bears left.
- 10** Continue along the path and at the next junction, follow the uphill branch to the crest of the ridge signposted Black Hill.
- 11** Take a left as you reach the main ridgeline path. A short walk southwards along the ridge leads to a fine view of Little Malvern Priory and Court.
- 12** After admiring the view of Little Malvern Priory and Court, turn around and retrace your steps heading northwards along the ridge line. Continue beyond the junction of the path you came up and ridgeline.
- 13** Continue along the ridge beside the quarry safety fence. Eastwards, the view over the flat Severn Plain contrasts markedly with that to the west over the wooded ridges of Herefordshire, stretching away to the Black Mountains on the Welsh border. Continue down the ridge.
- 14** The path crosses a ditch, just before a conifer plantation. This ditch is the Red Earl's Dyke completed in 1287 by Gilbert de Clare, 7th Earl of Gloucester. Follow the path along the upper edge of the plantation (alternatively you can take the short detour up and down Jubilee Hill). Continue along the ridge.
- 15** Descend to the road along the path next to the wooden bench that leads down to the left just before the Wyche Cutting is reached,
- 16** Continue down some steps to the road and the end of the walk.

i See www.visitthomalverns.org for more walking trails and information on the area.

i Please respect the Countryside Code.

Map Key	Main route	Route keypoints	Museum/gallery	Cafe	Picnic site
	Bridleway	Public house	Information	Parking	Mansion
	Footpath	Ascent/descent	Landscape feature	Church	Take care!

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

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