



# ENGLAND'S MISTLETOE CAPITAL, HORSE RACING ON ANCIENT COMMON LAND & A SPA TOWN EXPERIMENT

**Locator map**

**Please respect the Countryside Code.**

This route has been designed to complement O/S Explorer map No. 203

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**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!



- Directions**
- 1** Park in Tenbury's free car park (near the Swimming Pool). TR out on to B4214, follow around to T junction on corner. TL on to Market St (**this road can be busy, please take care**). Road curves around left past Round Market next to Market Tavern. TR by Shamraj Restaurant and follow Berrington Lane, continue on steep uphill climb (there's a bench at the top if needed).
- 2** Follow Ln, bear right, lane descends steeply to Bednall Brook/bridge and then steep initial climb up the other side. You can walk up this but please watch out for cars on the lane here. Continue on Ln as it curves left to little triangular junction with Ln to Berrington Green.
- 3** Continue on Ln to Berrington Green until you reach T junction with A4112 (Opposite St Michael's Church and school).
- 4** TL here through hamlet of St Michael's on A4112. Continue towards Oldwood Common. For safety ride on the marked pavement lines to help avoid traffic here (**traffic can travel fast on this open stretch of road - please be careful**). Continue through hamlet of Oldwood and past the Fountain Inn until road starts to go downhill.
- 5** After partial downhill, TR across A4112 on to Salt Box Ln (**please be careful crossing here, - if you wish you can continue down into Tenbury here instead on the A4112**). Continue up and then along and down Salt Box Ln, follow around to left and down (**this is a steep downhill, please take care**) to halt signs on B4214 Bromyard Rd. TL on to Bromyard Rd.
- 6** Continue on Bromyard Rd, past Co-Op on left to junction with Cross St by Pembroke Pub. TR here (**please be careful crossing here**) continue to Cross St into the town centre. TR on to B4204 (**please take care crossing here**) and then TL into car park and start point.
- Key TL = Turn Left, TR = Turn Right

**Route Facts**

Tenbury hosts an annual mistletoe market and is now known as the country's 'mistletoe and holly capital'. The town's inhabitants used to swell in number each hop picking season. Mothers and children from the West Midlands would travel to the area for weeks at a time on working holidays. This tradition began to wane however in the 1950's. As well as hops, Tenbury was also once well known for being surrounded by fruit orchards. Queen Victoria is reputed to have called it her "little town in the orchard". Why also not consider visiting nearby St Michael's Church? It was one of John Betjeman's favourite churches and is regarded as a 'mini cathedral'. The church is open to the public every weekday.