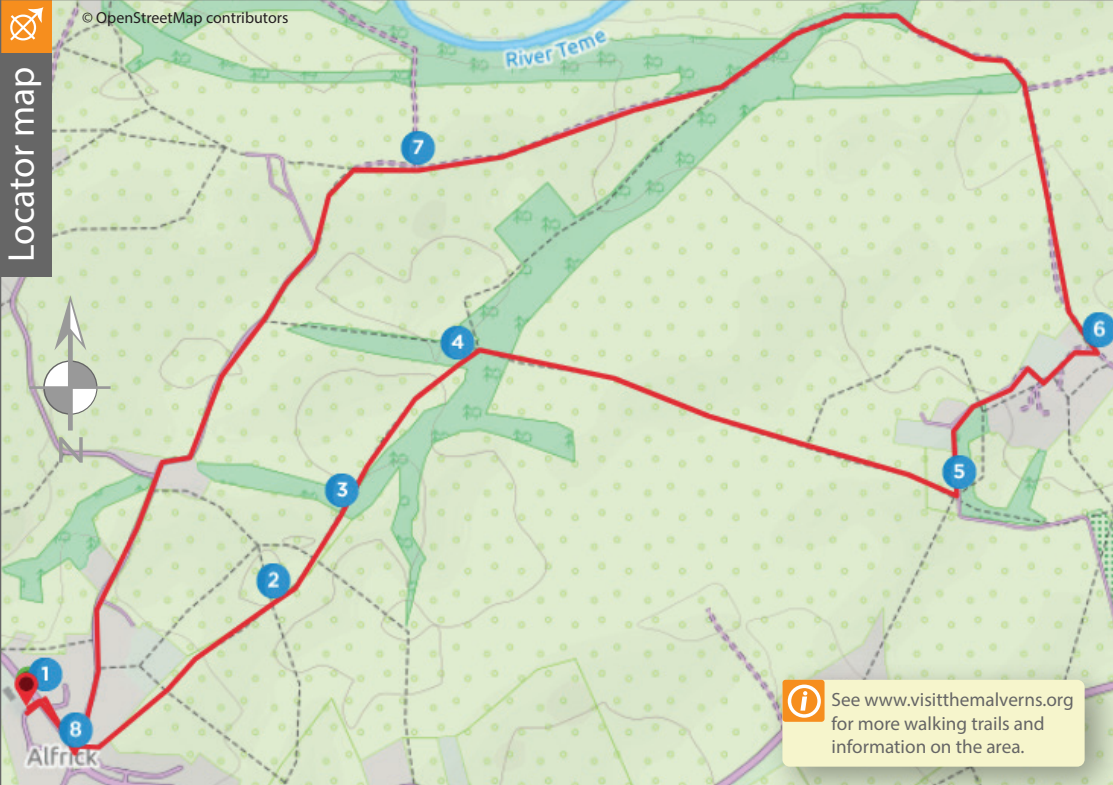




A CIRCULAR WALK THAT STARTS AND FINISHES FROM ALFRICK & LUSLEY COMMUNITY SHOP AND HEADS TOWARDS HAYLEY DINGLE ROAD AND THE DISMANTLED LEOMINSTER TO WORCESTER RAILWAY LINE.



i This route has been designed to complement O/S Explorer map No. 204

i Please respect the Countryside Code.

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

HOW TO GET THERE (including parking)

By car: The walk begins from outside Alfrick and Lusley Community Shop, Clay Green, Knightwick Road, Alfrick, WR6 5HU.

By train: West Midlands railway operate a regular service between Hereford and Birmingham New Street, stopping at Worcester Foregate Street and Worcester Shrub Hill stations which are 8 miles from the start of the walk.

WALK DIRECTIONS

1 Start of the walk

The walk begins in the car park of Alfrick and Lusley Community Shop. As you come out of the car park, turn left onto Clay Green and then immediately right onto Knightwick Road. After a short distance you will come to Folly Road on your left, turn left onto this and then immediately right down a narrow footpath (with a fence either side). Continue straight ahead along this narrow footpath until you reach a small metal gate. Go through this and continue straight ahead. You will then reach another small metal gate, go straight ahead through this into a field. Continue straight ahead keeping the edge of the field (with a fence) directly on your left. You will then come to another metal gate, go straight ahead through this.

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Continue to follow the footpath straight ahead through this next field, keeping the edge of the field directly to your left and keep the telegraph pole to your right. Continue straight down the hill, keeping the edge of the field (and the hedgerow) directly on your left until you reach another metal small gate. Go through this. Continue straight ahead into the next field, keeping the hedge directly on your left. You will then reach another small metal gate, go through this. After you have gone through this small metal gate you will see a grassy mound to your right and the fence ahead with a narrow footpath. Continue straight ahead on this small footpath.

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This small narrow footpath will then reach the edge of a woodland. Continue straight ahead and follow this footpath through the woodland. The footpath will drop down into the woodland and then back up a hill which then reaches a stile. Go over this stile and turn immediately right into a field. Continue to follow this field, keeping the woodland on your right. At the end of this field you will see another small metal gate. Go through this.

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Continue straight ahead on the footpath that drops down into another woodland via a series of steps. Take care. When you've reached the bottom of the woodland, you will see a narrow wooden bridge (with no sides), cross over this and turn immediately right. Then cross another wooden bridge (with sides) and continue to follow the footpath up the steep bank which will then take you out of the woodland and into a field. Once you have reached the field, continue straight ahead up the slight hill to follow the footpath. You'll see a small metal gate in the hedge ahead at one of the corners of the field. Continue straight ahead through the gate and follow the footpath which runs along the edge of a field. The field will be directly to your right. Continue to follow the edge of the field, until you reach a track.

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Turn left onto the track towards the house with barns. Keep the house directly on your left and continue to follow the track down the hill. The track will bear right towards the bottom with a

barn and houses either side. It then bears around to the left, this is shortly after walking in between a fence and brick wall.

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At the bottom of this track, you will meet a road to your right. You need to turn left here onto another track. Follow this bend around to the left and then continue straight ahead (take care as sections of this track can get very muddy during wet weather) and eventually you will see remnants of the old dismantled railway (brick columns) on your left. Continue up the hill which goes in between remnants of the old dismantled railway and eventually will come out into an open area with fields either side. Continue to follow this track up the hill until you reach a bend to the right.

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When you reach this bend to the right, bear left here and go straight through the large metal gate. Continue straight ahead onto the brideway until it reaches a road. Turn left onto this road. Continue to follow this road all the way to the end. This is Folly Road.

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When you reach the t junction at the end of Folly Road, turn right onto Knightwick Road and then first left into Clay Green. You have reached Alfrick and Lusley Community Shop. End