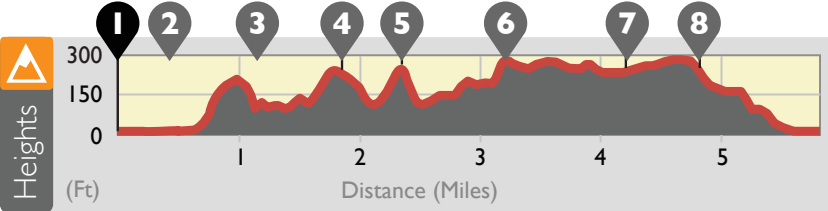




ENGLAND'S MISTLETOE CAPITAL, FIELDS FULL OF HOPS AND QUEEN VICTORIA'S LITTLE TOWN IN THE ORCHARD



- Directions**
- 1** Park in Tenbury's free car park (near the Swimming Pool). Walk past pool over stream/bridge, continue across car park past bowls green to Library. Cross Teme St., TR then TL into Church Walk at side of Regal cinema to the church.
- 2** At the end of Church Walk TL on to Church St past church to old fire station. Continue on footpath. Turn up Orchard Ct rd then TR over little footbridge through to open fields. Then continue and TL up to bank on left, continue up enclosed track and on to high woodland path and descend (**steep slope, this can be slippery in wet conditions - please take care**) to stile and tree nursery. Follow track across field around to left until road reached.
- 3** TR at rd then quick TR over stile back into field up to wood edge. Then TL uphill & follow wood edge to stile. TR, follow road uphill to greenhouses then TL and follow to the rd.
- 4** TR at rd then TL on downhill track then follow footpath to Upper Berrington.
- 5** Then TR downhill and follow Cadmore Brook until ford and cross paths.
- 6** Go uphill, TR on rd. Before St Michaels hamlet TL on to path to Oldwood Common (**take extra care here if livestock in field**).
- 7** TL at track on edge of the common, continue on track behind Spring Cottage and around to the right across common to Oldwood. Continue on road past Fountain Inn then downhill. TL on to bridleway.
- 8** TR at stile after few mins. Continue downhill across fields and then uphill to Morningside, TR at stile in field corner, follow Morningside down and then up to main road at corner. TL at main road and follow back to start point in the town past the iconic 'Roundmarket' and then the Pump Rooms.
- Key TL = Turn Left, TR = Turn Right

Route Facts

Tenbury's Pump Rooms, built in 1862 as a spa for the working classes.

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 day of the week.