

About Hoarwithy

The pretty hamlet of Hoarwithy, first recorded in the late 13th or early 14th century as 'La Horewythy', the name is thought to derive from a local tree-name.

'The Stones of Venice on the banks of the Wye' is how an earlier writer described St. Catherine's Church in Hoarwithy.

This famous 'italianate' church was originally built in 1840 by Reverend Thomas Hutchinson, but when Prebendary William Poole, Vicar of Hentland came to Hoarwithy in 1870 he decided the brick building was so ugly that he had to beautify it using sandstone in this Romanesque style. The exotic looking church has since been used in many films and is an unusual, eye catching landmark.

A Victorian suspension bridge allows you to cross the river to the pretty church at Sellack. It is said that one vicar in earlier times used stilts to ford the Wye here in order to avoid a lengthy detour! The bridge also replaced a ferry that once existed here.

The name of nearby Sellack is thought to be derived from 'Sulac'. The Church at Sellack is dedicated to St. Tysilio (or St. Tesiliog) and Tysilio and Sulac are both pet forms of the Welsh personal name Suliau.

Caradoc Court near Sellack was built in the late 16th/early 17th centuries by Rowland Scudamore. The unusual name 'Caradoc' seems to derive from a form like 'Caer Caradoc' meaning some sort of British defended site and may originally have applied to the iron age hill-fort of Gaer Cop which is 3 kilometres south-west, in Hentland parish.

In 1864 Caradoc Court was extended in the Jacobean style and new landscape features were created including a balustraded terrace at the front with steps down to lawns, an italianate garden and plantings of evergreens.

This all survived until March 1986, but tragically a fire destroyed the house and rescue work ruined the italianate garden. Caradoc Court is now being restored to its former glory.

Parking

There is limited parking in Hoarwithy village.

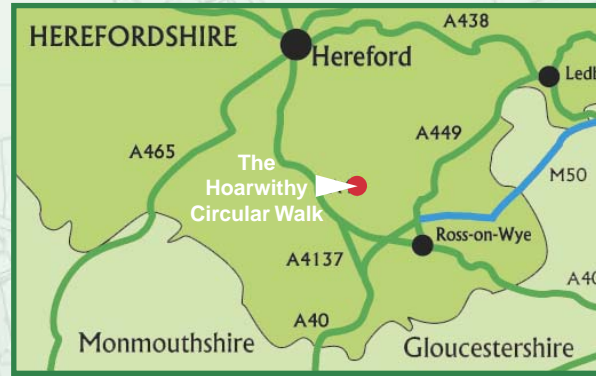
Refreshments

Refreshments can be obtained from The New Harp Public House in Hoarwithy.

Walk Information

This leaflet has been designed to tell you all you need to know about the route **before** you set out.

Stiles	9
Gates	4
Steps	0
Narrow Bridges	1
Slopes	4 steep slopes between 1 & 3 and 5 & 7



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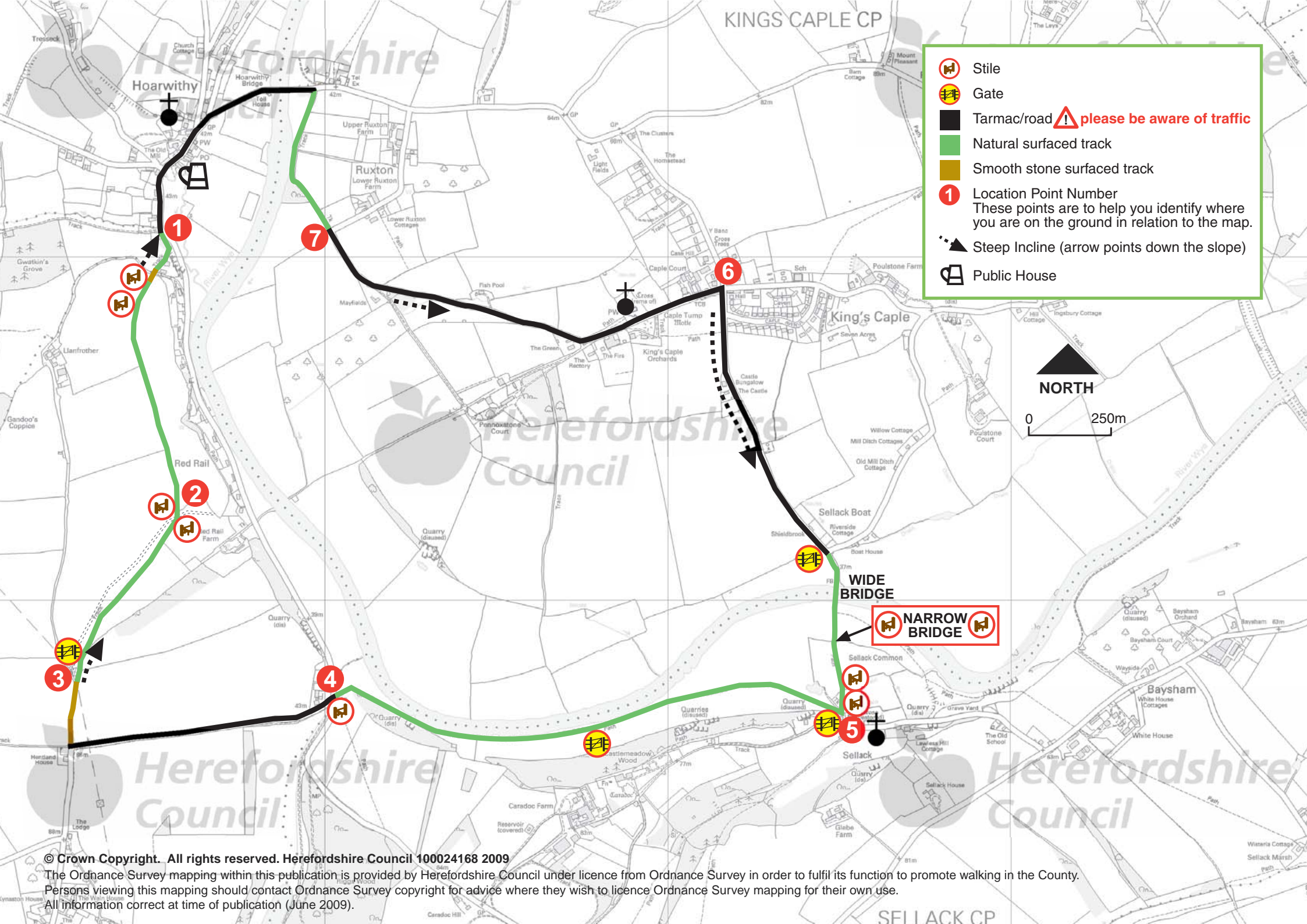
The Hoarwithy Circular Walk










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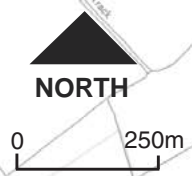


HEREFORDSHIRE ...it's good to walk

FREE



-  Stile
-  Gate
-  Tarmac/road  please be aware of traffic
-  Natural surfaced track
-  Smooth stone surfaced track
-  Location Point Number
These points are to help you identify where you are on the ground in relation to the map.
-  Steep Incline (arrow points down the slope)
-  Public House



NARROW BRIDGE

WIDE BRIDGE