

## About John Kyrle

John Kyrle, known as 'The Man of Ross', was a 17<sup>th</sup> Century philanthropist and this walk around Ross-on-Wye is believed to be a favourite of his.

Born at Dymock, John Kyrle was the son of Walter and Alice Kyrle. He studied Law at Oxford, but did not qualify as a lawyer. After his father's death in the 1650's he inherited the timber-framed house in Ross, opposite the Market House. Here he lived modestly as a bachelor on an income, it is said, of £500 per year.

If you look up at the side of the Market House opposite John Kyrle's house you will notice the curious logogram on the wall representing 'Faithful to Charles in heart'. This is traditionally associated with Kyrle showing his loyalty to the crown.

Apart from Kyrle's charitable works and deeds he also settled disputes, supported the schools, tended the sick and helped the poor. His public-mindedness also extended to beautifying the town and its surrounding landscape.

The Prospect was acquired by Kyrle in a lease of 1696. Here he laid out gardens with a fountain and a water supply. The gates of 1700 bear his monogram and crest.

A water engine was installed by the riverside in 1705-1706 by Kyrle and his partners. It pumped river water up to the Prospect for the fountain and reservoir.

St. Mary's church spire and 3 pinnacles were repaired in 1721, and, although Kyrle's name is not mentioned in the records, he convened the parish meeting and in 1695 gave the tenor bell. His monument and tomb can be seen in the chancel.

At the great age of 87, John Kyrle died and was buried in the chancel of St. Mary's Church in Ross. His life and good works were celebrated by the poet Alexander Pope in his Moral Essays written in 1732. Since then many places in the town have taken his name.

## Parking

Parking is available at Wilton Road car park (a charge and height restriction applies.)

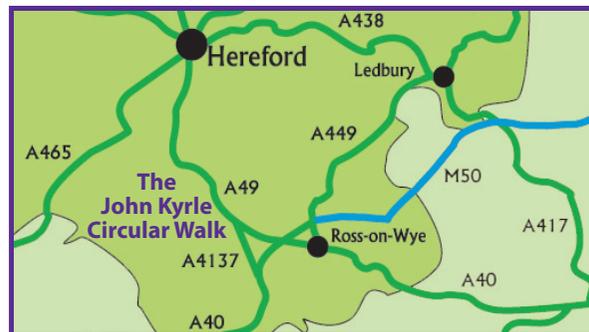
## Refreshments

Refreshments can be obtained from various shops and Inns in Ross-on-Wye.

## Walk Information

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

<b>Stiles</b>	0
<b>Gates</b>	7 kissing gates
<b>Steps</b>	7 flights
<b>Narrow Bridges</b>	0
<b>Slopes</b>	Some steep slopes between <b>5</b> and <b>6</b>



© Crown Copyright. All rights reserved.  
Herefordshire Council 100024 168 2019

Always follow the Country Code. Enjoy your walk!

## Walk them all...

There are 15 circular walks in the county ranging in distance from 2 to 10 miles and four are 'Miles without Stiles' routes.

For more information on the other routes or to download the leaflets visit: [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/circularwalks](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/circularwalks)

With thanks to Heather & Jon Hurley.  
Artwork by Abby Marshall  
with thanks to Pat Hughes.



This route is managed by Balfour Beatty Living Places on behalf of Herefordshire Council.

To report a problem please contact customer services  
t: 01432 261800



**Choose how you move**



[www.herefordmove.org](http://www.herefordmove.org)

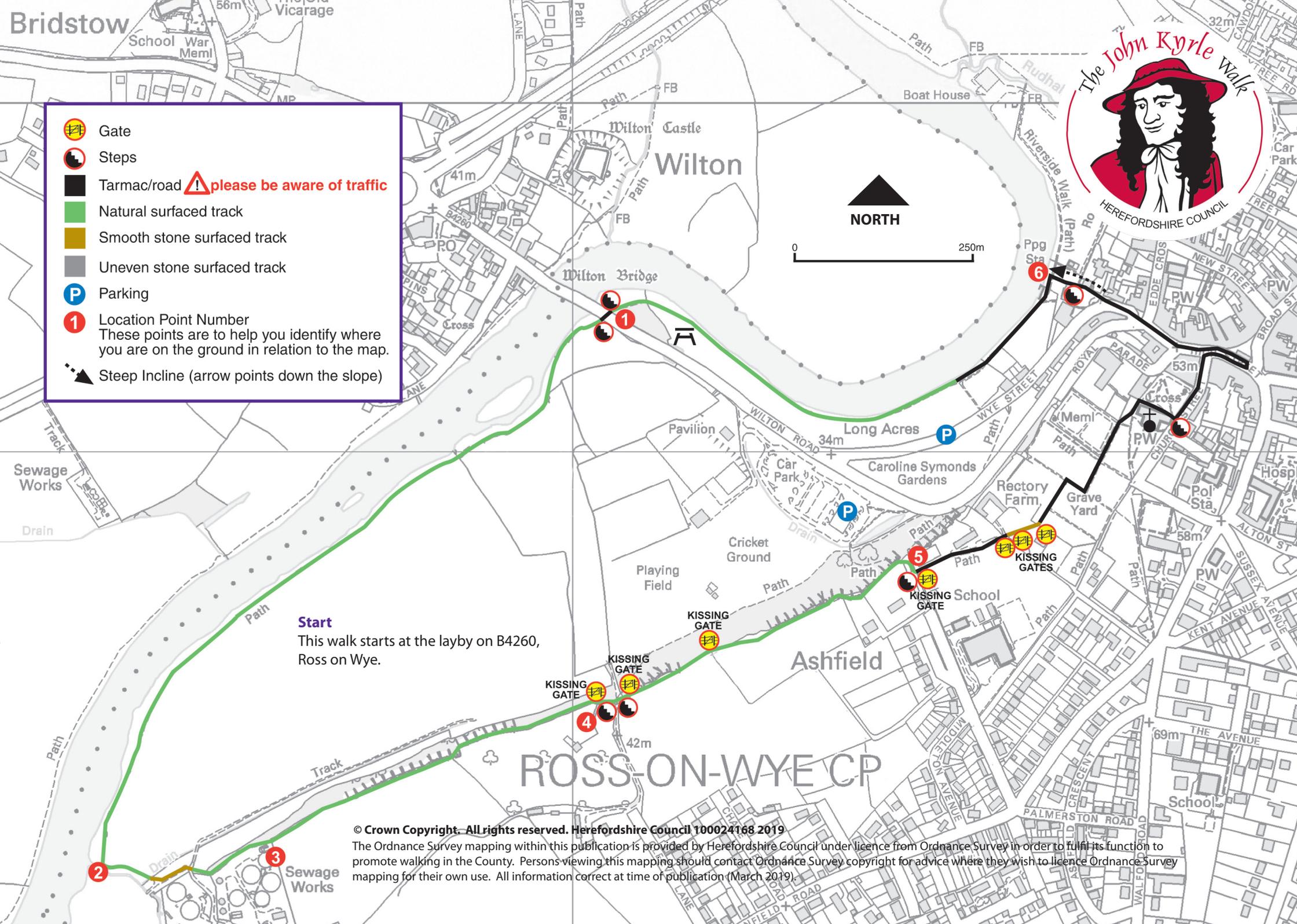
Funded by the Department For Transport

# The John Kyrle Circular Walk

DISTANCE: 3 miles



**Choose how you move**



-  Gate
-  Steps
-  Tarmac/road  please be aware of traffic
-  Natural surfaced track
-  Smooth stone surfaced track
-  Uneven stone surfaced track
-  Parking
-  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)

**Start**  
This walk starts at the layby on B4260, Ross on Wye.

© Crown Copyright. All rights reserved. Herefordshire Council 100024168 2019  
The Ordnance Survey mapping within this publication is provided by Herefordshire Council under licence from Ordnance Survey in order to fulfil its function to promote walking in the County. Persons viewing this mapping should contact Ordnance Survey copyright for advice where they wish to licence Ordnance Survey mapping for their own use. All information correct at time of publication (March 2019).

