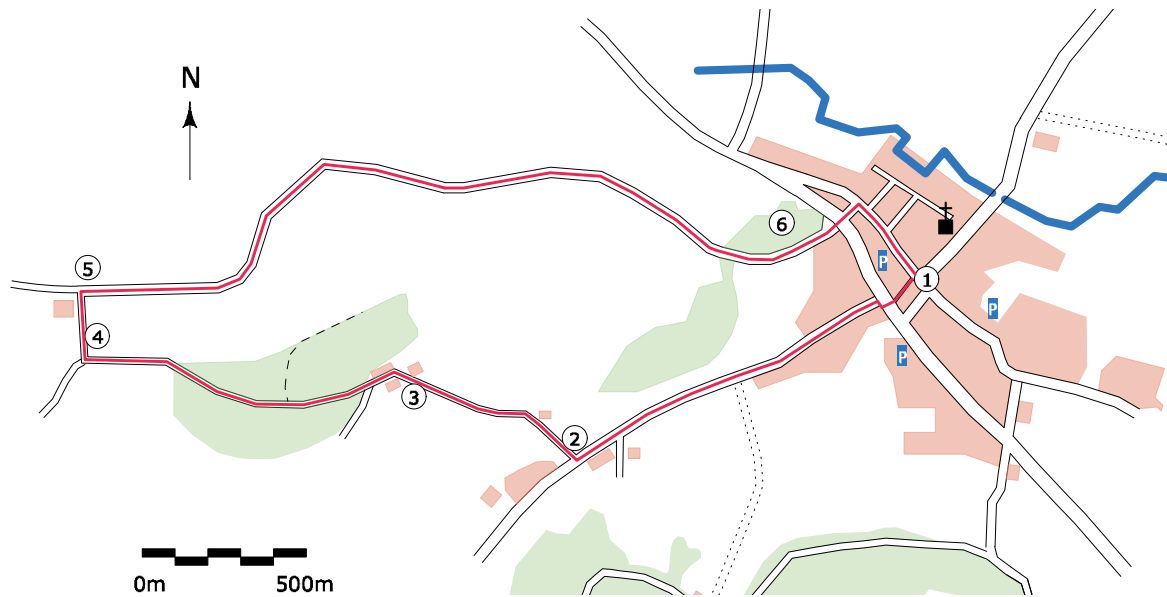


Paradise Farm and Warden Road



Distance: 5 miles / 8km

Time: 2½ hours

Points of note: Easy to moderate walk, no stiles. Dog friendly, but cattle grid to cross, and leads are necessary for some sections. Public car park short distance from walk start. Use in conjunction with OS Explorer Map 210, *Knighton & Presteigne*.

The walk starts at the junction of Broad Street and High Street (1). Proceed up Green End, opposite the Library, and continue on through the underpass emerging onto Slough Road. Proceed along Slough Road for about ¾ mile / 1.2km, passing the primary school on the right.

Soon after passing a house called 'Fairview' on your right (2), turn right at a post box and walk up the drive, crossing a cattle grid, heading towards Paradise Farm.

Walk directly in front of Paradise Farm house (3) and pass through a small gate. After the gate, bear slightly right along a track, ignore the track that crosses the one you are on and carry on ahead up the hill, climbing steadily through the woods towards its north-west corner.

At the corner of a field the main track swings right, up the hill. Do not follow this, instead continue straight ahead, keeping the field fence on your right.

Go through a six-barred gate with the fence line now on your left. Walk ahead to the gate and follow the track across fields and through further gates until meeting a concreted track which leads to Lower Rowley Farm (4).

Turn right up this track to the top of the hill to Rowley Farm buildings. A metaled road leads off to the left to Thorn. Turn right through a farm gate and follow the farm track going through a further gate. The track then descends with gorse to either side and views of Norton village in the distance to your left. Through further gates at Hill House, continue to follow Warden Road. Pass the Warden on the left, the site of what was once Presteigne's castle (6), with its motte and bailey still visible.

Cross the bypass and continue straight downhill into the town centre, turning right by the garage and back onto the High Street.

NOTE – Please follow the countryside code: especially being careful around animals, leaving all gates as you find them, and putting your litter and dog poo in appropriate bins or taking it home with you. All times and distances are approximate.