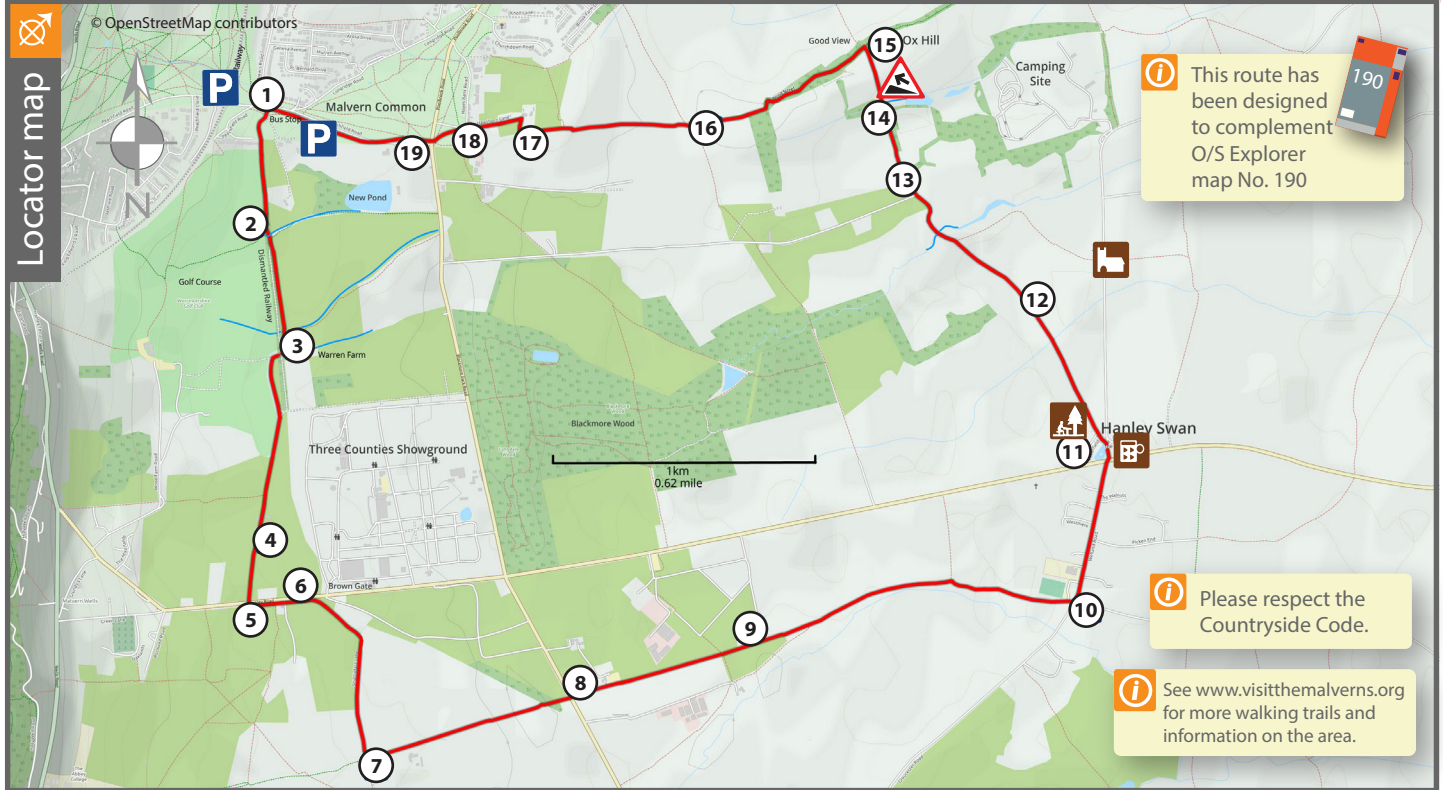




A CIRCULAR WALK FROM PEACHFIELD COMMON TAKING IN THE THREE COUNTIES SHOWGROUND, HANLEY SWAN AND BLACKMORE PARK



Map Key

Main route	Route keypoints	Museum/gallery	Cafe	Picnic site
Bridleway	Public house	Information	Parking	Mansion
Footpath	Ascent/descent	Landscape feature	Church	Take care!

Directions

- 1** Start of the walk – Take the track leading from Peachfield Road which is by the bus stop from Great Malvern to Ledbury, the track is located by the bus top shelter. Walk through the wooded area; pass through the gate to the left of the garden fence, continuing on path under trees. Worcestershire Golf Club will be visible through the trees to your right.
- 2** Wooden Steps – You will reach a short flight of wooden steps and a bridge over a small stream. After crossing the stream you meet several paths and a tunnel under the old rail track. Take the path through the Iron Gate, this path passes through fields along the edge of the old railway embankments and cuttings. The more used path runs along the line of the track in the wooded area, but this is not a right of way. Continue straight ahead through the field, keeping parallel to the line of the wooded old railway route. Eventually you will come to a small stream and a kissing gate, go through the gate and continue to the next kissing gate.
- 3** Under Old Railway – Turn right through the tunnel and follow the track round to the left.
- 4** Views – Continue on track passing through an area of farm buildings. The Three Counties Showground is on your left. Continue on the track to the Hanley Road. To your right you have fine views of the Malvern's ridge, with Jubilee Hill and Pinnacle Hill to your immediate right, you can view all of this if you look NW on the track.
- 5** Hanley Road – Exit from lane onto Hanley Road. Turn Left and walk a short distance along the road then take the first lane off to the right of the road, just before the Brown Gate entrance to the showground.
- 6** Leave the Hanley road and start walking down Shuttlefast Lane, continue on this quiet lane.
- 7** Turn East - As you're continuing on Shuttlefast lane, you will come across a number of paths but keep continuing on Shuttlefast lane as it swings around into the eastern leg of the walk. The lane ends, continue on the track. The line of trees on the far side of the dismantled Tewkesbury to Malvern Railway. If you turn around you can have lovely views of the Malvern Hills (Black Hill, Pinnacle Hill, and Jubilee Hill).
- 8** Blackmore Park Road - The track exits onto Blackmore Park Road, cross directly to the lane that leads past an equine centre, continue up that path and ignore any paths turning off to the left or right.
- 9** Crossing Field – Through a gate, cross this field, exit via gate onto lane, cross the lane, through another gate and continue on path. Watch out for the cows! Hanley Swan village becomes visible. Soon this path joins the end of a lane which will take you to the Welland Road.
- 10** Welland Road – Leave the lane turning to your left onto the Welland Road and walk into Hanley Swan.
- 11** Hanley Swan – The village pond (Swan Pool) is what you will pass, the village is a good midway point to stop for refreshments. Continue via the lane on the northern side of the village pond behind the British Legion.
- 12** Quiet Lane – Continue on this quiet country lane which serves a small number of properties. There is no right of way for pedestrians, so continue on past some houses, lane twists around to the right and passes over a small bridge.
- 13** Leave Lane at Stable Farm – The walk continues via the stile (one of 4 remaining on the route) and then down the right hand side of the field.
- 14** Cross Stream – Cross the bridge over the stream, through the gate and on towards Ox Hill. Gentle climb onto the east-west ridge of Ox Hill.
- 15** Ox Hill – At the top of the hill pass through a kissing gate, cross a flat area, crossed by a marked ditch, then pass through a second kissing gate into a wooded area, then turn left. A number of paths meet here. Continue westwards through the narrow wooded strip along Ox Hill ridge. The wood is named Wood Street. On this path you have a much clearer view of the Malverns.
- 16** Wood Street – Leave Wood Street into open fields. Walk along the edge of a number of fields, some with electric fences for horse enclosures. Eventually you come to a stile where you cross to the northern side of the hedge. On the northern side of the hedge, houses at the end of Hawthorn Lane are visible.
- 17** Hawthorn Lane – Through the kissing gate, right across area of grass, through a second kissing gate and left onto Hawthorn Lane.
- 18** Poolbrook Road – Exit from Poolbrook Road and walk along one of the paths over Malvern Common, heading west.
- 19** Malvern Common – Walk across Malvern Common to the end of the walk, and you will arrive at where you started the walk.