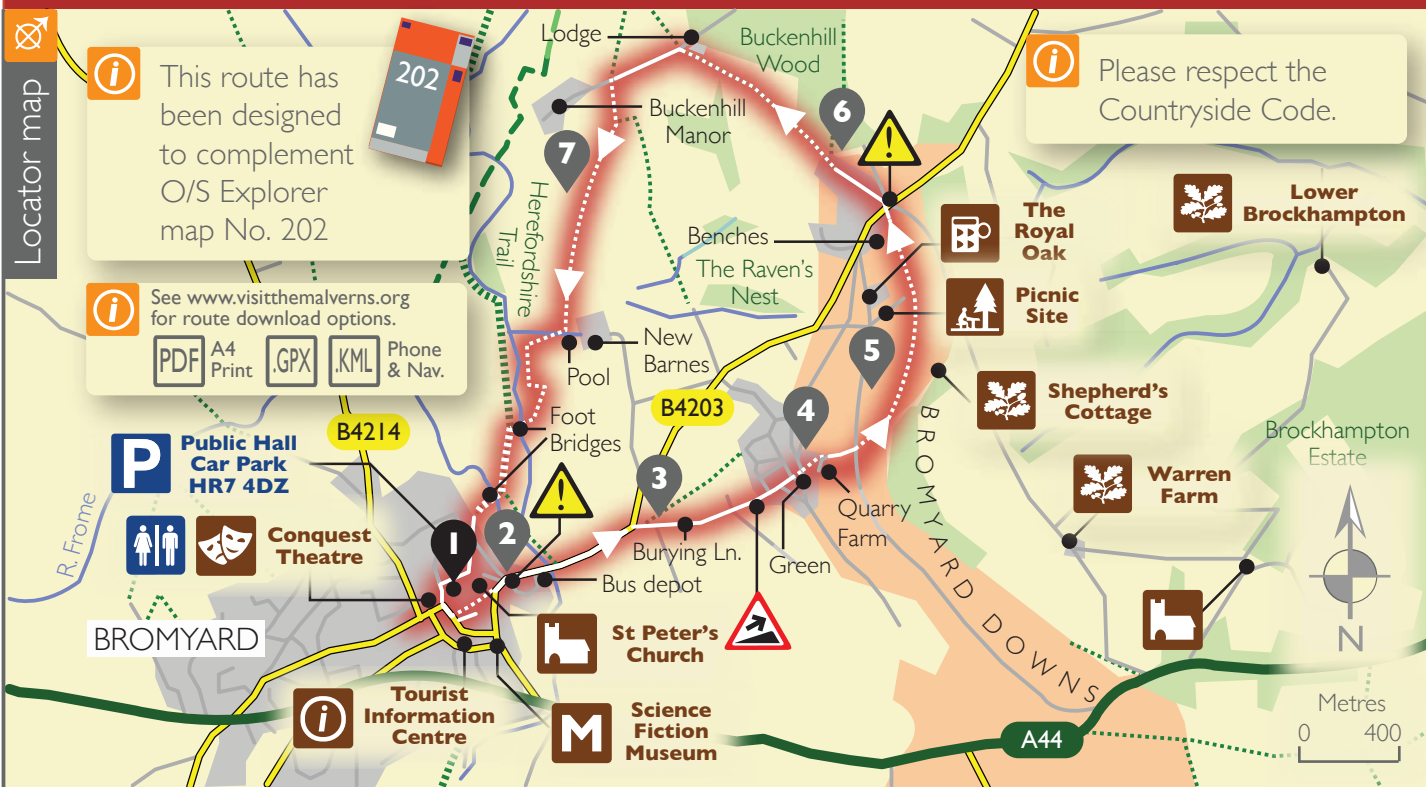
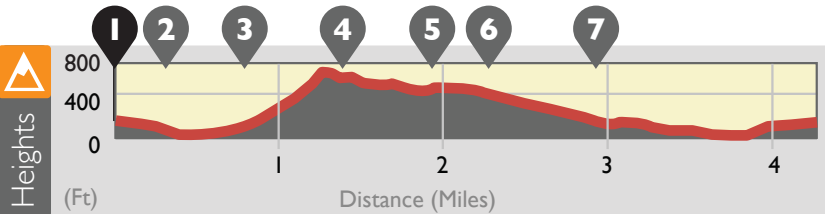




# AN ABANDONED SHEPHERD'S COTTAGE, A MOATED MANSION & AN ANCIENT DOWNLAND RACECOURSE



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** Park in the Public Hall Car Park, Church Ln (Pay & Display). TL out of the car park and continue down Rowbery St past the public hall. Once past the hall TL on path to/through churchyard to road.
- 2** TL and continue on B4203 Church St down over the R. Frome. Make sure you are on the Right hand pavement here (**this is a busy road, please be careful crossing**) and continue past bus depot to TR on to Burying Lane.
- 3** Continue up Burying Lane to 'Y' junction of tracks. Bear left & up at Yew Tree Cottage and cross track and central green to track above. TR here up grassy bank at side of house to Quarry Farm. TL here on to track and that leads to crossing of main downs road.
- 4** TL on downs road and then immediate TR on to downs track uphill. Continue on track keeping tree border
- on right as it curves slowly right, then around left and uphill to B4203 crossing.
- 5** Continue over the road on minor tarmac road. Where road forks, stay left on minor road as it passes cottages.
- 6** Continue downhill on minor road keeping Buckenhill Wood on right. At lodge follow track around left towards Buckenhill Manor. Before Manor entrance TL at stile into field and then down to stile/gate.
- 7** Continue upwards across open fields towards stile and track. After short distance bear right across field to stile nr pool. Cross track here and through field gate then TR, continue on field edge down to river, follow to hedge and then TL up to stile. Follow path across to footbridge, then TL through gate and along to river bridge and lane/gate. Cross rd to Church Ln and follow to car park.
- Key TL = Turn Left, TR = Turn Right

**Route Facts**

National Trust Shepherd's Cottage fascia, Bromyard Downs

Bromyard is quoted as being one of Herefordshire's most ancient towns dating back to the Norman Conquest, and it still has a church with many Norman features. Famous for its cider making and festivals it was also a centre for horse racing in the 1800's. The race track on Bromyard Downs has since been replaced in part by a golf course. However, some of the old race track can still be seen.

manor house at NT Lower Brockhampton Court. The house is the original property on the estate and is still surrounded by a moat that has a gatehouse bridge. On the far edge of the estate near the downs (and the walk) lie the ruins of a shepherd's cottage that dates from 1895. The house is now in a perilous state, so onlookers can view, but you are advised not to enter.