



# WALK THE LAND OF THE MORTIMER LORDS AND EXPLORE THE VALLEY OF THE RIVER REA

Locator map

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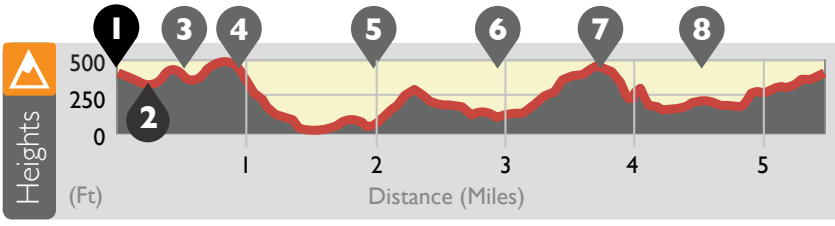
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Map Key

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** Park at the Childe Rd car park. TL here over mini island on Childe Rd. Follow for short period until TR down into Car Park/alley to Church St, A4117.

**2** Go over Church St crossing, TR, and TL on Eagle Ln. to corner kissing gate.

**3** Go through kissing gate, TR up to another kissing gate, TL and continue uphill to stile, TR to another stile, TL after and keep barn remains on left. Continue downhill to stile/Rowley Brook. Keep R at brook and follow path diagonally up left of pylons to stile. Follow fence uphill to stile and then down to track/cattle grid at field base.

**4** TL here on track to Old Reaside Manor Farm. Walk through to track end TL at stile (do not TR here) on path down to R. Rea footbridge. TR and continue diagonally up over field, through fenceline, then TL down sunken track to a minor road.

**5** TL at junction (Please take care on minor road) down and over the River

Rea. Continue uphill on road for 0.5km to track/bridleway on right. TR down through farmyard and then to River Rea. Continue (Please use footbridge) over the river/weir(s). Continue on main track as it curves to the right & then left uphill.

**6** Follow track uphill left keeping Manor and grounds on left. Follow main track around to left/small 'T' junction.

**7** TR along driveway briefly to bridleway on left (see footpath sign). TL down by walled gardens and follow track down to River Rea footbridge. Continue straight up field, follow fenceline to stile. Continue straight on, with fence on left.

**8** Look for stile on left, path splits here, T (half) R and follow down to stile and mill. Continue up on to Pinkham Lane. Follow up to 'T' junction/corner. TL, on Pinkham Ln until road splits. TR down to Barkers Ln/brook. TL here, follow brook path to spring/ 'The Wells' & A4117. Cross road (please take care here) to church path uphill. TL at Childe Rd to mini island and car park.

Route Facts

Kingfishers are sometimes seen on the River Rea.

Cleobury is classed as the smallest town in Shropshire with a population of just over 3,000. Once the domain of the Mortimer Lords Cleobury played an important role as a border town. Famous for its St Mary's church with a twisted spire and a beer by the same name of the town produced by local sustainable brewer Hobsons. Local postman, writer and broadcaster Simon Evans lived in Cleobury during the 1930's writing many books on the area. His legacy continues to this day with

a walk named after him 'The Simon Evans Way'.

The town has the picturesque river ream running along its western periphery through a deep valley. This walk criss-crosses the river over small footbridges. The river is known for its abundance of wildlife today (it had once been very industrial with many mills). The multi-coloured Kingfisher is sometimes seen along its verdant banks.