



WHEELY WONDERFUL CYCLING

# CYCLING & WALKING HOLIDAYS 2012

RIVERS AND CASTLES

CYCLE TO WALES

MORTIMER TRAIL

BRECON BEACONS

CIDER ORCHARDS

GLYNDWR'S WAY



# WELCOME TO OUR 2012 BROCHURE



If you are looking for a cycling or walking holiday in the UK, then you've come to the right place. All our holidays start from our base at Petchfield Farm in the beautiful Teme valley, just outside the historic town of Ludlow. This is our twenty first year offering holidays in this wonderful area.

*Chris and Kay Dartnell*

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Gold Award for  
Best Tourism Website 2005



Gold Award for Innovation in Tourism  
2004



Silver Award for Best Tourism Website  
2003



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Customer Care 2002



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Toyah Wilcox and the BBC Holiday Programme

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You can also book on line. Link to some of the many places of interest. Full travel details can be found on the 'How to get here' page.

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# THE BEAUTIFUL BORDERLANDS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

A fantastic place to explore. One of only three areas in England to be officially classified as a place of 'peace and tranquillity'. But you'll need to experience that for yourself.

## Shropshire - Rivers, Castles and World Heritage Site Ironbridge Gorge

We think this area of Shropshire offers some of the best cycling in Europe. River valleys, cutting through spectacular hills, dominated by ruined castles. This really is unspoilt countryside. The poet AE Housman summed the area up quite nicely!

*'In valleys of springs and rivers,  
By Onny and Teme and Clun,  
The country for easy livers,  
The quietest under the sun'*

## Mid Wales - Offa's Dyke, Lon Las Cymru and the Brecon Beacons

The further west you go... the wilder it gets! Follow the River Teme to its source, taking you into the Welsh mountains the easy way. Fantastic views across to Cader Idris and Snowdonia, and wonderful routes to the Brecon Beacons and Elan Valley lakes.

## Herefordshire - Black and White Villages and the Wye Valley

The River Wye marks the southern boundary to an area characterised for its half-timbered villages, cider orchards, hop fields, traditional inns and teashops. Our tours give you plenty of time explore at your own pace, including visits to some grand National Trust houses and gardens.





# THE PRICE OF YOUR HOLIDAY INCLUDES:

- ◆ All accommodation - bed and full English breakfast. With a choice of staying in farmhouse and guesthouse accommodation or hotels and country inns
- ◆ All your luggage transported between each night's accommodation
- ◆ Quality bikes and equipment (pannier to carry your picnic, lock, helmet, gel covers etc)
- ◆ Unique detailed route guides and Ordnance Survey maps to show the best route from each day's accommodation
- ◆ Comprehensive holiday information pack about the area and events during your stay
- ◆ Full back up service for any emergencies and problems
- ◆ Safe and secure parking at Petchfield Farm



## START YOUR HOLIDAY

You can start your holiday on any day of the week.

## WE TRANSPORT ALL YOUR LUGGAGE

All you need to do is carry your picnic for the day, and your bags will be waiting for you when you arrive.

## OUR CYCLING AND WALKING ROUTES

have been chosen very carefully - they are our favourites. We've cycled and walked every road and track we recommend (and a lot more besides). Each day's cycle ride is about 15-25 miles, but our special maps and guides give you lots of alternatives (up to 40 miles a day...for more of a challenge). Our walking holidays range up to 12 miles per day.

## ROUTE GRADING

You'll find each holiday has a description of how 'hard' (and easy) it is to cycle or walk. Nearly all our cycle routes follow river valleys, and show you how to

avoid the hills. Walking routes tend to follow the high ground on set trails. If you want further advice on which holiday will suit, don't hesitate to call us...

And of course you have our guarantee that we will always come and rescue you if it all gets too much!

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG FAMILIES

We offer a special price for children aged 14 years and under when accompanied by two adults. Infants 3 years and under 50% of child price. Also see equipment on page 28-29.

## BICYCLES AND EQUIPMENT

Our bikes are maintained to the highest standards and carefully adjusted to fit you. They've all been specifically designed for road cycling (but also cope with rough tracks, with care). See page 28 for details.

**OUR WALKING HOLIDAYS** - are all organised on the same lines - but without the bicycles!

## CAREFULLY CHOSEN ACCOMMODATION

We've introduced a choice of accommodation on all our cycling and walking holidays. You can choose to stay at either farmhouse and guesthouse accommodation or hotels and country inns. They all have very different characters.

### Farmhouses and guesthouses

- ◆ A warm welcome
- ◆ Historic houses - every one is different
- ◆ Your hosts have all the local knowledge
- ◆ Small number of guest rooms - usually 3-4 rooms
- ◆ Ensuite or private bathrooms (in some of the more historic houses these facilities may not be available)
- ◆ Choice of places to eat (inns and restaurants within walking distance)
- ◆ Packed lunches available on request
- ◆ Typically graded 3-5 stars by Visit Britain (some with gold awards)

### Hotels and Country Inns

- ◆ Friendly hotels and staff - often family run - but definitely no big hotel chains
- ◆ Ensuite rooms guaranteed
- ◆ Historic country houses and coaching inns
- ◆ Comfortable bars
- ◆ Award winning restaurants (you can choose to include evening meals on selected holidays)



- ◆ Most are in small towns with a choice of other places to eat within walking distance
- ◆ Full hotel facilities and lounges (some of the small inns may not have this)
- ◆ Typically graded 3-4 stars by the AA/Visit Britain

## EATING OUT, LOCAL FOOD... OUTSTANDING FOOD

All overnight stops are within easy walking distance of a restaurant or country inn; our special food guide will point you in the right direction. Ludlow and the whole of the Marches area has become really well known for its excellent food... lots of Michelin stars, food festivals and most importantly... it's all produced locally.

- ◆ The best tearooms in the land, 'De Grey's' in Ludlow, (voted UK's best tearoom)
- ◆ Local cheeses like Hereford Hop and Stinking Bishop feature on the award winning cheese board at The Stag - the UK's first inn to pick up a Michelin star on the Hereford/Welsh border
- ◆ Local cider made from apples with extraordinary names like Black Foxwhelp and Strawberry

Norman... try Dunkerton's cider

- ◆ There have been vineyards in the area for over 2000 years - Wroxeter, Bodenham's and Three Choirs

- ◆ It's all celebrated at the Ludlow Food Festival and included in our special food guide



# RIVERS AND CASTLES OF SHROPSHIRE



We think this area of Shropshire offers some of the best cycling in Europe. River valleys, cutting through spectacular hills, dominated by ruined castles. This really is unspoilt countryside; cars take second place to tractors, sheep and cyclists.

Our routes guide you through the river valleys of the Teme, Onny and Clun along quiet lanes with plenty of chances to stop at local teashops and pubs for refreshments. The poet AE Housman aptly describes Clun as 'The quietest place under the sun'. Our first cycle tour lives up to its name ...and is a perfect introduction to the joys of cycling.

- ◆ Ruined castles - more castles and fortifications here, than any other part of the UK
- ◆ Some of the best cycling in Europe
- ◆ The Kerry Ridgeway is a 2000 year old Bronze age trading route
- ◆ AE Housman loved the area, and wrote 'A Shropshire Lad'
- ◆ The 'Three Tuns' one of the country's four oldest brewing pubs
- ◆ Acton Scott - a wonderful historic working farm
- ◆ The teashop at Clungunford awarded best in England



## THE QUIETEST CYCLE TOUR UNDER THE SUN

WEEKEND  
2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

A weekend cycle tour to the charming border village of Clun - with three traditional inns, a teashop and a castle. This is possibly the most perfect cycle route we have ever found. Follows the unspoilt river valleys of the Teme, Clun and Redlake, along easy gradients leading up into the beautiful Clun Hills.

This is our favourite cycle ride - we know you will enjoy it! Easy cycling, suitable for all abilities & families. **Total 36 miles.**



**This holiday includes:** Two day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Guest house/farmhouse**  
 Adult £175 Child £125  
 Single room occupancy per night £8  
**Country Inn**  
 Adult £190 Child £140  
 Single room occupancy per night £10

## THE KERRY RIDGEWAY TO BISHOP'S CASTLE

SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

A cycling challenge, with spectacular views - taking you across the hills and ancient track way of the Kerry Ridgeway and Offa's Dyke.

Staying at Clun and the Border town of Bishop's Castle. Bishop's Castle has two award winning brewery pubs and a very good reputation for food.

The distance cycled each day is 20-25 miles with a spectacular off-road section on day two. **Total 63 miles.**



**This holiday includes:** Three day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Guest house/farmhouse**  
 Adult £210 Child £155  
 Single room occupancy per night £8  
**Hotel/inn**  
 Adult £230 Child £175  
 Single room occupancy per night £15

## SHROPSHIRE CASTLES TOUR

WEEK  
6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS

The theme for this cycle tour is castles - there are lots of them.

But it's just an excuse to spend a few days exploring a wonderful area and staying in some special places. There are big castles at Clun, Montgomery and Ludlow and fortifications everywhere. Don't miss the spectacular Caer Caradoc Iron Age hill fort at Church Stretton.

A more relaxed tour with a mixture of daily mileages and rest days. Staying in Clun and Church Stretton and the medieval town of Ludlow (festivals, events and Michelin star restaurants). Returning to Petchfield on your last



day via Richards Castle - the first Norman castle ever built in England (built before the Norman invasion of 1066!)

Easy to moderate cycling. Our special route guides and maps offer lots of alternatives. Building up to a maximum of 26 miles a day. **Total 72 miles (min) - 153 miles (max).**

**This holiday includes:** Six day cycle tour with five nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Guest house/farmhouse**  
 Adult £475 Child £320  
 Single room occupancy per night £10  
**Hotel/inn**  
 Adult £510 Child £365  
 Single room occupancy per night £14

## A shortened version of the Castles Tour.

An excellent 4 day cycle tour with 3 nights accommodation in Clun, Church Stretton and Ludlow. All other details as above.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Guest house/farmhouse**  
 Adult £325 Child £220  
 Single room occupancy per night £10  
**Hotel/inn**  
 Adult £345 Child £255  
 Single room occupancy per night £14





# IRONBRIDGE GORGE, LUDLOW & THE CLEE HILLS

Ludlow is one of the most beautiful small towns in Britain, internationally known for its architecture and food. The area is characterised by its old established farms and market towns. Further north, situated on the banks of the River Severn is the historic settlement of Ironbridge... the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. A UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Shropshire's Apedale, Corvedale and the lower part of the Teme Valley provide a distinctively different area to cycle. Dominated by the Clee Hills - but you don't have to cycle over them, just round them.

- ◆ Ironbridge... the birth place of the Industrial Revolution
- ◆ The most beautiful small town in Britain
- ◆ Ludlow castle and 500 listed buildings
- ◆ Michelin starred restaurants
- ◆ Wroxeter Roman city and vineyard
- ◆ Much Wenlock and Priory
- ◆ Shakespeare festival
- ◆ Benthall Hall - National Trust house and garden
- ◆ Cleobury Mortimer award winning brewery
- ◆ Old fashioned farming hamlets
- ◆ Berrington Hall (National Trust) for afternoon tea
- ◆ Norman churches, deserted villages



## LUDLOW COUNTRY ESTATES

**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**



**This holiday includes:**  
Three day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £210 Child £155  
Single room occupancy per night £18

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £240 Child £185  
Single room occupancy per night £18

Cycle through grand country estates to medieval Ludlow. With more than 500 listed buildings, a fantastic castle, and two Michelin starred restaurants. Your accommodation is set in Ludlow for both nights. From Ludlow explore the Corvedale - lots of history, Norman churches, deserted villages and even the longest ford in the country.

Easy to moderate cycling with a few short steep bits. Rides from Ludlow range from 14 to 34 miles including a trip to Stokesay Castle. Total 35 miles or up to 72 miles on longer rides.



## BELOW THE CLEE TO CLEOBURY

**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**



**This holiday includes:**  
Three day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £210 Child £155  
Single room occupancy per night £10

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £235 Child £170  
Single room occupancy per night £15

Beneath the Clee you will find secret valleys, quiet villages and long forgotten industries - making this a fascinating area to explore by bike. Old fashioned farming hamlets, still farming hops, apples and even mistletoe flourish in the Teme Valley. Your overnight stops are in medieval Ludlow and the ancient settlement of Kingsland.

Easy to moderate cycling with some hills and a longer mileage on day two. But there are short cuts, giving you plenty of time for lunch or visiting Berrington Hall (National Trust) for a grand afternoon tea! Total 63 miles (or 37 miles with short cuts).



## IRONBRIDGE CYCLE TOUR

**WEEK  
6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS**

A stunning cycle tour, which gradually leads you to the world famous



**This holiday includes:**  
Six day cycle tour with five nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

Ironbridge gorge - the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Overnight stops take you to Clun, Church Stretton and Ironbridge (for two nights). Spend a whole day exploring this unique gorge and heritage museums. Leave Ironbridge to cycle down through the Clee Hills to the medieval town of Ludlow. Your last day takes you through Mortimer Forest back to Petchfield Farm.

This cycle tour covers slightly longer distances (up to 32 miles a day), but with lots of interest all the way. The Long Mynd is the biggest hill you have to cycle over. Total 114 miles.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £505 Child £340  
Single room occupancy per night £15

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £540 Child £390  
Single room occupancy per night £18

**A shortened version of the Ironbridge Tour:** missing out the extra day in Ironbridge. 5 day cycle tour with 4 nights accommodation. All other details as above.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £425 Child £290  
Single room occupancy per night £15

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £460 Child £335  
Single room occupancy per night £18



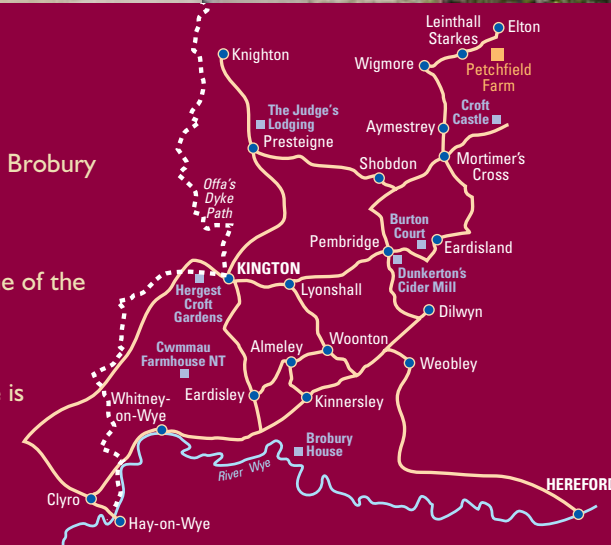
# BLACK & WHITE VILLAGES OF HEREFORDSHIRE

A wonderful cycling area through old cider orchards and the quiet river valleys of the Arrow and the Lugg. The southern boundary to this area is marked by the dramatic River Wye.

Our routes take you through a string of Black and White villages, each with its own teashop and pub. There are a number of unusual gardens to visit and several historic houses, including the National Trust properties of Croft Castle and Berrington Hall.



- ◆ National Trust houses and gardens
- ◆ Jules restaurant at Weobley
- ◆ River valleys and water meadows
- ◆ Lots of gardens - Bryans Ground, Court of Noke, Brobury
- ◆ Dunkerton's cider farm
- ◆ Medieval dovecotes at Eardisland and Luntley
- ◆ Unique Bell towers at Pembridge and Yarpole (one of the country's oldest timber structures)
- ◆ Hay on Wye - the original Book town
- ◆ Historic country inns - the New Inn at Pembridge is only 600 years old
- ◆ A Toll bridge over the River Wye
- ◆ Teashops in every village



## CIDER CYCLING TOUR

WEEKEND  
2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

This cycle tour takes you along the watermeadows of the River Arrow, and through the picturesque villages of Pembridge, Eardisland and Dilwyn. You're surrounded by old fashioned cider orchards, hop fields and quiet country lanes... perfect for cycling.

Easy to moderate cycling with the occasional short steep bit. Cider tasting at Dunkerton's Cider Mill. Lovely gardens at Croft Castle and Berrington Hall (National Trust) to visit on your last day.

Total 35 miles.



**This holiday includes:** Two day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Guest house/farmhouse**  
 Adult £180 Child £130  
 Single room occupancy per night £12  
**Hotel/inn**  
 Adult £195 Child £150  
 Single room occupancy per night £16



## BLACK AND WHITE VILLAGES CYCLE TOUR

SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

The Victorians painted them black and white, but the actual buildings date back to medieval times. The half-timbered villages and cider orchards of Herefordshire make a wonderful cycling area. There are plenty of village inns, tea shops and historic houses to visit.

A very adaptable tour for groups of friends and families - with something to please everyone. Your first night is spent in Presteigne on the River Lugg. Your second night is in Weobley, Dilwyn or Kingsland, all classic Black and White villages. Remember to visit Jules restaurant



- voted as one of the best places to eat by our cyclists.

Easy to moderate cycling suitable for all ages and abilities. Mainly flat with a few short steep bits.

Total 44 miles (min) up to 73 miles (max).

**This holiday includes:** Three day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Guest house/farmhouse**  
 Adult £210 Child £155  
 Single room occupancy per night £8  
**Hotel/inn**  
 Adult £230 Child £170  
 Single room occupancy per night £20

## WYE VALLEY CYCLE TOUR

SHORT BREAK  
4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

We've been cycling a route across the Welsh hills and down to the Wye Valley to Hay on Wye and returning through the Black and White villages for several years now...we thought it was great...but weren't too sure whether Wheely Wonderful Cyclists might not find the short stretch across the hill at Glascwm a bit too hard. This route has now been tried and tested by lots of holiday cyclists - everyone has really enjoyed it.

Out of the four days cycling only the second day is stretching (40 miles and that hill at Glascwm - ending up at Hay on Wye). However, there is an alternative easy route of 20 miles. The rest of the time you



are cycling in river valleys - and there are plenty of teashops to fuel you on your way.

This is a great route to explore the Black and White villages and the Wye Valley. Staying at Presteigne, Hay on Wye and Kingsland.

Total 95 miles.

**This holiday includes:** Four day cycle tour with three nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Guest house/farmhouse**  
 Adult £325 Child £230  
 Single room occupancy per night £8  
**Hotel/inn**  
 Adult £360 Child £255  
 Single room occupancy per night £22



# MID WALES AND THE LON LAS CYMRU



Offa's Dyke marks the boundary between England and Wales, but the impressive earthworks weren't enough to stop the marauding hordes of Prince Llewellyn and Owain Glyndwr. As you follow the river valleys upstream through meadows and moorland, you can see why it was so important to defend this beautiful countryside.

We always really enjoy cycling through this area of Mid Wales - with lots of trout streams to stop by and of course breathtaking views to the Brecon Beacons, Radnorshire Hills and Cader Idris on the Welsh coast.

- ◆ Offa's Dyke marks the boundary
- ◆ Easy cycle to Wales
- ◆ Spectacular views across Offa's Dyke
- ◆ Cross the tiny suspension bridge or wade across the River Elan
- ◆ Red kite feeding station at Rhayader
- ◆ A wonderful cycle path to the Elan Valley lakes
- ◆ Stagg Inn the UK's first pub to get a Michelin Star
- ◆ A 3000 year old yew tree at Discoed
- ◆ Traditional hill farming
- ◆ Award winning Judges' Lodging Museum in Presteigne



## THE EASY CYCLE TOUR TO WALES

**WEEKEND  
2 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

Following the River Lugg along quiet country lanes to the historic and unspoilt town of Presteigne. Further into Wales is the unique 17th century Abracadabra charm hidden away in a church in Old Radnorshire. Return the next day via the River Arrow and the ancient National Trust Castle at Croft.

Easy cycling - mainly following river valleys with the occasional short steep bit. **Total 35 miles.**



**This holiday includes:** Two day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £175 Child £125  
Single room occupancy per night £8

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £205 Child £150  
Single room occupancy per night £20

## THE WELSH BORDER CYCLE TOUR

**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

Cycle up into the Welsh hills (the easy way) following the River Teme to its source. Spectacular views across Offa's Dyke. Two border market towns. Two rivers, Teme and Lugg. Traditional hill farming. Your first night's stop is in the Teme valley before you head over the hills via Knighton to Presteigne, the old county town of Radnorshire.

Cycling is easy along the river valleys, with a hilly bit on the second day. **Total 53 miles.**



**This holiday includes:** Three day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £210 Child £155  
Single room occupancy per night £10

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £230 Child £180  
Single room occupancy per night £20

## WELSH NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE - LON LAS CYMRU

**WEEK  
7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS**

Many of you know that one of the largest Millennium fund grants made by the Lottery was given to the fund the National Cycle Network - a project to provide a 10,000 mile network of cycle paths and traffic calmed roads throughout the UK. One of the first routes to be set up was the Welsh National Cycle Route - the Lon Las Cymru.

We are delighted to be able to offer a cycling holiday along the best part of this route - through Mid Wales. This section fulfils Wheely Wonderful Cycling's criteria for a route which is suitable for all abilities... and even more importantly it passes through some magical scenery. This seven day



tour takes you through the Black and White Villages from Presteigne to Hay on Wye, then up the Wye Valley through Builth Wells to the Elan Valley and Red Kite country. Two nights at Rhayader and a final overnight

stop in Knighton. Easy to moderate cycling with one difficult day - of 35 miles and two hills. **Total 125 miles.**

**This holiday includes:** Seven day cycle tour with six nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £615 Child £420  
Single room occupancy per night £12

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £645 Child £445  
Single room occupancy per night £18

**A shortened version of the Lon Las Cymru:** missing out the extra day at Rhayader. 6 day cycle tour with 5 nights accommodation. All other details as above.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £525 Child £360  
Single room occupancy per night £12

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £560 Child £415  
Single room occupancy per night £18





# THE BRECON BEACONS

We spent a whole winter exploring the Brecon Beacons, in the snow. But cycled in the summer - they offer some fantastic cycle routes... and you don't even have to cycle over the mountains. The Brecon Beacons National Park covers 520 square miles of high mountains and peaceful valleys. It is dominated by the Beacons themselves, the highest being Pen y Fan at 886m.



- ◆ National Park covers 520 square miles
- ◆ Stunning ruins of Llanthony Abbey
- ◆ Partrishow church - hidden gem in the mountains
- ◆ River Usk next to the Brecon canal
- ◆ An ancient Crannog set on Llangorse lake
- ◆ Sarn Helen - Roman roads across Beacons
- ◆ Torpantau tunnel - passengers were stuck for five days in the snow!
- ◆ Great places to stay

## BRECON BEACONS TOUR

**WEEK  
7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS**

The Brecon Beacons dominate the landscape of the Welsh borders - wherever you go you can see the spectacular mountain of Pen y Fan looming in the distance. But around the base of the mountains is the River Usk - and this provides the perfect cycling route into the Beacons.

This tour leads you down to the River Wye and on to the Cathedral town of Brecon, Crickhowell and past the stunning ruins of Llanthony Abbey, over Gospel Pass (and the Black Mountains) and back up the Wye Valley.

The cycling is easy to moderate in the valleys - but one challenging day across The Gospel Pass!  
Total 134 miles.



**This holiday includes:** Seven day cycle tour with six nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

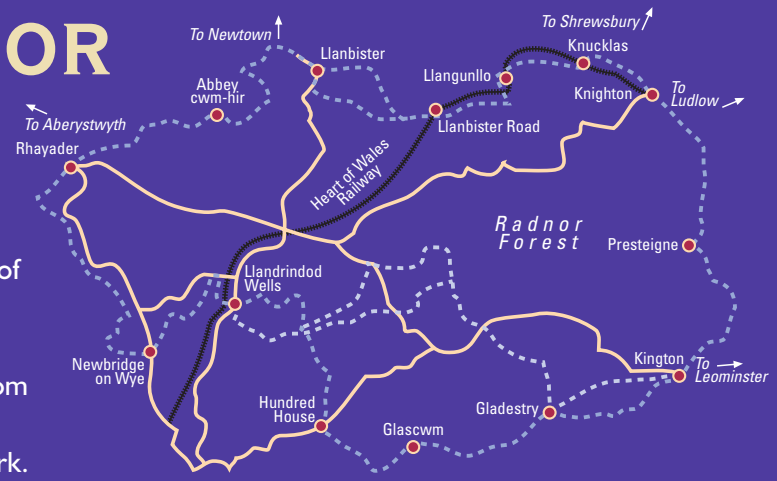
**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £625 Child £485  
Single room occupancy per night £14  
**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £675 Child £520  
Single room occupancy per night £20

**A short version of the Brecon Beacons Tour:** longer mileages with stops at Presteigne, Brecon, Crickhowell and Hay on Wye. 5 day cycle tour with 4 nights accommodation. All other details as above.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £470 Child £360  
Single room occupancy per night £14  
**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £505 Child £370  
Single room occupancy per night £20

# THE RADNOR RING

Sustrans is the organisation behind The National Cycle Route - they had the brilliant idea of developing a network of safe and attractive cycle routes throughout the UK. And with a huge boost from the National Lottery, they have completed the 10,000 mile network.



- ◆ A signed cycle route through the hills
- ◆ Heart of Wales Railway line - the most scenic in the country
- ◆ Llandrindod Wells Victorian spa town with the National Cycle collection
- ◆ Red kite feeding station at Rhayader
- ◆ Following the old Drovers roads across the hills, marked by Scots pines
- ◆ Cefnlllys castle and church guards the last dragon in Wales

## THE RADNOR RING CHALLENGE

**SHORT BREAK  
4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS**

'The Radnor Ring' is a new signed Sustrans route (25) - across the Radnorshire hills to the Wye Valley. There are lots of hills and a high mileage of 46 miles on one day (that's why we call it a challenge).

This cycle route is easy to follow through the Welsh hills, its signposted all the way. It also follows part of the Route 8 Lon Las Cymru, from Rhayader down to Newbridge. The route takes you through wild open countryside and moorland and Red Kite country. There's even a Red Kite feeding station next to your accommodation in Rhayader. Staying at Knighton, Rhayader, and Presteigne.  
Total 114 miles.



**This holiday includes:** Four day cycle tour with three nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £335 Child £270  
Single room occupancy per night £12  
**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £360 Child £295  
Single room occupancy per night £17





# COUNTRY HOUSE CYCLE ESCAPES

Here are three wonderful places to stay. Completely different in character, one with a swimming pool, two with fantastic gardens and all with very grand comfortable interiors. None are stuffy and all are very relaxing and friendly. All three accommodations have the choice of including dinner with your holiday.

Each holiday starts from Petchfield Farm, where you leave your car and luggage. The first and last day are easy cycle rides of 15-20 miles. You have a choice of detailed cycle routes - you decide how far you want to go.



## AN EXPLORER'S COUNTRY HOUSE - ON THE RIVER TEME



**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

Follow the River Teme upstream for 14 miles. This country house is situated just on the border of Shropshire and Wales. Once the home of Sir Wilfred Thesiger the explorer (Emperor Haile Selassie also stayed here). Now a family run hotel with an informal atmosphere, but with high standards of comfort and excellent food (AA rosette award for its restaurant). There is a croquet lawn with herbaceous and wildlife garden leading down to the River Teme.

Easy cycling along the River Teme. Total 31 miles plus a choice of day rides.

**This holiday includes:** Three day cycle tour with two nights country house hotel accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service.

Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

- ◆ Set on the River Teme
- ◆ Lovely gardens leading down to river
- ◆ Super food - AA rosette award
- ◆ Explorer - Wilfred Thesiger lived here
- ◆ Haile Selassie stayed here too
- ◆ Bar and restaurant
- ◆ Best customer care award for all Wales

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Country House Hotel**  
 Adult £270 Child £230  
 Single room occupancy per night £25  
**Inc. dinner**  
 Adult £326 Child £286

## EDWARDIAN COUNTRY ESTATE - IN THE WYE VALLEY



**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

Cycle through the Black and White villages of Herefordshire to stay at a beautiful country house overlooking the River Wye and the Black Mountains for two nights. Easy cycling through picturesque villages and cider orchards along the Rivers Lugg and Arrow. You can explore the 1200-acre estate by bike, cycle down to the River Wye - or even visit Hay on Wye.

This country house has all you need for a perfect break - a magnificent 30 acre garden, outdoor pool, tennis court & outstanding evening meals. Total 46 miles plus a choice of day rides.

**This holiday includes:** Three day cycle tour with two nights country house hotel accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service.

Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

- ◆ 1200 acre estate
- ◆ Heated pool
- ◆ 30 acre formal garden
- ◆ Easy cycling around Wye valley
- ◆ Excellent local food
- ◆ Surrounded by open country
- ◆ Extensive wine list

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Country House**  
 Adult £275 Child £235  
 Single room occupancy per night £20  
**Inc. dinner**  
 Adult £347 Child £307

## COUNTRY HOUSE CYCLE TOUR

**WEEK  
5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS**

A classic cycle tour, with your first two nights spent at the Explorer's House on the River Teme. Lovely cycle rides along the river into Wales. Your third day follows the River Redlake and Clun across the hills to Bishop's Castle.

Here you stay for two nights at The Castle Hotel, a very special place built into the Bishop of Hereford's original castle. Cycle rides to Montgomery and The Stiperstones. Your last day follows the River Clun past the best teasop in the Country. Easy cycling with some hills on the third day. Total 56 miles plus a choice of day rides.



**This holiday includes:** Five day cycle tour with four nights hotel accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

- ◆ Cycle rides along the river into Wales
- ◆ Walcot Hall Arboretum home of Clive of India
- ◆ Red Kites overhead

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**  
**Country House Hotel**  
 Adult £485 Child £395  
 Single room occupancy per night £27  
**Inc. dinner**  
 Adult £601 Child £511





# FAMILY FARMHOUSE CYCLING HOLIDAYS (OR VERY EASY TOURS)

These holidays have been designed for families with younger children. The holiday involves an easy cycle ride each day (12-20 miles) and plenty of time for all the other things you want to do - paddling, picnics, castles, animal spotting, pub lunches, afternoon teas... and generally having a very relaxed time with everything looked after... but at the same time you're on an adventure! If you haven't got young children but want a very easy cycle tour - this is a good one to try... lots of people have.

All the accommodation we use on these tours is child friendly, and your hosts will go out of their way to make sure you have wonderful holiday.

- ◆ Lovely Farmhouse accommodation
- ◆ Easy cycle ride each day
- ◆ Lots of country shows to visit during the summer
- ◆ National Trust properties of Croft Castle and Berrington Hall
- ◆ Stop at a Roman village for lunch
- ◆ Coxall Knoll... site of King Caractacus' last stand



## THE QUIETEST FARMHOUSE CYCLE TOUR UNDER THE SUN

**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

Cycle upstream along the River Teme on your first day. Stop at a Roman village for lunch, the riverside inn has a great garden. Next stop Brampton Bryan - with a coracle maker and a castle (the scene of a famous siege in the civil war - Lady Brilliana against the Parliamentarian army). Just before Bucknell is the great mound of Coxall Knoll, site of King Caractacus' last stand against the Romans. That's in the first 10 miles before you get to Bucknell. Oh there's also a teasop... just in case you get hungry in the afternoon!



Easy cycling following quiet country lanes (some even have grass in the middle), along the Teme and Clun valleys. Staying two nights in the border village of Clun. **Total 36 miles plus a choice of easy day rides.**

**This holiday includes:** Three day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Farmhouse**  
Adult £210  
Child £135  
Single room occupancy per night £8

**An extended version of the Family Farmhouse Cycle Tour:** Combine our two family farmhouse tours to make a weeklong adventure. This is a six day cycle tour with five nights accommodation. Staying two nights in Clun, one night in historic Ludlow and your last two nights in Kingsland (Herefordshire). All other details as above. **Total 68 miles plus a choice of easy day rides.**

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Farmhouse/Guesthouse**  
Adult £475  
Child £320  
Single room occupancy per night £8

## BLACK & WHITE FARMHOUSE CYCLE TOUR - HEREFORDSHIRE

**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

Follow the Rivers Lugg and Arrow to a lovely farmhouse in the Black and White Villages of Herefordshire. The historic half-timbered buildings of this area date back to the fifteenth century, and are surrounded by cider orchards and water meadows. Each day there are lots of places to stop and explore with easy cycling in between. Dunkerton's traditional cider mill is always a popular stop for all our customers! The National Trust properties of Croft Castle and Berrington Hall are just a short cycle away. Both run lots of events for children.



Your accommodation is unique - half timbered, inglenook fires and even one which looks like a castle (ask for the turret room).

Easy cycling, following river valleys, mainly flat with a few short steep bits. **Total 24 miles plus a choice of easy day rides.**

**This holiday includes:**

Three day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Farmhouse**  
Adult £210  
Child £135  
Single room occupancy per night £8





# WILDLIFE SAFARIS, WORKING WITH THE HEREFORD NATURE TRUST

Our award-winning holiday. Offering something a little bit different. This is the only cycling safari in the UK.

Herefordshire is such an unspoilt county that you come across a wide variety of wildlife - our cycling customers see badgers, otters, kingfishers, bats, Red Kites, etc... but it's sometimes difficult to work out what you've missed!

- ◆ First ever cycling safari in the UK
- ◆ Heart of England Excellence in Tourism gold award
- ◆ Badgers, otters, kingfishers, bats, Red Kites
- ◆ Canadian canoe trip down the River Wye
- ◆ Wildlife friendly accommodation
- ◆ Amazing bat detectors!



## HEREFORD NATURE TRUST



**Environmentally friendly b&b's**  
Herefordshire Nature Trust has a Green Tourism Award Scheme for environmentally friendly b&b's in Herefordshire. Their aim is to reduce the environmental impact of tourism. Whenever possible you will stay in one

Herefordshire Nature Trust is the foremost nature conservation charity in the county. For over 40 years the Trust has been playing a key role in protecting the county's natural heritage of ancient woodlands, wildflower meadows and fast flowing rivers and has acquired over 50 nature reserves, which represent the best of the Herefordshire countryside.

of the specially assessed and award-winning b&b's.



## WILDLIFE CYCLING SAFARI

**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

A fantastic opportunity to really see the best of Herefordshire's wildlife. During the day you cycle through idyllic lanes to find some of the best wildlife locations. A field of orchids, butterfly meadows, rivers with otters and dippers. It's amazing what you come across when you leave your car behind.

And as the icing on the cake you stay overnight at a very special location - where you can watch badgers and use our amazing bat detectors to your hearts content...

On your last day, return to Petchfield Farm via Croft Castle (National Trust) and the famous Spanish Chestnuts (planted before the Armada), with tea at the



Carpenter's tearoom. Easy cycling - mainly following river valleys with the occasional short steep bit.

**Total 24-36 miles, plus a choice of day rides on day two.**

**This holiday includes:** Three day cycle tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Special evenings of badger and bat watching. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £210 Child £150  
Single room occupancy per night £8

## CYCLING AND CANOEING HOLIDAY

**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

An action packed holiday, combining a two day cycle tour through the Black & White Villages of Herefordshire (all the usual equipment and back up service). With a wonderful Canadian canoe trip down the River Wye on the third day. Paddle to Hay on Wye for lunch, then float downstream to The Boat Inn at Whitney on Wye, where you'll be collected and returned to the canoe base.

Easy cycling - mainly following river valleys.  
**Total 24-36 miles.**  
Easy Canoeing 10 miles.  
Canadian canoes take 2-3 people.



**This holiday includes:** Two day cycle tour and one day's canoeing. Two nights b&b accommodation. Quality bikes and equipment, luggage transportation, special route guides and maps, comprehensive holiday information pack, full emergency back up service.

Safe parking at Petchfield Farm. Canadian Canoes and return transport to the canoe base.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £220 Child £145  
Single room occupancy per night £8

**Hotel/Inn**  
Adult £245 Child £185  
Single room occupancy per night £24

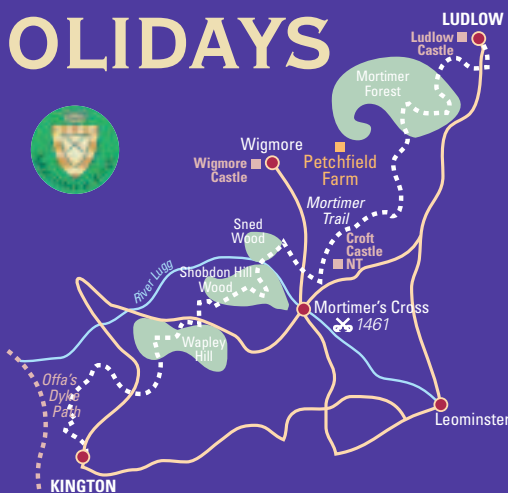




# HEREFORDSHIRE WALKING HOLIDAYS

## ALONG THE MORTIMER TRAIL

The Mortimer Trail is a new way-marked 30 mile trail, between Kington (on the Welsh border with Offa's Dyke) and the Medieval town of Ludlow. The Trail follows the high ground, with fantastic views to the Black Mountains, Radnor Hills and Malverns, dropping into various river valleys along the way. Delightful villages, rich history and abundant wildlife flourish in this peaceful area. The trail takes its name from the notorious Mortimer family, who dominated the central Marches for over 400 years. The family seat of power for much of this period was Wigmore Castle. Their land extended from Normandy across southern England and into central Wales, they became one of the most powerful and feared families in the land. Wigmore Castle is now a great place to visit. It's recently been conserved by English Heritage as a romantic ruin.



- ◆ A new way-marked 30 mile trail
- ◆ Fantastic views to the Black Mountains
- ◆ Traditional deer hunting park of the Mortimers
- ◆ Medieval town of Ludlow
- ◆ National Trust tea room at Croft Castle
- ◆ Ludlow's award winning restaurants
- ◆ Long haired Fallow deer - a breed of deer unique to Mortimer's forest
- ◆ Michelin star restaurants - both ends of the walk
- ◆ Starting at Kington finishing in Ludlow
- ◆ Wapley Hill Fort - 122 different species of bird have been seen here

## MORTIMER FOREST WALK

### SHORT BREAK 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

A walking holiday in the heart of Mortimer Forest - the traditional deer hunting park of the Mortimers (lords of Wigmore and Ludlow castle). Outstanding views across to the Malverns and down to the Black Mountains in Wales. The walk takes you to the lovely medieval town of Ludlow.



**This holiday includes:** Two day walking tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Luggage transport to each day's destination and back up service. Ordnance Survey maps and detailed route guides. Comprehensive holiday information pack. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £155 Child £120  
Single room occupancy per night £12

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £175 Child £125  
Single room occupancy per night £15

Easy walking on well signposted forest tracks, with some steep sections to viewpoints.  
**Total 16 miles.**

## TWO CASTLES WALK

### SHORT BREAK 3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS

Walk the best parts of the Mortimer Trail. Follow the Trail through moorland to the National Trust's Croft Castle. Over Croft Ambrey - an Iron Age hillfort with magnificent views across 14 counties, and down to the welcome sight of a riverside inn (8 miles).



**This holiday includes:** Two day walking tour with two nights b&b accommodation. Luggage transport to each day's destination and back up service. Ordnance Survey maps and detailed route guides. Comprehensive holiday information pack. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £155 Child £120  
Single room occupancy per night £12

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £175 Child £125  
Single room occupancy per night £15

Your last day takes you through the ancient stronghold of the Mortimer Family (Wigmore Castle and two friendly pubs), and across Wigmore lake (a former glacial lake). Easy walking with some steep sections. **Total 16 miles.**

## MORTIMER TRAIL END TO END WALK

### SHORT BREAK 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

Our most popular walking tour... lots of people want to enjoy the walk and the challenge of completing the whole 30 mile Trail in one short holiday. This is a three day walking tour starting from Kington leading through Titley and Aymestrey and spending your last night in Ludlow. We transport you to the start and finish of your walk. You walk 6 miles on your first day and 12 miles per day on the second and third day. **Total 30 miles.**



**This holiday includes:** Three day walking tour (4th day in Ludlow) with three nights b&b accommodation. Luggage transport to each day's destination and back up service. Ordnance Survey maps and detailed route guides. Comprehensive holiday information pack. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £275 Child £195  
Single room occupancy per night £15

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £310 Child £225  
Single room occupancy per night £20



## An extended version of the Mortimer Trail End to End walk:

Extend this walking holiday over four walking days to reduce the daily mileage (first day 6 miles, then 8 miles each day after). Four nights accommodation. All other details as above.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £375 Child £245  
Single room occupancy per night £15

**Hotel/inn**  
Adult £420 Child £315  
Single room occupancy per night £20

\*\*The Mortimer Trail is the only walking tour in the UK starting and finishing with a Michelin star restaurant. Walkers can start their tour with a special meal (at The Stag) and celebrate the completion of their 30 mile walk two days later in one of Ludlow's Michelin Star restaurants.



# WALES WALKING HOLIDAYS

Follow the River Teme just eight miles upstream and you cross the border into Wales. This is a fantastic walking area, dramatic hills, big open landscapes, and an amazing history.



- ◆ Offa's Dyke is a massive 1200 year old earthwork
- ◆ Glyndwr's Way is a new National walking trail
- ◆ The Hall at Abbeycwmhir. One of the finest examples of Victorian gothic revival architecture.
- ◆ The Offa's Dyke centre at Knighton has an exhibition about the Dyke
- ◆ Castles and hill forts
- ◆ Unique hill top race course
- ◆ The Kerry Ridgeway is a 2000 year old Bronze age trading route
- ◆ Transport to the beginning and return from the end of all walks
- ◆ Luggage transported
- ◆ Full back up service on all our walks



## OFFA'S DYKE

Offa's Dyke is a massive 1200 year old earthwork boundary, which runs on or close to the modern border between England and Wales. This extraordinary ancient monument is a unique reminder of the so called 'Dark Ages' and the beginnings of modern Britain. The Dyke consists of a rampart, which can be up to 8 metres high, and a deep ditch, usually on the western side of the rampart.

Despite all the fighting between the English and Welsh, about 80 miles of the earthworks still survive and the best preserved parts are in this central area of the English/Welsh border.

Offa's Dyke is now a National Long Distance waymarked walking trail, running 'sea to sea' from Prestatyn in the north to Chepstow in the south. A total of 173 miles.

## OFFA'S DYKE WALK AND THE KERRY RIDGEWAY

**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

This is a great walk, over the best preserved sections of the dyke. Just right if you don't want to walk the full 173 miles!

Starting from Knighton (Offa's Dyke Centre), follow the dramatic remains of the dyke along the high ground to Newcastle-on-Clun (8 miles). Continue along the dyke until you reach the Bronze Age track of the Kerry Ridgeway. Wonderful views across to Snowdonia. The Ridgeway eventually leads you down to Bishop's Castle, with two breweries and a hotel, which specialises in



fantastic puddings. The next day gives you plenty of time to explore Bishop's Castle and return to Petchfield Farm. Moderate walking - there are some steep sections on this walk -

**Total 20 miles.**

### This holiday includes:

Two day walking tour (third day return from Bishop's Castle) with two nights b&b accommodation. Transport to the beginning and end of the walk. Luggage transport to each day's destination and back up service. Ordnance Survey maps and detailed route guides. Comprehensive holiday information pack. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £185 Child £140  
Single room occupancy per night £15

**Hotel/Inn**  
Adult £205 Child £155  
Single room occupancy per night £22

## GLYNDWR'S WAY

Glyndwr's Way is a new National walking trail opened in 2001. It is named after Owain Glyndwr - a descendent of the royal Welsh princes. He led a rebellion against the English in the 15th century, to re-establish Welsh independence. His dream ended a few years later but still remains an icon of Welsh culture.

The complete trail is 135 miles long and starts at Knighton in the Teme Valley. Crossing over to Machynlleth on the Welsh coast, before returning over the hills to Welshpool on the English Border.

## GLYNDWR'S WAY

**WEEK  
5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS**

This walk covers the first four sections of the trail... 'it passes through some of the best scenery in Mid Wales'.

Starting from Knighton, the first part of the walk takes you over Bailey Hill and down to the border village of Llangunllo (6 miles). The next few days takes you over high open moorland into the very centre of Wales, via Beacon Hill, Felindre and Llanbadarn Fynydd. Finishing in the beautiful and remote valley of Abbeycwmhir. Also the site for one of the biggest Cistercian Abbeys in the country - but was burnt to the ground by Owain Glyndwr in 1401!



Moderate walking - some steep parts.  
**Total 32 miles.**

### This holiday includes:

Four day walking tour (fifth day return from Abbeycwmhir) with four nights b&b accommodation.

Transport to the beginning and end of the walk. Luggage transport to each day's destination and back up service. Ordnance Survey maps and detailed route guides. Comprehensive holiday information pack. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

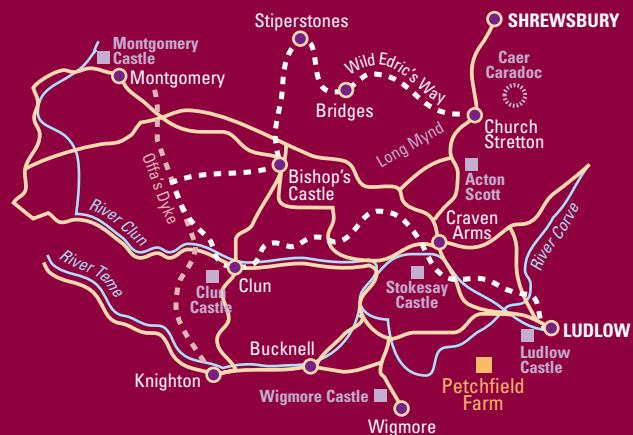
**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**  
Adult £375 Child £305  
Single room occupancy per night £10



# SHROPSHIRE WALKING HOLIDAYS

South Shropshire's dramatic hills and ancient forests make a wonderful walking destination. The medieval market town of Ludlow lies right in the heart of this wonderful landscape.



## WILD EDRIC'S WAY

Wild Edric's Way takes in some of the finest Shropshire landscapes, beginning at Church Stretton, crossing the grouse moors of the Long Mynd and ending five days later in the medieval town of Ludlow.

Named after one of the borderland overlords, 'Edric the Wild' was a Saxon nobleman who owned the manors of Clun and Stokesay. After the Battle of Hastings he joined up with the Welsh Princes to capture Hereford, and besiege Shrewsbury Castle. King William ordered Ralph de Mortimer (see Mortimer Trail) to deal with Wild Edric... but no one knows what happened to him. However, local legend says Wild Edric and his followers were imprisoned in the Lead mines beneath the Stiperstones (on the trail). And they emerge on horseback whenever England is in danger!

- ◆ Well known as an outstanding walking location
- ◆ Stay in Ludlow's most historic hotel
- ◆ Food festivals and 'Michelin stars'
- ◆ Wonderful views down to the Black Mountains
- ◆ Tea at DeGreys (England's best tea shop)
- ◆ Choice of seven different walking routes
- ◆ Ideal holiday to arrive by train

## COUNTRY HOUSE WALKING HOLIDAY IN LUDLOW

**SHORT BREAK  
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS**

Stay in a lovely Jacobean country house hotel (The Feathers in Ludlow). Very relaxing and friendly with an excellent restaurant. This is a real treat for a special occasion. A short walk through the market square (next to Ludlow castle) and you are surrounded by brilliant walks, along the River Teme or over the hills in Mortimers Forest.

You have a wide choice of walking routes, with very detailed descriptions and maps.

Both nights are spent in Ludlow. Well known as one of Britains most beautiful towns, with a fantastic reputation for excellent food (food festivals and



'Michelin stars'). This is an ideal holiday to arrive by train.

Easy to moderate walking. On the longer walks there are some steep uphill sections. 4 to 12 miles per day.

### This holiday includes:

Three day walking holiday with two nights b&b Hotel accommodation. Full back up service. Ordnance Survey maps and detailed route guides. Comprehensive holiday information pack.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Country House Hotel (midweek)**

Adult £170 Child £125

Single room occupancy per night £15

**Inc. dinner**

Adult £242 Child £197

**Country House Hotel (weekend)**

Adult £185 Child £135

Single room occupancy per night £15

**Inc. dinner**

Adult £257 Child £207



- ◆ Walk starts at Church Stretton
- ◆ Follow a medieval drovers' road and a superb section of Offa's Dyke
- ◆ Bishop's Castle - the hotel makes wonderful puddings
- ◆ Clun a perfect border village, with two pubs, a castle and a teashop
- ◆ Stokesay - one of Britain's most beautiful castles
- ◆ Finish in the medieval town of Ludlow

## WILD EDRIC'S WAY

**WEEK  
6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS**

A fantastic way to see all the best sites in Shropshire.

The walk starts at Church Stretton, crossing the Long Mynd and dropping down to the River Onny at Bridges (6 miles). The next day cross the Stiperstones and onto Bishop's Castle. (12 miles). Follow a medieval drovers' road and a superb section of Offa's Dyke to Clun - the perfect border village, with two pubs, a castle and a teashop (11 miles). From Clun you walk over the Iron Age hill fort of Bury Ditches down to one of Britain's most beautiful castles at Stokesay (11 miles). The last stage follows the River Onny to finish in the medieval town of Ludlow (9 miles). Ludlow has lots of very good restaurants, and a very dramatic castle - it's the ideal place to spend your last night and celebrate the end of the walk.



Easy to moderate walking. With some steeper sections across the Long Mynd and Offa's Dyke. Total 49 miles.

### This holiday includes:

Five day walking tour (sixth day in Ludlow) with five nights b&b accommodation. Transport to the

beginning and end of the walk. Luggage transport to each day's destination and back up service. Ordnance Survey maps and detailed route guides. Comprehensive holiday information pack. Safe parking at Petchfield Farm.

**Price: (per person, based on 2 people sharing a room)**

**Guest house/farmhouse**

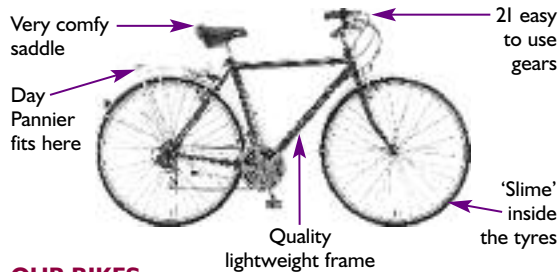
Adult £430 Child £305

Single room occupancy per night £8



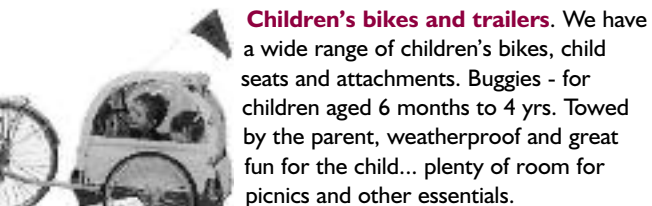
# BIKES AND EQUIPMENT ETC.

Everything is included in these holidays, but if you've a favourite saddle, or special pedals, do bring them along and we will fit them for you.



## OUR BIKES

We use excellent bikes made by Trek for all our cycling holidays. They've all been specifically designed for road cycling (but also cope with tracks, with care). We think they are brilliant ...not only really well made and easy to maintain but above all a real pleasure to ride. In fact lots of customers return home and go out and buy one from their local shop.



**Children's bikes and trailers.** We have a wide range of children's bikes, child seats and attachments. Buggies - for children aged 6 months to 4 yrs. Towed by the parent, weatherproof and great fun for the child... plenty of room for picnics and other essentials.

**Trailer bikes** (with gears and light weight Reynolds Tubing) for children aged 4 yrs to 8 yrs. Attaches to the adult bike turning it into a 'Tandem'. The child pedals and helps cycle ... but if they get tired you can tow them.

It's very popular because by 4 yrs they are fed up with the child seat and want more action... But you have complete control over their activity on the road!



**Tandems.** Why not try a tandem for a cycling holiday? Great fun and very fast on the flat. Also ideal if your partner is unsure about their cycling ability. If you haven't used a tandem before, we give you plenty of guidance.

**Mountain bikes.** If you would prefer to use mountain bikes, let us know. These are ideal for off road cycling, but there are no racks or mudguards fitted. 21 gears, aluminium tubing, front suspension and very trendy.



**Gel covers.** All the bikes have really comfortable saddles. But if you want extra padding, let us know and we will fit you with a gel cover!

**Panniers.** We send you off with a day pannier each - just the right size for the essentials - we carry the rest.

**Cycle Safety Helmets,** not compulsory, but recommended. We supply everybody with a helmet if required - but you can also bring your own if you prefer.

**Slime.** We put 'Slime' in all our inner tubes; this helps to prevent 90% of all known punctures. We think its great stuff - but don't forget we will always come out and rescue you.

**Locks and security.** Each bike is supplied with a lock (and key). Always make sure your bike is locked securely. Overnight all bikes are locked into a secure building at your accommodation.

**Own bikes.** If you prefer to use your own bikes, then feel free to bring them along. We will check them over before you start off on your trip... and still come and rescue you if it breaks down. We give you a small discount if you bring your own bikes.

**Maps and route guides.** For all our holidays we specialise in providing unique maps and route guides. Routes are described in great detail and also show lots of places of interest, local history and refreshment stops.

For the cycling holidays maps are carried in the front handlebar bags, making it easy to read at all times. On Walking holidays you have a special pouch to hold the maps, route guide and compass.

# HOLIDAY PLANNER (ALL THE OTHER DETAILS YOU NEED TO KNOW)

**Start Dates.** You can start your holiday on any day of the week.

**Extra nights.** If you would like an extra night at the beginning or end of your holiday, just let us know at the time of booking.

**What time should you arrive at Petchfield Farm? Short Breaks and longer holidays** - aim to arrive here between 11-12am of your first day.

**Weekend holidays** - a local overnight stay before you start cycling or walking the next morning. You don't have to wait until the weekend to do these holidays, they can be taken any time during the week.

**Car parking.** There is plenty of safe parking space at Petchfield Farm - where you leave your car on the first day of your holiday.

**Your choice of rooms.** Which room will suit you best?

**Double room** - one double bed

**Twin room** - two beds

**Family room** - a double and a single bed.

**Single rooms** - are sometimes available, but a twin or double is normally booked for a single occupant. All rooms have either ensuite or private bathroom facilities. In some of the more historic guesthouse/farmhouse accommodations this is occasionally not available (see page 4-5 for details).

**Fitting the bikes.** We always ask you for your height when you book a holiday, we can then reserve the correct sized bicycle for you. On the day you pick your bicycles up, they are carefully fitted to you. This ensures a comfortable few days cycling. If you want to use a mountain bike or tandem, please let us know when you book.

**Childrens' equipment.** If you are bringing a very young child, we supply a travel cot, and highchair to all your accommodations. Or you can bring your own and we will transport it with the luggage.

**Special Diets and other requirements.** Special diets are no problem; just let us know at the time of booking. We have lots of ways of adapting bicycles - if you think for some reason you may not be able to cycle just give us a call. Walkers, don't forget we will always come and rescue you if you can't manage the mileage.

**Evening Meals.** All your overnight stops are within easy walking distance of a restaurant or inn. Most places start serving food from about 6.30pm and finish at 9pm. You can include evening meals with all our Country House cycling and walking holidays.

**Individual Travellers.** Our holidays are not organised into groups. If you are thinking of booking a holiday by yourself, there is a strong possibility that you will be cycling on your own. We generally book you into spacious double rooms in welcoming b&bs. We do charge a supplement to cover the cost of accommodation and luggage transfers which is normally divided between two people.

**Back up for Emergencies.** Wherever you are we will always come out and rescue you. It doesn't happen very often, but it's a very reassuring service for all our customers.

## HOW TO GET HERE

### Travelling by car

takes about three hours from London (M25), 2 hours from Manchester, just one hour from Birmingham. Safe and secure parking at Petchfield Farm.

### Travelling by rail

there's a regular hourly service to Ludlow from Manchester and London (via Newport).

### Travelling by plane

from overseas, London, Manchester, Birmingham - all airports connect onto the national rail network. For more detailed information see our web site

[www.wheelywonderfulcycling.co.uk](http://www.wheelywonderfulcycling.co.uk)



# How to Book

Now that you are ready to book your holiday, please read through the booking conditions.

Telephone us on **01568 770755** and we will check availability and take your booking.

You can also book directly on our website [www.wheelywonderfulcycling.co.uk](http://www.wheelywonderfulcycling.co.uk)

**Paying your deposit** - a deposit of £50 per person is due at the time of booking. Payment can be made by debit or credit\* card, internet banking or cheque. If you pay by internet banking or cheque this must reach us within 5 working days of your telephone booking.

## BOOKING CONDITIONS

**PRICE.** Includes everything listed in the brochure, and is based on two people sharing a room & luggage transfers. Child prices are for children 14 years and under, when accompanied by two adults. Infants 3 years and under 50% of child price.

**INDIVIDUAL TRAVELLERS** a supplement is charged to cover the costs of luggage transfers and accommodation.

**CONFIRMATION AND PAYMENT.** We will send confirmation of your booking when we receive your deposit and booking details. The balance of your payment must reach us no later than six weeks before your holiday start date.

If payment is not received within the specified time, we will regard this as a cancellation. So please let us know if you have any difficulty meeting payment deadlines.

**TRAVEL REGULATIONS 1992.** Your deposit and final balance payment will be held in a trust fund until your holiday is completed. This ensures financial security for your holiday and is to comply with EC Package Travel Regulations 1992.

**INSURANCE.** We recommend that you are adequately insured for your holiday. We cannot be responsible for your own illness or injury or for damage or loss to your luggage while on holiday. This insurance should also cover the possibility of your having to cancel your trip for whatever reason.

**LATE BOOKINGS AND ALTERATIONS.** If you book your holiday within eight weeks of your start date, the full holiday cost becomes due at the time of booking. If you wish to alter your booking after it has been confirmed, there will be a fee of £20 per booking. If you want to transfer to another holiday or change your start date - this is regarded as a cancellation.

**IF YOU WISH TO CANCEL YOUR HOLIDAY.** We must receive a written notice of cancellation, signed by the person who made the booking. The following cancellation charges apply from the date of receipt of your letter:

**Eight weeks** before the start of your holiday, you will receive your information pack together with your final invoice. This will include details of your accommodation, itinerary, directions of how to get here and local information, eg events, places to visit etc. Also useful ideas on what to wear and what to bring with you.

**Late Bookings** - If you wish to book your holiday within eight weeks of your start date, the full holiday cost will be due at the time of booking.

- ◆ More than 42 days before the start date - deposit (£50 each)
- ◆ Between 42-15 days before the start date - 50% of total cost
- ◆ Less than 14 days before the start date - 100% of total cost.

**CANCELLATIONS/ALTERATIONS BY WHEELY WONDERFUL CYCLING.** In the unlikely event that we have to cancel a holiday due to circumstances beyond our control we will make a full refund. We also reserve the right to change our itinerary if the circumstances require it.

**BOOKING FROM ABROAD.** If you are booking from outside the UK all payments must be made in Sterling. Transfer and currency exchange costs to be borne by the sender. All communications completed by email.

**SAFETY FIRST.** In the interests of safety we will only equip with cycles those customers who are able to satisfy us that they are competent cyclists at the time they receive our bikes and equipment. If for any reason we are not satisfied that a customer is a competent cyclist, we reserve the right not to provide the customer with a bike and equipment.

**BICYCLES AND EQUIPMENT.** You are responsible for the care and safekeeping of the bicycle and ancillary equipment. You undertake to cycle prudently and sensibly at all times, and to ensure that the bike is securely locked to an immovable object (in a safe location) when left unattended. All bicycles and equipment must be kept in a securely locked building overnight. You agree to indemnify us for any loss or damage arising from any act or default on your part, or on the part of any member of your party.

**COMPLAINTS.** We will do our utmost to ensure you have an enjoyable holiday. If you have any problems please contact us immediately and we will do our best to resolve them. Any complaints should be notified to us as soon as reasonably practical and in any event put in writing to our office within 28 days of the end of your holiday.

**\*CREDIT CARDS.** There is a charge of 3% on payments made by credit card (no surcharge on debit cards, or other methods of payment).

# BOOKING FORM

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Booking reference

### Details of party leader

Name	
Address	
Post Code	
Daytime Tel	Evening Tel
Email	

### Details of you and your party

(Room type: D = Double, T = Twin, F = Family, S = Single)

Title	First Name	Surname	Age	Height	Special requirements (eg diet)	Type of Room D, T, F, S

### Holiday Choice

Holiday Name	Start Date	Accommodation Type		Extra nights * specify dates	Evening Meals * Country House holidays only
		Guesthouse/ Farmhouse	Inn/Hotel		

### Credit/Debit Card Authorisation

Please charge £ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit/debit card account. (Please add 3% for all credit card payments)

Card Number

Valid From     Expiry Date     Issue no    Security Code

Card Type: Visa  Maestro  Master Card

Name on card \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

### Declaration

I enclose a cheque (or credit/debit card authorisation) being the deposit/full payment for the holiday Total £ \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of all the persons named above, I have read and agree to abide by all the booking conditions.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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6 Incredible scenery and cycling on country lanes that were virtually traffic free 9

6 Thanks for a fabulous experience and thoroughly enjoyable holiday. We found the route (Radnor Ring) challenging and completed each day with a great sense of achievement. The accommodation was just right and we met some great people. What more could anyone want from a holiday? 9

6 Guides were brilliant, it was virtually impossible to go wrong. The scenery was wonderful and the children loved it 9



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