



MARRINGTON
ESCAPES

CIRCULAR WALK 01

13.3 kms / 8.3 Miles

> 3.5 Hrs

Climb

OFFA'S DYKE CIRCULAR WALK

0-500 ft
EASY



Disclaimer You undertake this walk entirely at your own risk, Marrington Escapes take no responsibility for any injury or loss incurred.

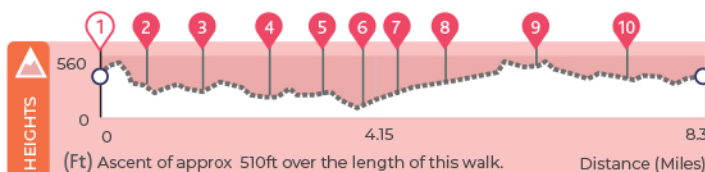


OFFA'S DYKE

Offa's Dyke is a substantial linear earthwork running roughly along the modern border between England and Wales. Commissioned by King Offa of Mercia in the late 8th century, it served to delineate his kingdom from Wales.

Measuring up to 20 meters wide and 2.4 meters high, with a ditch on the Welsh

side, it was a formidable display of Mercian power, likely intended as a defensive barrier or an agreed boundary. While not continuous, natural features filled the gaps. Today, much of it is protected as a scheduled monument, and the 285km Offa's Dyke Path follows its course, offering a popular long-distance walking trail.



MARRINGTON ESCAPES

Nestled within a magical private estate near the historic market town of Montgomery, Marrington Escapes offers a collection of luxurious self-catering holiday cottages in rural South Shropshire.

These properties range from intimate boltholes for two, to spacious country houses easily capable of accommodating large groups, including a 16th-century Tudor Hall.

Each escape is designed for relaxation, boasting features like hot tubs, roaring fires, and stunning views of the surrounding countryside. Marrington

Escapes is also highly dog-friendly, providing a welcome environment for four-legged companions to enjoy the extensive grounds and various woodland walks.

Guests can explore the estate's natural beauty, spot wildlife, or simply unwind in their private setting. It's an ideal base for exploring the Shropshire Hills AONB, nearby castles, and charming local towns.

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Point 2
RESPONSE MAPPING SOLUTIONS



An artist's impression of the Dyke as it may have looked in King Offa's reign.

DIRECTIONS

Key to directions L = Turn Left | TR = Turn Right | FP = Footpath FB = Footbridge OD = Offa's Dyke

1 Go through car park to main road (B4385), follow on R into the town of Montgomery on the pavement (please take care here, this can be a busy road).

Continue through the town until you reach a split in the road (signed Chirbury), TR here and follow the pavement along the B4386 until you reach a small cross roads. TR here and cross over the road (please take care here, this can be a busy road) and continue along minor rd until a 'T' junction, TL here towards Little Lymore.

2 Just before the house TR through gate, down field to gate and down on to Burnt House Cottage. Keep right of the cottage and follow the wire fenceline ahead to stile in fence and edge of wood. TL and over stile, continue to FB over stream, TR over this and then straight on to the joining of the Offa's Dyke (OD) path.

3 At stile/junction TR and then TR/TL so that you're walking up a field edge, continue slightly uphill to R of hedge (*possible mature crops in this field in summer). If needs* cross to L of hedge on to small track midway along this field. Continue on eventual track to minor rd at West Dudston

4 TR on rd and walk down it past Gt. Moat Farm (please take care, while quiet there is still some occasional traffic on this minor road).

5 After the farm TL through gate and bear slightly L down small field to another gate (N.B. occasional cattle in this field with sheep, this is a well used path though). Go through next gate and on through following gate keeping wood on your R. Continue to stile in hedge on R, cross it then TL on to the more overt path/track to the eventual minor road.

6 TR on to minor road and follow road all the way down to Sidnal on your left (please take care, while quiet there is still some occasional traffic on this minor road).

7 Once at Sidnal continue along the minor road past Caeprior on your left down to the 'T' junction of minor roads at Cross House.

8 TR at the Cross House 'T' junction, continue on quiet lanes onwards passing Rhiston, Poundbank and then Upper Gwarthlow. Follow the lane to it's crossing of the Offa's Dyke (OD) path.

9 TR here and follow well marked OD path north to junction of tracks by Boardyhall Wood.

10 TL on track at Boardyhall Wood, follow it past Lymore and stable block, after passing these TL here through the gate towards Montgomery, keep on this track until you see a picnic table. TR here over a stream and FB and then TL up the track to the car park where you began the walk.

KING OFFA OF MERCIA



King Offa reigned over Mercia from 757 to 796, establishing it as the dominant Anglo-Saxon kingdom of his era. He ruthlessly consolidated power across much of southern England, earning a reputation as a powerful and a very ambitious ruler.

Offa's most famous legacy is Offa's Dyke, the immense earthwork built along the Anglo-Welsh border, signifying his control and acting as a clear demarcation. He also oversaw significant coinage reforms, issuing silver pennies that set a fiscal standard for many centuries.

Offa engaged in diplomatic relations with continental rulers too, notably Charlemagne, demonstrating Mercia's growing international standing. His reign marked a peak of Mercian influence, often seen as a precursor to the eventual unification of England under Wessex in later years.