

MITCHELL'S FOLD WALKS

500-1000 ft
MODERATE

KEY TO MAP

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- Viewpoint
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- Picnic site
- Cafe
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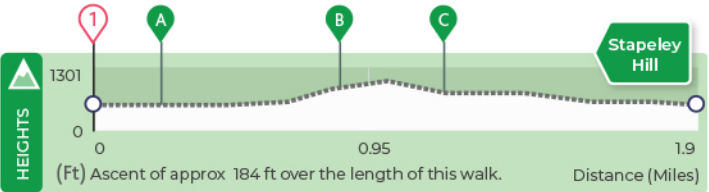
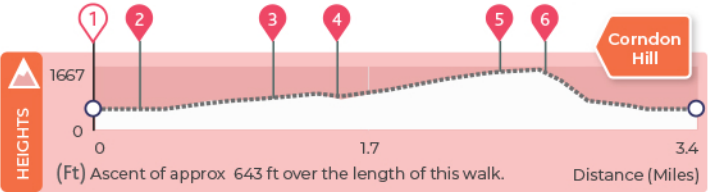
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during famine. However, an old witch, known for greed and malevolent behaviour, tried to milk the cow into a sieve, draining it dry and causing it to vanish forever. As punishment, the cow-protector deity, angered by this act of selfishness, turned the witch into one of the stones of the circle. Some versions even claim the cow was tethered to the central stone (now missing). Another common myth suggests it's not possible to properly count the stones, with every attempt yielding a different number, or that their count only holds true if it's done on a New Year's Eve.

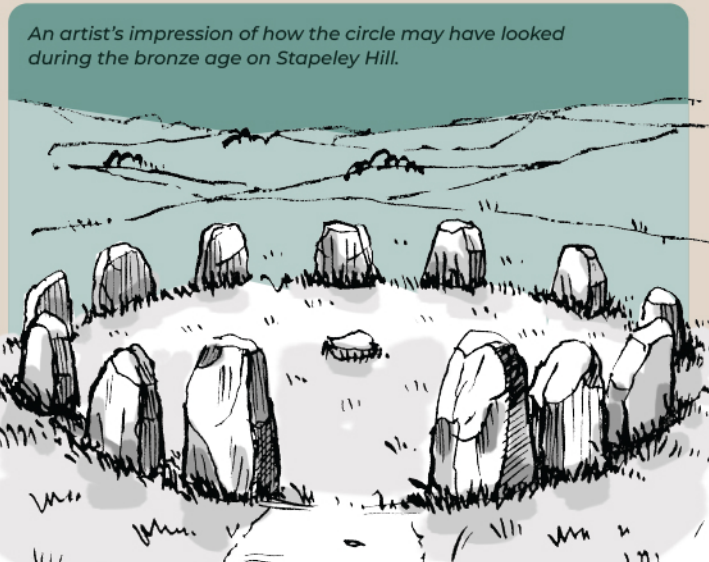
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subject of archaeological debate, but the folk tales offer more colourful, if less scientific, explanations.

The most enduring legend tells of a magical white cow that once provided an endless supply of milk to locals, sustaining them



MITCHELL'S FOLD CIRCLE
The Circle is nestled on the wild, windswept border between Shropshire, England, and Powys, Wales, near the village of Priest Weston. It's a captivating Bronze Age monument steeped in both ancient history and intriguing local folklore. Dating back around 3,500 years, this megalithic ring, originally

comprising perhaps 30 or more stones, was likely a place of profound spiritual significance. Its precise alignment with celestial events suggests an astronomical role observation or seasonal rituals for the people who built it. Today, roughly 15 stones remain upright. The circle's true purpose remains a



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DIRECTIONS

P Park up at the Mitchell's Fold parking area next to Stapeley Hill (W3W fists.remote.toolbar) or SY15 6DE (not the exact postcode). The car park is accessible by rough track (This track is very uneven, please drive slowly). It's small and free but there there is also some overflow parking at the start of the track to the car park.

1 CORNDON HILL
To follow the Corndon Hill walk first orientate yourself so you can see the hill and then head back down the access track to the car park to the corner of the B road (where there is also some further overflow parking).

2 Walk briefly straight ahead along the road to the next corner and you'll see a rough track heading almost straight ahead towards Corndon Hill. (Please be careful here on this road and it's tight corners).

Follow this track up through a gate and then continue on it as it climbs slowly to the dip between Corndon Hill (on your left) and Lan Fawr Hill (on your right). On your left you'll see woodland, continue up the track until the end of the woodland where you'll see opposite gates on the left and right side of the track.

3 Turn up through the left gate, next comes the gradual climb around the back of Corndon Hill to it's various cairns and summit marker. Follow it as it bears up to the R through an increasing amount of ancient spoil heaps. This track eventually curves slowly left uphill, follow this to the top and a further small gate.

4 TL and uphill through scattered rocks here. Look for the path that runs ahead to a slight R to a pile of loose stones (this is an ancient cairn). From here look up to your left to see Corndon Hill's summit (another Cairn, a trig point and a wooden seat). Head up to the summit and consider sitting for a minute to take in the amazing views.

5 Afterwards look for the path behind the summit that runs down the fenceline to a wooded area. Follow this downhill to a gate (please be careful here, this is a steep descent and can be slippery when wet). Go through the gate and continue down to the gate with the original track you came up on.

6 TR at the track down through the gate and to the B road/across on to the approach track again to the car park.

A STAPELEY HILL
Go through the gates by the car park and continue on main track straight ahead until you reach the stone circle (note the standing stone on your R as you walk ahead). Continue along the same(main) track slightly uphill (ignoring any tracks taking you off left or right).

B You should be able to see Stapeley Hill's summit and it's cairn soon over and up to your right. Continue on the main track until you see a little path heading directly up on your R to the hill's summit, TR here and follow to the hill's top and take in the views.

Facing back towards Corndon Hill look for the path running ahead slightly L and follow it downhill to a junction of paths/tracks.

C TR here and follow the path across to the corner of Mitchell's Fold farm's field and the Stone Circle again.

Continue downhill through the gate and back to your parking.

ROMAN LEAD MINING



Evidence suggests the Romans were actively extracting lead from the mineral-rich landscape in the Welsh and English borders as early as the 1st century AD. Inscriptions on lead "pigs" (ingots) found across Britain confirm their origin from mines in this border region, notably the nearby Stiperstones, indicating the scale of their operations. The lead was vital for Roman plumbing, roofing, and even military uses, highlighting the strategic importance of these remote Welsh border mines to the wider empire.

Unlike the folklore of later mining periods, specific folk tales directly linking to Roman lead miners in the Corndon area are scarce. However, the ancient workings themselves, with their dark adits and spoil heaps, would have undoubtedly sparked local superstitions. The deep, eerie shafts and the sometimes unsettling discoveries of ancient tools or even human remains might have given rise to tales of subterranean spirits: mischievous 'knockers' – folklore common in later mining traditions – or perhaps even the restless spirits of the Roman workers themselves, forever tied to their past labours within the earth of the Welsh border hills.

Key to directions
L = Turn Left | TR = Turn Right | FP = Footpath