**Walk 4 Preston Wynne**

Last walked in February 2017

**Description.** An 8 km (5 mile) walk across flat fields and roads. This walk has 17 stiles. This is an edited version of the Hereford Times December 2011 walk. This walk is best completed when the ground is dry.

**Start.** Preston Wynne. Explorer Map 202 Grid 544484.

**Direction from Whitecross roundabout** (Turn milometer to zero). Take the A4110 Canon Pyon (Three Elms road) for 1 mile and TR at the traffic lights onto the A4103 Worcester (Roman road). At the second roundabout, after 3.2 miles, TL towards Bodenham. At 7.5 miles the road bends sharp L, go straight on and park on the No Thru Road to Holbatch. Tuck into the verge as soon as you can.

**1.** **Verge.** Walk along the narrow No Thru Road for about 1¼ km to reach Upper Holbatch, (a farm on your R hand side), where the surfaced road ends. ***The land at Upper Holbatch Farm is the jewel in the crown and comprises a fine block of mostly arable land all with good accessibility.*** Continue in the same direction, along an enclosed bridle track ahead. After just over ½ km, (passing the gated drive on the L that goes up to Camp Cottage), you get to the end of a line of trees on your R, you TR across a stile and into **F1**. Walk down the field, keeping to the hedge on your R, and when the hedge ends and the tall trees start, TR, go onto the concrete drive and TL. Walk along the drive that is heading towards the buildings in front of you, which is a spirit distillery called CHASE. On reaching the buildings walk on thru the yard.

**2. CHASE Office.** Just past the ‘Distillery’ car park and a brick building on your R, (just around the corner of the building are way markers), you bear R and proceed up a narrow road. Continue along the road to go past some houses on your R, when you pass the last house you TR and go thru a metal gate into **F2**, then keep to the R hand edge. Continue up the field to reach the top R hand corner and cross over two hidden stiles into **F3**. TL, keep to L edge/hedge and in the corner of the field you cross a stile into **F4**. Cross over a small field and over another stile and onto an enclosed track. Walk along the track and go over a stile/wooden gate and onto the road in Preston Wynne.

**3. Preston Wynne. *Preston Wynne is a small village and*** [***civil parish***](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civil_parishes_in_England) ***located 11 km north east of*** [***Hereford***](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hereford)***. It is the site of a medieval chapel and several ancient*** [***ring ditches***](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ring_ditch)***.*** TR, walk along the road for about 300m to reach farm buildings on your L, (buildings are opposite a white house). TL and go thru a farmyard, (barns on your R and an old black and white farmhouse on the L), to go thru a gate into **F5**. Cross the field and over a stile into **F6**. Cross this field and cross over a stile that’s to the R of Preston Wynne Church ahead, into **F7**. ***Holy Trinity has commemorative plaque just inside***. Go diagonally R across this field and thru a kissing gate/metal gate onto a road. TR, continue along the road to pass a lake on your R, the road then bends L and just past an orchard on your L the road bends R, it then bends R for the second time and a little further on you TL and go over a stile into **F8**. Cross this field and over a stile into a newly planted orchard **F9**. Bear R across this field to go thru a gap in the hedge into another orchard **F10**.

**4. Gap in Hedge.** Walk along the avenue of trees and at the end of the field you skip a few paces to the R and go thru a gap in the hedge line ahead thats by a large lone tree into **F11**. Cross over this field and over a styled footbridge into **F12**. Go straight across this field and cross over another styled footbridge into **F13**. Cross this field, heading for the far R hand corner and go thru a small wooden gate onto a tarmac drive. Walk along the drive and over a cattle grid, 40m further on you bear R to go over a stiled footbridge that’s to the R of Ivy Cottage.

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**5. Tumpy Lakes.** Go ahead seven paces and TL over a high stile into **F14**. Cross the field and over a stile in top L corner into a copse. Follow along the L edge of this copse. Cross two plank bridges and a stile to emerge from the copse. TL, walk a few paces and TR into **F15** and continue along the R field edge, up to the far end and out thru gap, onto a surfaced drive. TR and walk towards the buildings of Amberley Court. Just passed the house on the L you TL, to go up a wide footpath. Go thru a small metal gate into a **F16** and continue up the R field edge to go thru a metal gate onto Holbach lane and the start point.

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