

The Bishop's Castle Area

The Town Hall, High St., Bishop's Castle SY9 5BG 01588 630023 info@bishopscaletownhall.co.uk. All the town's publications are available including maps and a guide to accommodation, activities, shopping & eating www.bishopscastle.co.uk/tourism. The 18th century hall is the venue for many other activities including concerts, markets, exhibitions, talks & workshops. The Victorian gothic church at the bottom of the town has a 13th century Norman tower and an interesting graveyard. The Three Tuns Brewery, across the road from the Old Market Place (a pleasant paved square overlooked by the Powys Coat of Arms), is the oldest brewery in the country and has a Grade1 listed gravity tower. The House on Crutches Museum on the cobbled way at the top of the High St. illustrates all aspects of the town's history and the Heritage Resource Centre off Chapel Yard is the research arm.

Bishop's Castle "Where to stay" and "Shopping and Services Guide, Where to eat and What to Do" leaflets are readily available in town and from outside the Visitor Information Centre in the High St. along with a town leaflet which includes a map.

Buses There is a scheduled service from Bishop's Castle to Shrewsbury bustimes.org/services/553-bishops-castle-shrewsbury. Other services are infrequent. travelinemidlands.co.uk/

Shuttle Buses

The Long Mynd & Stiperstones Shuttle runs in a figure of 8 from Pontesbury on the A488 Shrewsbury road to Church Stretton, crossing at Bridges. It operates at weekends and Bank Holiday Mondays from May to September. Timetables are readily available. www.shropshirehillsshuttles.co.uk

Bishop's Castle Dial-A-Ride which runs an 8 and a 13 seater bus, both with disabled access. 01588 638350 dial.a.ride@hotmail.co.uk <http://www.bc-dial-a-ride.org.uk>

Taxis Bishop's Castle Rus Gromov 07551 825931/ Craven Arms Arms Cabs 01588 672734.

Railways The nearest station is Craven Arms. Otherwise use Shrewsbury and the scheduled bus service.

Reporting Problems

Most of these walks have yellow, numbered discs on every stile/gate & way marking post. Please report any difficulties to jane.carrol@gmail.com text 07966 720006

quoting the leaflet number, walk number and the number of the nearest yellow disc. Explain the problem. Give as much identification information as you can.

Please Remember the Country Code

- ❖ Leave livestock, crops and machinery alone.
- ❖ Keep dogs under close control.
- ❖ Keep to public paths across farmland.
- ❖ Use gates and stiles to cross fences
- ❖ Help to keep water clean and protect wildlife, plants and trees.
- ❖ Leave gates as you find them.
- ❖ Do not make unnecessary noise.
- ❖ Take special care on country roads.
- ❖ Guard against all risks of fire.

Farming in this area is mainly beef and lamb production with herds of cattle and flocks of sheep on the hillsides. There is arable land, partly to support the livestock farming. Peas and beans are grown as manure crops to fix nitrogen.

Bulls loose in fields with cows are NOT dangerous. Cows with calves can be, especially if you have a dog with you. Give them plenty of space and if the cows try to chase the dog, **let the dog go.**

Remember to wear suitable clothing and footwear, especially in wet weather. The climate can change quickly in the hills!

WALKING FOR PLEASURE

Short Walks in Bishop's Castle

A "Walkers are Welcome Town"

North and West

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Walk 1 - Wintles, Saddlers Wood and the Camlad Valley

Walk 2 - The Wintles, The Cabin and Welsh Street

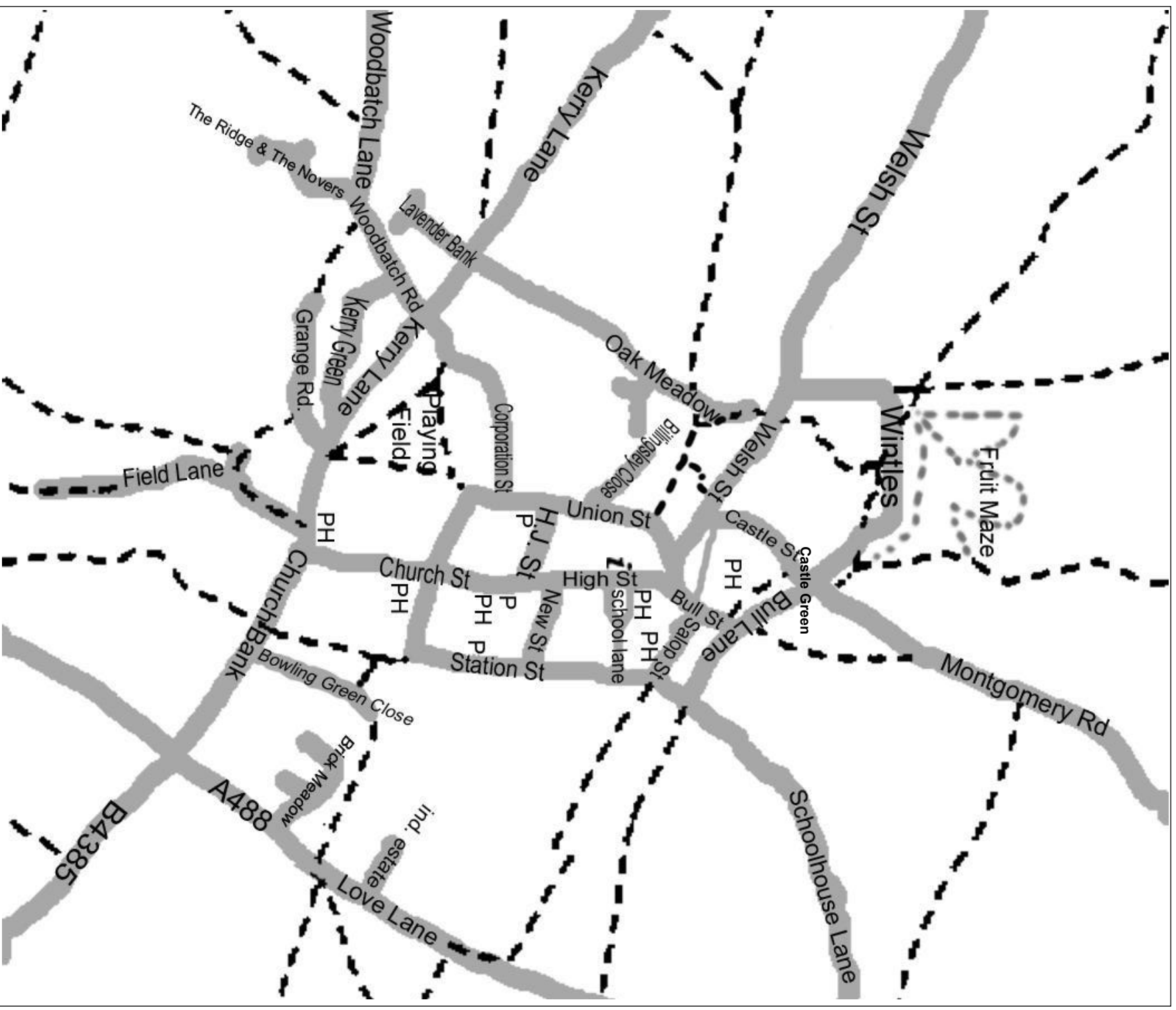
Walk 3 - Oak Meadow back to Kerry Lane

Walk 4 - The Playing Fields, Woodbatch Lane and the Old de Leys Estate to Kerry Lane

Walk 5 - The Fruit Maze Walk



Bishop's Castle Street Map



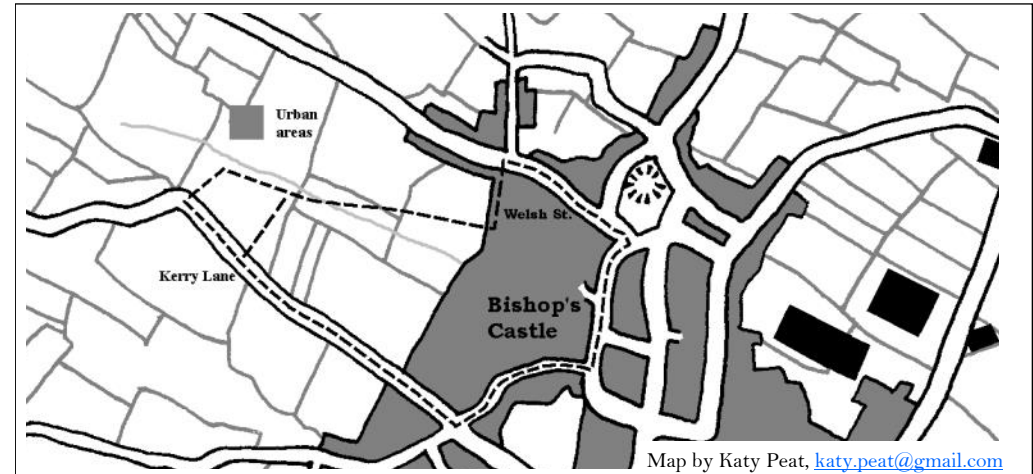
Walk 3 Oak Meadow back to Kerry Lane.

About four stiles and only one gradient. About 1.5 miles

Follow the signs between the houses at the top part of Oak Meadow to a stile in the middle of the field boundary. Walk straight up across the field to the next stile. The back of the Bedells farmhouse can be seen up on the right. Bear left across the field, crossing the small stream and another stile. Bear left up the steep hill to a gate in the far right corner.

You can make a shorter walk by turning left after this last stile up the hill and through a gate onto Kerry Lane.

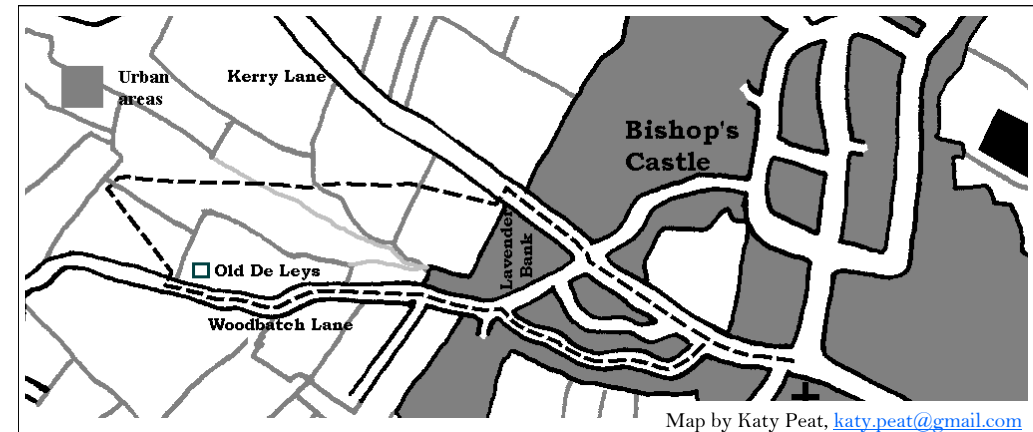
After the kissing gate in the corner, turn left onto Kerry lane and follow the lane back to town.



Walk 4 The Playing Fields, Woodbatch Lane and the Old de Leys Estate to Kerry Lane.

stiles and mainly flat. About 1.5 miles

From the Playing Fields go down the slope and through the gate at the southern end, and cross Kerry Lane into Grange Road. Walk along the road and then straight along the footpath ahead, dropping down to the right of the hedge until you reach Woodbatch Lane. Go up the lane past The Ridge on the left and about 150 yards beyond the speed delimit sign go through the five bar gate on the right just beyond Old de Leys and on up the track towards the old barns ahead. Just before you reach them cross the stile to the right and diagonally back across the field, keeping to the left of the telephone wires and across a plank bridge and over a stile. Continue on the same line across the next field to a gate, turn left and follow the field boundary around the housing estate to a gate on the left near the corner. Take care on the steps beyond down the bank into Kerry Lane where you can walk back down into the town. (1 stile)



Walk 5 The Fruit Maze Walk.

No stiles, easy gradients, good views. About half an hour

This area to the north of Bishop's Castle is owned by the residents of the Wintles houses and has both public paths and permissive paths which give great views of the surrounding hills and woodland. There are well used paths, benches and a shelter at a good viewing point. Besides the walks around the fruit maze and the allotments, which are private, there are the quarry and woodland walks to enjoy.

1. Castle Green. Take the Shropshire Way between the houses on the left and through the gate. Go left to follow the path to the allotments or bear right on the Shropshire Way and turn left before the metal kissing gate.
2. The Wintles Road. From Welsh Street follow the road round into the Wintles Road at the junction with the Bank's Head Lane. Continue until you see a track straight on as the road curves again to the right. Follow the track, bearing right towards the allotment gates.

