

## Chapter and verse

MODERATE, 12.9 km, 4h, Grid Ref.: SO230422, Wales

### Walk Description

Backpackers following the Offa's Dyke Path or the Wye Valley Walk aren't the only tourists to converge on Hay-on-Wye. This border town also attracts browsers to its 39 bookshops, including one in the Norman castle. One title to look out for is the famous diary written by the Rev Francis Kilvert. Follow in his footsteps as you climb the hills above the Wye and descend to Clyro, where Kilvert was the curate between 1865 and 1872. Ponder, too, on the hound of the Baskervilles that Sir Arthur Conan Doyle learned about when visiting the local family, but located in Devon when writing his story to spare them from intrusive readers.

### WPT 1 [Grid Ref.: SO231425]

With your back to Hay-on-Wye tourist information centre, go left and turn right along Belmont Road. Pass the town clock on your right, then continue along Broad Street and turn left at Bridge Street. Cross the bridge over the Wye, passing the signposted Offa's Dyke Path going right. Turn left to take the signposted Wye Valley Walk. Follow a hedge on your right, bearing right beside a wall to overlook the river on your left.

### WPT 2 [Grid Ref.: SO221424]

Cross a footbridge over a stream and bear left. Walk upstream with the Wye on your left. Approach the tip of a field, then turn right to cross a field towards the A438. Turn left to follow the road as far as Llowes.

### WPT 3 [Grid Ref.: SO195415]

Turn right just before the church and soon fork left to go up the left side of pasture. Bear left over a stile and follow the waymarked path up to, and through, woodland. Go through a gate to emerge on a gorse-clad hillside. Head for a corner where a stream has an inviting gate on its far side.

### WPT 4 [Grid Ref.: SO186425]

Without crossing the stream or going through the gate, turn right uphill and soon ignore a stile in the hedge on your left. Climb to a higher stile and bear left across this. Walk beside a hedge on your left, pass the buildings of Pen-y-lan on your left, cut across a field ahead and follow a hedge on your right in the next. Continue over a track, go ahead with the waymarked path to cross another track, and soon join a fence on your right. You should aim to the left of a garden fence to reach a lane.

### WPT 5 [Grid Ref.: SO198432]

Head right down the lane to pass through a forest. When you reach a house called Little Cedars, make a sharp left turn through its small metal gate to climb up the left side of its garden. Take a gate in the top left corner, turn right and walk with a fence on your right. Descend with a track to a lane, then bear left into Clyro and turn right to go through the churchyard of St Michael and All Angels' Church. Leave by its lych-gate to reach The Baskerville Arms Inn.

### WPT 6 [Grid Ref.: SO210440]

Turn around so Ashbrook House (Rev Kilvert's home) is on your left and walk, with the church now away on your right. Turn left at a road junction, cross the A438 and pass the medieval castle mound on your left. Follow the pavement of the B4351 back into Hay-on-Wye.

### Terrain

Riverside paths, steep pasture, woodland, lanes, road with pavement

### Suitable

children

### Parking

Hay-on-Wye tourist information centre

### Town

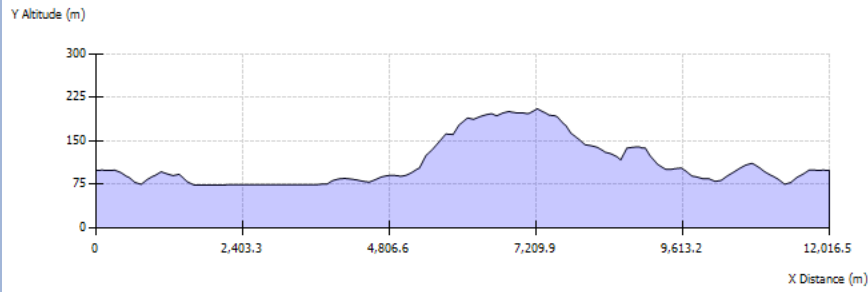
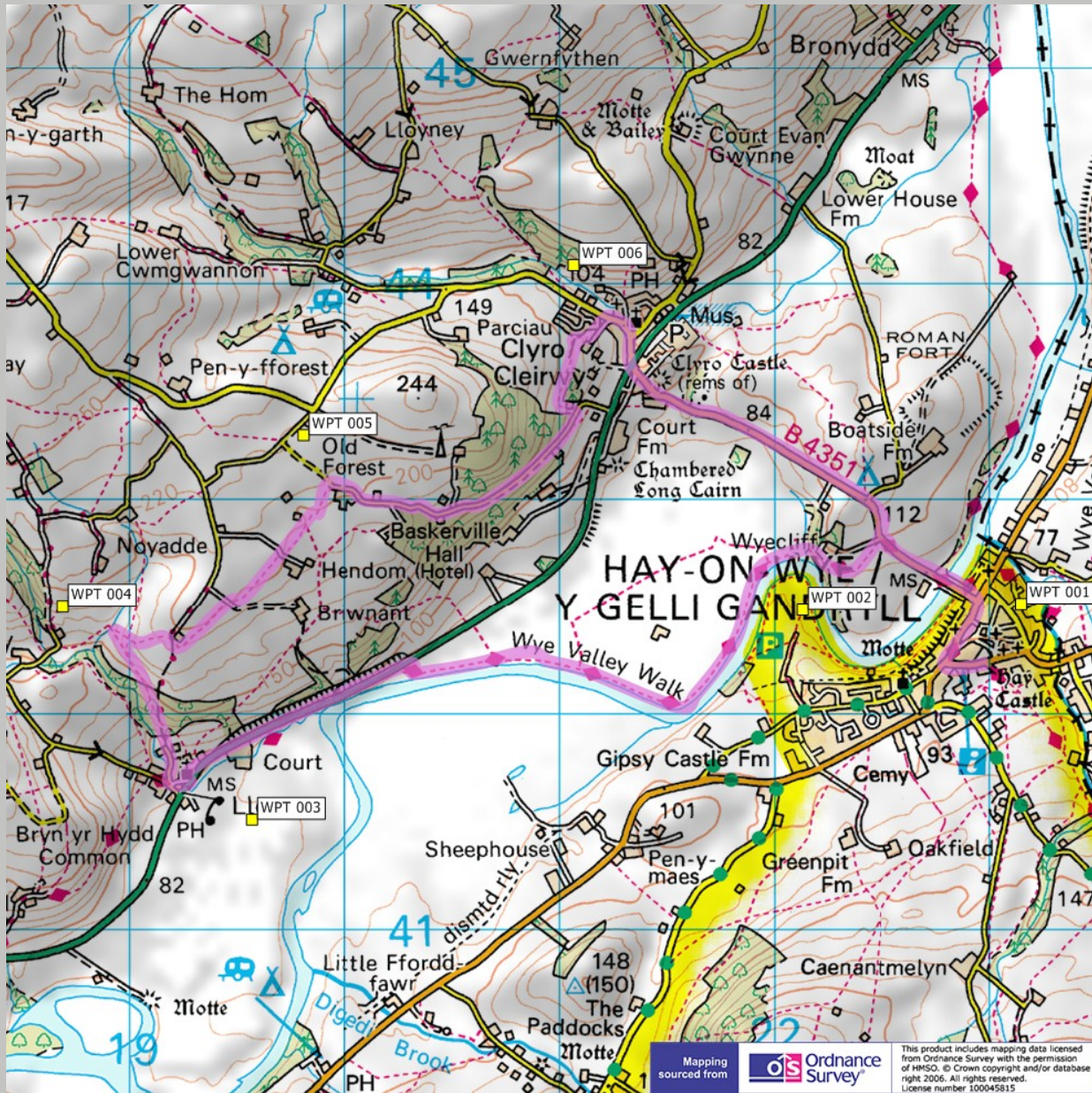
Hay-on-Wye

### Refresh

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### Transport

Buses run to Hay-on-Wye from Hereford, Brecon and Llandrindod, tel 01597 826643



Total Air Distance: 12,016.5 m  
 Total DTM Distance: 12,038.9 m  
 Min. Altitude: 74.3 m  
 Max. Altitude: 206 m  
 Avg. Altitude: 114.7 m  
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 Total Descent: -257.5 m  
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 Total Descent Distance: 4,854 m  
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 Percent Descent: 40.3%  
 Percent Level: 20.8%



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