

Clun is one of the stops on Castle Connect, a weekend Shuttle bus, which runs between Easter and September.

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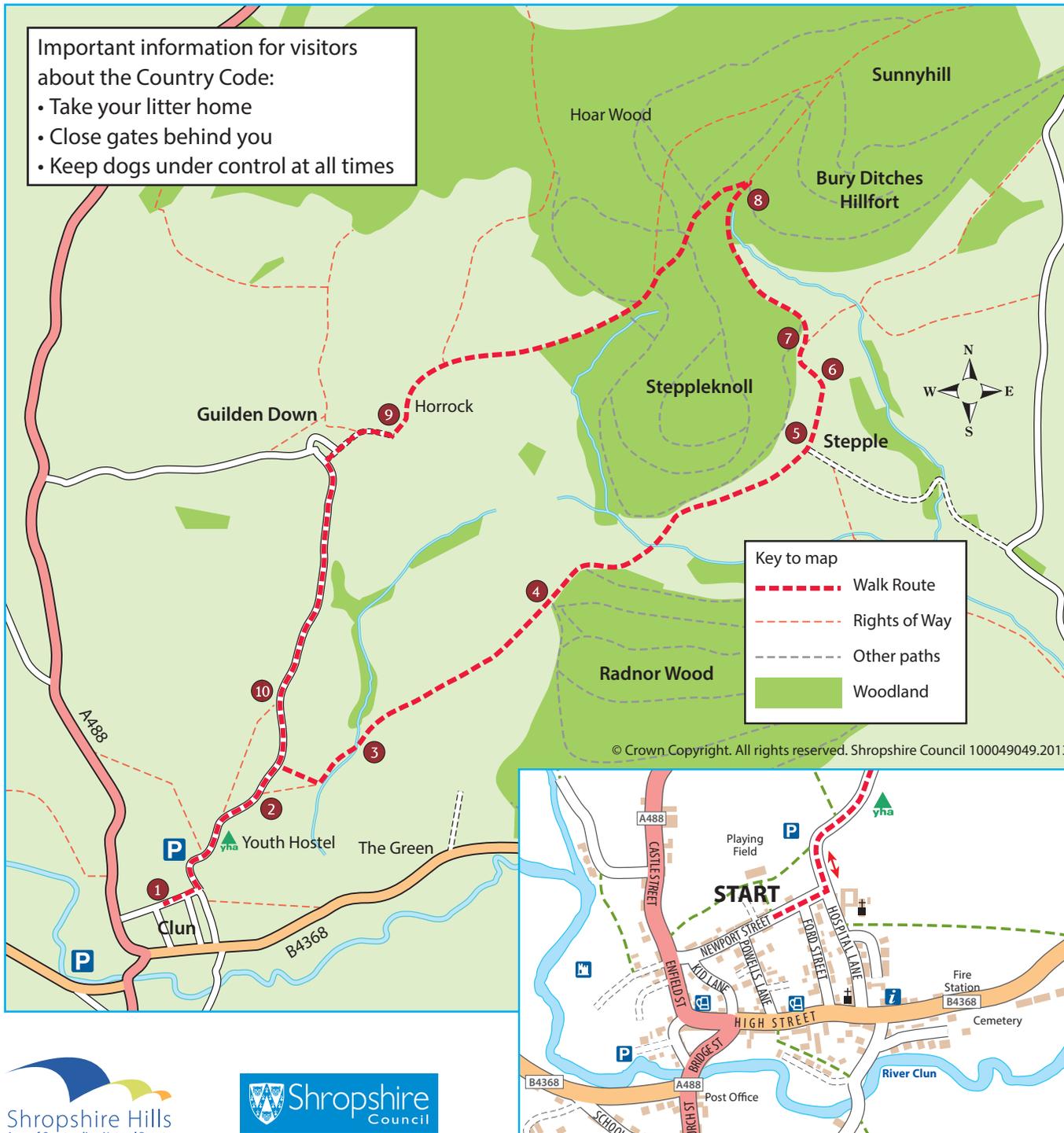
Walk 2: Guilden Down

A 3 hour (approx.) 5 mile circular walk through Radnor Wood, around Steppleknoll and back to Clun via Guilden Down.

This moderately easy walk starts and finishes at the Memorial Hall Car Park. The route follows footpaths through fields and green lanes, forestry paths and quiet lanes. It goes through a farm and there may be stock in the surrounding fields. An alternative route is suggested at point 5 which avoids some of the fields and all the stiles.



We hope you enjoy this series of walks to discover some of the quietest spots in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



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1 Turn left out of the car park onto the lane with the Youth Hostel on your right and Lake Radnor Cottages on your left.



2 The first footpath on the right cuts diagonally across two fields to the green lane leading to Radnor Wood.



To avoid the three stiles on this footpath, continue on the lane and turn right onto the bridleway. The paths soon merge.

3 Cross the stile at the field boundary and follow the footpath up the green lane. The bridleway merges from the left (see **2**)



3 Cross the small stream via the footbridge. Follow the green lane to the bridle gate into a hedgerow uphill into a sunken path.



At the field gate at the top of the rise, enter



Radnor Wood and take the bridleway on the left which goes down the hill.



4 Following the path to the edge of the wood, turn left through the small metal gate into the field. Turn right. Steppleknoll can be seen ahead. The path follows the edge of the wood to the field gate then diagonally across the next field via a plank bridge over a small stream.



5 Walk towards Steppleknoll to where the footpath meets a track. Turn right going through the large wooden gate.



7 To avoid going through fields with stock, the farm yard and two stiles, climb up the bank directly in front of you, go through the field gate and turn right onto the forestry track. This merges with the footpath on the right at point **7**

9 To do a shorter version of this walk, turn left on the forestry track once you have climbed the bank and gone through the gate. This track merges with the main route at the pond just after point **9**.



There are fine views to the south looking towards Clunbury Hill.



6 Continue along the track/footpath; when you reach Stepple Farm go through the centre of the farm after which the track veers left.



7 At the stile take the footpath to the left; the track is not very visible but if you follow the edge of the wood above a small 'quarry' you will come to the stile for the path which merges with the forestry track.



8 Follow the forestry track to the T junction with a larger forestry track. Turn left to continue back to Clun.

8 If you wish to visit Bury Ditches, turn right at the T-junction (point **8**). This forestry road takes you to Bury Ditches car park. The path to the Hill Fort is clearly signposted from there, including a circular walk back to the point you are presently at. This would add approximately 3 miles (1.5 hours) to your route.



9 Leave the main forestry track when you see the fingerpost 'Clun' on your left.

Follow the track past the pond and through the field gate on the bridleway. This track joins the lane down to Clun at Guilden Down Farm.



10 After about half a mile on the lane the Shropshire Way is signposted on the right. This route will take you diagonally across two fields with stiles to Lake House. Otherwise stay on the lane back to the Clun Memorial Hall car park.



If you have enjoyed this walk, look out for this book, available locally (£5.95). Walks range from 2 – 14 miles and are graded leisurely to strenuous. It includes local points of interest – history, archaeology, wildlife and more. To buy direct see <https://sites.google.com/site/clunwalkinggroup>

