

FIVE CIRCULAR WALKS FROM KNIGHTON

The town on the dyke



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KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALKS

The East Radnor Group of the Ramblers' Association invites you to enjoy these walks around Knighton.

Knighton is an excellent centre for walks in the lovely unspoilt mid-Wales countryside (although the walks also overlap into England!).

The town is at one end of Glyndwr's Way and midway along the Offa's Dyke Path (both national trails). The Offa's Dyke Centre is in the town and a visit is recommended. Also it is the local Tourist Information Centre.

NOTES

Generally all gates and stiles exist, and are mostly waymarked.

The routes overlap so that various combinations can be followed.

MAP: OS Explorer 201 covers all these walks. PLEASE USE IT – The rough maps provided here are only general guides.

TRANSPORT

The railway station is a short distance along the A488 towards Clun. It is on the Heart of Wales line between Shrewsbury (about 1 hr) and Swansea. Bus terminus and all day parking are by the cattle market on Bowling Green Lane, behind Tuffin's supermarket. Short-term parking is behind the Knighton Hotel.

GENERAL INFORMATION

PLEASE FOLLOW THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE:

- **Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs**
- **Leave gates and property as you find them**
- **Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home**
- **Keep dogs under close control**
- **Consider other people**

See here for more detail:

<http://www.ramblers.org.uk/advice/paths-and-access/england/countryside-code-for-the-public.aspx>

Take special care to leave gates shut behind you (unless you find them open of course). Any carelessness gets all walkers a bad reputation, and farmers get rightly angry when they find their stock straying through gates left open.

Make sure that you are prepared by having comfortable boots or shoes (waterproof, because there are always some muddy sections of these paths!), waterproofs, a warm sweater (it can be surprisingly cold on the tops), enough food (always keep a bar or two in your pack in case you stay out longer than intended), a small first aid kit.

The highest points are about 400m (1300ft) altitude and are very exposed, so be prepared for rough conditions.

Navigating is not difficult and you are never far from a road or a house.

If walking alone carry a mobile phone (however don't rely on getting a signal everywhere) and leave a message of where you are going and when you expect to return.

See here for more advice:

www.ramblers.org.uk/advice/safety.aspx

PATH PROBLEMS

Paths that are blocked or obstructed should be reported to the Powys (south of the Teme) or Shropshire (north of the Teme) County Council as appropriate:

Rights of Way Department
Powys County Council
The Gwalia
Llandrindod Wells
LD1 6AA

Report here: <http://www.powys.gov.uk/en/countryside-outdoors/report-a-concern-with-a-right-of-way/>

Rights of Way Department
Shropshire County Council
Shire Hall
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALKS

Route location map

NUMBERS SHOW WALK No

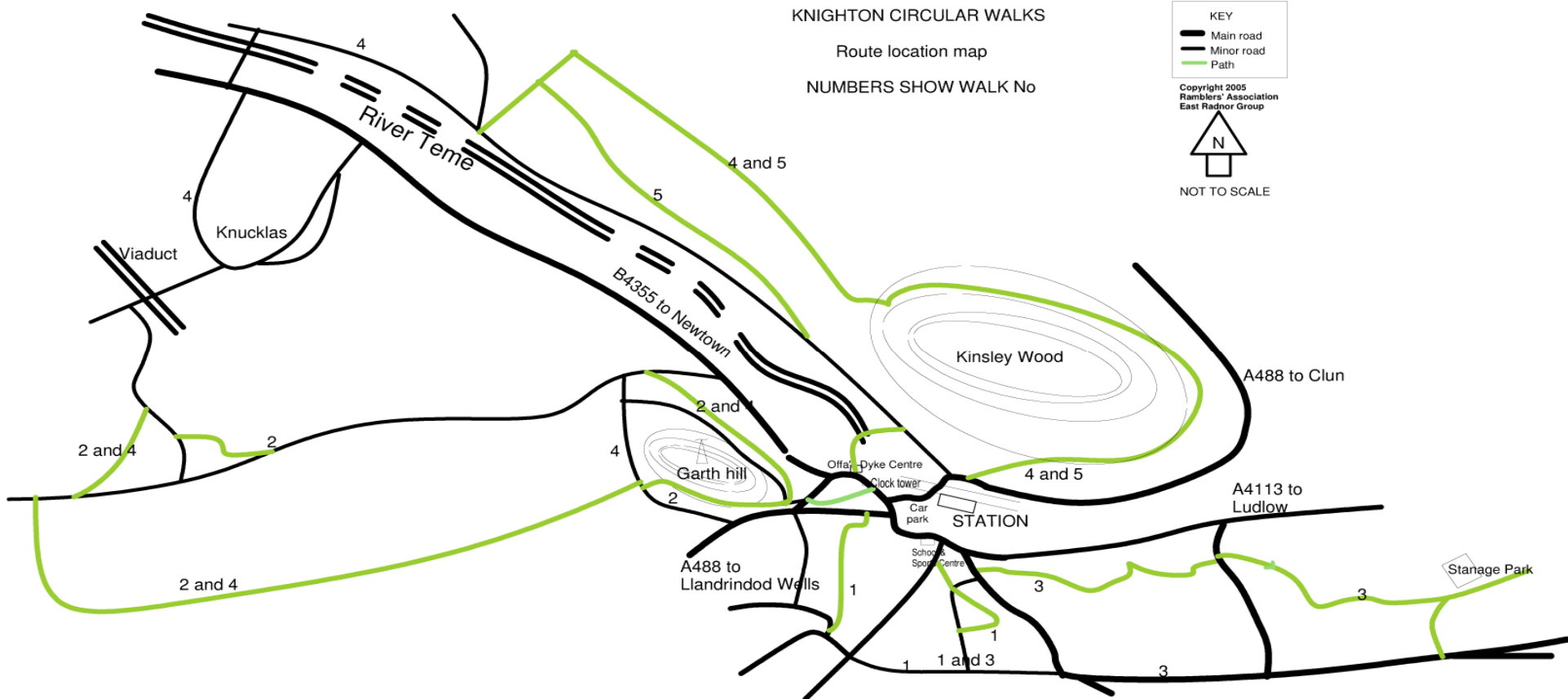
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KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALKS –1

DESCRIPTION

A walk on the southern side of the Teme valley, passing through farmland and along high green lanes, returning by the Offa's Dyke Path. Excellent views of the Radnorshire hills.

DISTANCE AND TIME

Distance 8.5km; ascent 225m; high point 400m.

Allow 2½ - 3 hours.

START

At the little square at the bottom of Broad Street (Brookside Square), opposite the hotel.

ROUTE

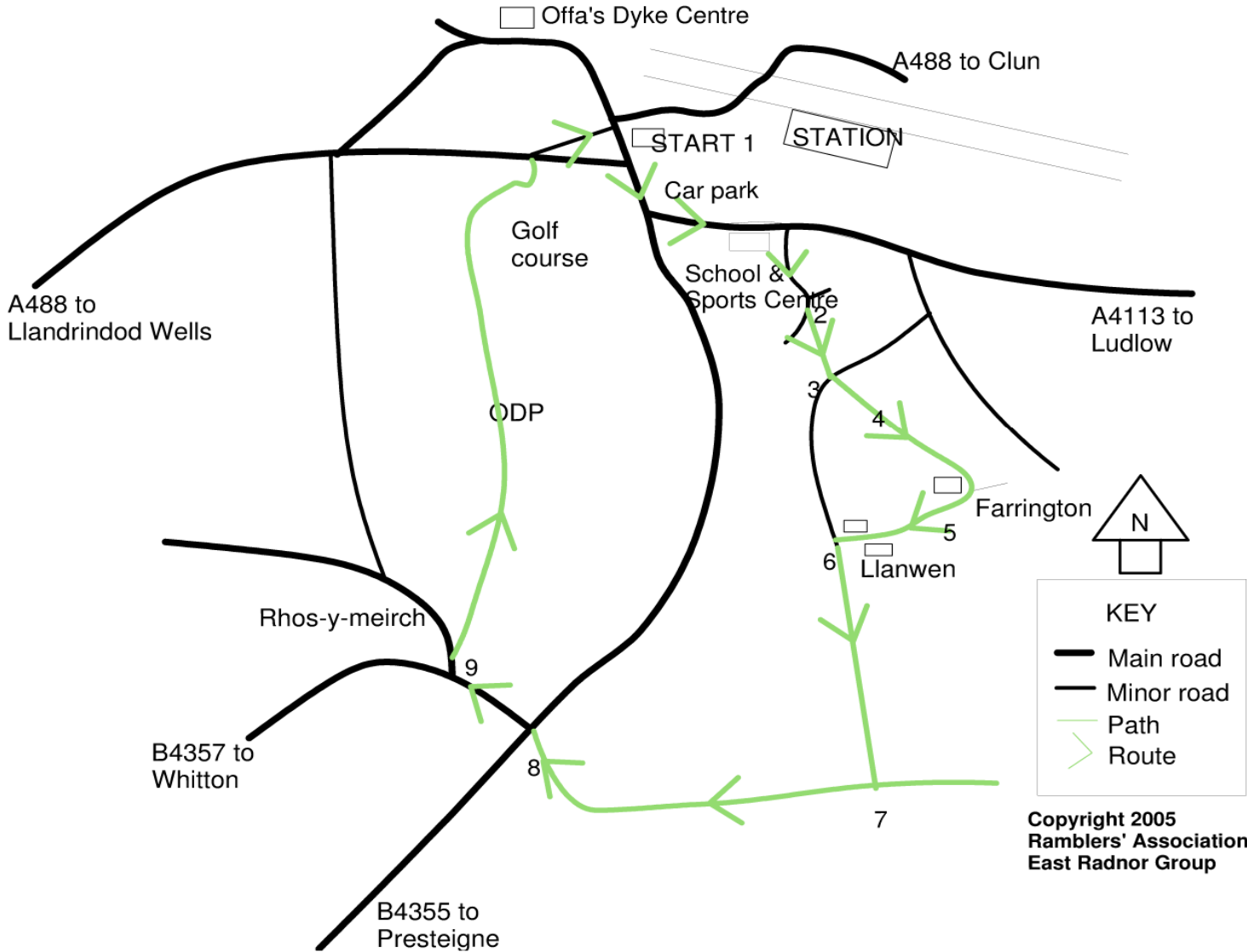
NOTE: Distances are cumulative, from the town centre.

1. From town centre walk along the Ludlow Road A4113 (towards Ludlow), pass Tuffin's supermarket, and turn right at the side of the school (Farrington Lane) and pass the Leisure Centre.
2. 600m: The road comes to a left junction and bends right – take the dirt lane going straight ahead uphill.
3. 900m: At a tarmac road, cross and go through the gate opposite and follow the hedge on your right

ALTERNATIVE (Avoiding the farmland walk): Turn right along the tarmac road to Point 6 below.

4. 1200m: Go through first gate; continue the same line to a pair of gates and go through the left one. Follow the right hand hedge to another gate; follow the right hand hedge again; pass a gate in the hedge; and continue to another gate leading onto a green lane. Immediately in the green lane take a stile on the left. Head for the farm buildings (Farrington), crossing a small stream. Take the stile near the left building and walk up the slope (not to the right) on the farm track, past the buildings, to a tee junction with a waymark post.
5. 2km: Turn right along the farm track and through a gate. From here you get a view of Knighton below. Follow the hedge on your right to the next gate. Go through and follow the fence on your right, by a small wood, to a stile, then a gate, and pass between the farm buildings (Llanwen), coming out on the tarmac road crossed earlier.
6. 2.75km: Turn left on the lane (mostly dirt now), passing a bridleway sign on the right, and you will be rising steadily up the hill. Note the Observatory (the Spaceguard Centre) on the hilltop to the left. There are good blackberries and raspberries here in the autumn. At the top you have reached the high point of the walk. There is a wide grass verge for a picnic.
7. 3.75km: Turn right along the green lane. This is Llanwen Hill and gives good views of typical Radnorshire country, with Radnor Forest on the skyline ahead (radio mast on the top is distinctive). At a corner of a larch wood take the right fork on the narrow green lane (can be muddy !).
8. 5.25km: This lane comes out onto the B4355 (Knighton to Norton and Presteigne road). Cross with care and take the road opposite (B4357 to Whitton). You are now on the Offa's Dyke Path (ODP) that you follow to the end of the walk. Shortly turn right (Rhos-y-meirch road) and immediately take a stile on your right ("Prestatyn 98m" on the cross bar). From here parts of the Dyke itself are visible at your side.
9. 5.5km: Follow the ODP over numerous stiles in a straight line, with the fence on your left. Note the face of Offa carved on some of the stiles. The Spaceguard Centre is again visible along here. As you approach the town, you find that you are on the edge of the golf course – watch out for flying missiles! You will lose height alongside an old wood, and then the fence bends right to a stile. Cross the stile and follow the clear path going diagonally right and downhill. Soon you come to some steps down to a tarmac track. Pause here and see if you can spot the "ER" formed by the trees on the opposite hillside (a memory of the coronation). Cross the track and continue down rightwards to civilisation (some garages). Turn left, and at the main road, cross and go down Larkey Lane to the town centre.

KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALK 1



KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALKS –2

DESCRIPTION

A walk to the west of Knighton using parts of the Glyndwr's Way. Superb views. See the most interesting Knighton back streets. NOTES: Glyndwr's Way has been revised and older maps still have the old route.

All gates and stiles exist, mostly waymarked.

MAP: Explorer 201.

DISTANCE AND TIME

Distance 10km; ascents 80m and 70m; highest point 370m.

Allow 2½ - 3 hours.

START

From the little square at the bottom of Broad Street (Brookside Square), opposite the hotel, walk up to the clock tower (plaque on side gives information).

ROUTE

NOTE: Distances are cumulative, from the town centre.

1. From the clock tower walk up the pedestrianised "Narrows" and take first right on Russell Street. Soon pause and look behind at the timber frame house, and the other old houses. Continue to the main road

and turn left. Take first right on Radnor Drive and left at the telephone box to Garth Meadows. Go left, then right in front of a terrace of houses to steps leading onto the fields.

2. 500m: Go diagonally right quite steeply uphill to a stile. Here you join Glyndwr's Way. Turn right and follow the clear path as it contours the hill in lovely mature woodland.
3. 2km: At the tarmac road go left. Follow this steadily uphill, keeping right at a junction. After a cattle grid you can continue on the road or walk on the open land to the right parallel to the road. This is an old racecourse. Fine views of Beacon Hill and across to Shropshire. Just opposite a large farm on the left take a stile or gate right (finger post). If you are on the road, you need to leave it to find the stile and gate.

ALTERNATIVE (Avoiding about 80m descent and ascent, but missing some fine views): Continue along the tarmac road to Point 6 below.

4. 3.5km: Cross the stile and follow the hedge on your left and then turn left over the next stile. Follow the hedge on your left. (Don't be tempted by a stile diagonally to your right). Go through a gate to a stile onto a road. Turn right, downhill. There is a fine view of the Knucklas railway viaduct. from this road. In about 300m take a stile/gate left (easily missed if you are not concentrating. Look for the finger post. The route goes backwards from the road).

5. 4.5km: Follow the hedge on your right and when it swings right downhill keep straight ahead, rising steadily, through the gorse to a stile. Continue on the same line, keeping right of the hedge, rising steadily across the hill. Stiles come into view as you need them. Eventually join the road that you left earlier at point 4, and turn right for about 100m
6. 5km: Take a gate left (finger post). (Glyndwr's way on the old maps.). Follow the farm track by the hedge and then turn left to a pond (Glyndwr's Way sign). Continue to follow the farm track with a hedge on your left. There are good views of Titterstone Clee in the distance ahead, and the Spaceguard observatory on the skyline a bit to the right. This becomes a tarmac road at a house. Follow this to a junction. Go across the road, then left up a very short connecting road. Turn right and almost immediately cross a stile on the left (finger post).
7. 7.5km: This path now contours around the hill (Garth Hill) close to a hedge on your right, eventually coming to a farmyard (often very muddy!). Follow stiles and signs to come to a road. Turn right and at the left bend go straight ahead into a passageway beside houses. (Glyndwr's Way from here to the end). At the main road cross (go left and right) to go down an alleyway. Follow this to come to a road taking you into the town centre. This is a very attractive part of Knighton, called The Cwm.

KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALK 2

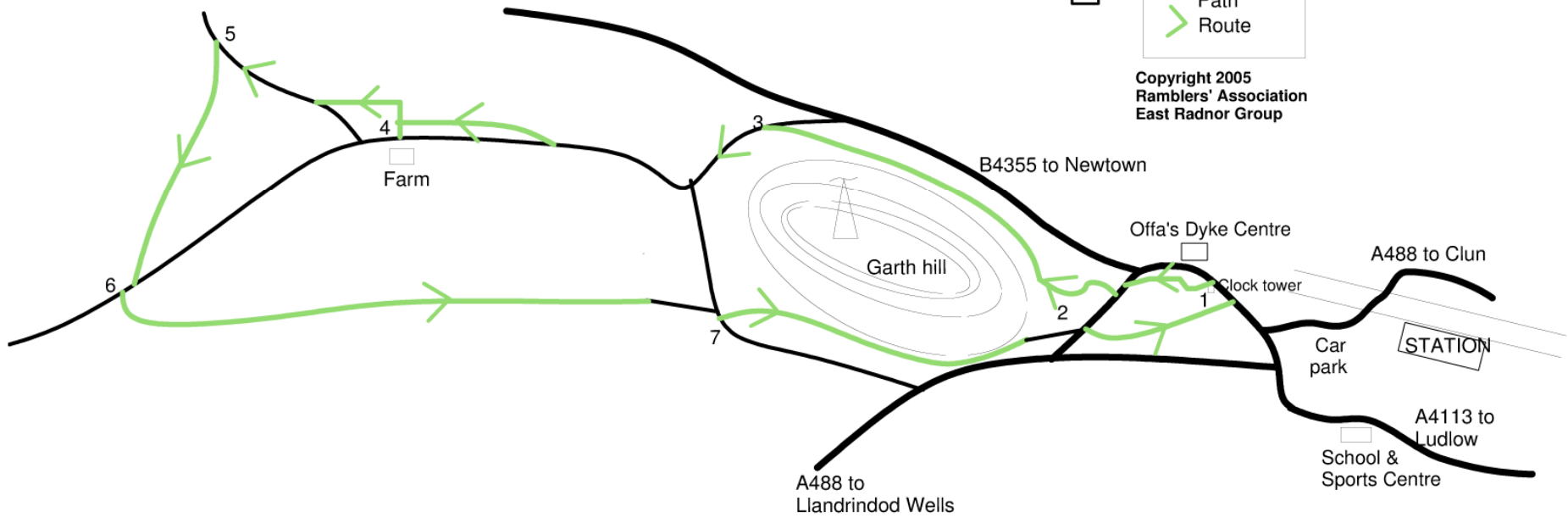
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KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALKS –3

DESCRIPTION

A walk to the east, visiting the estate of Stanage Park - a fine Humphrey Repton house and park.

Fine views and quiet country.

All gates and stiles exist, mostly waymarked.

MAP: Explorer 201.

DISTANCE AND TIME

Distance 13km (8m)

Several short ascents, 400m total.

Allow 4 hours.

START

The walk begins at Brookside Square at the bottom of Broad Street, opposite the hotel.

ROUTE

NOTE: Distances are cumulative, from the town centre.

1. Facing the Hotel, opposite Brookside Square turn left, pass Tuffin's Supermarket and continue past the school, and in 100m turn right into Llanshay Lane
2. 1.5km: About 250m up the lane take the first bridleway left by some large beech trees. Pass in front of the house and turn right to the yard and then left into a farm

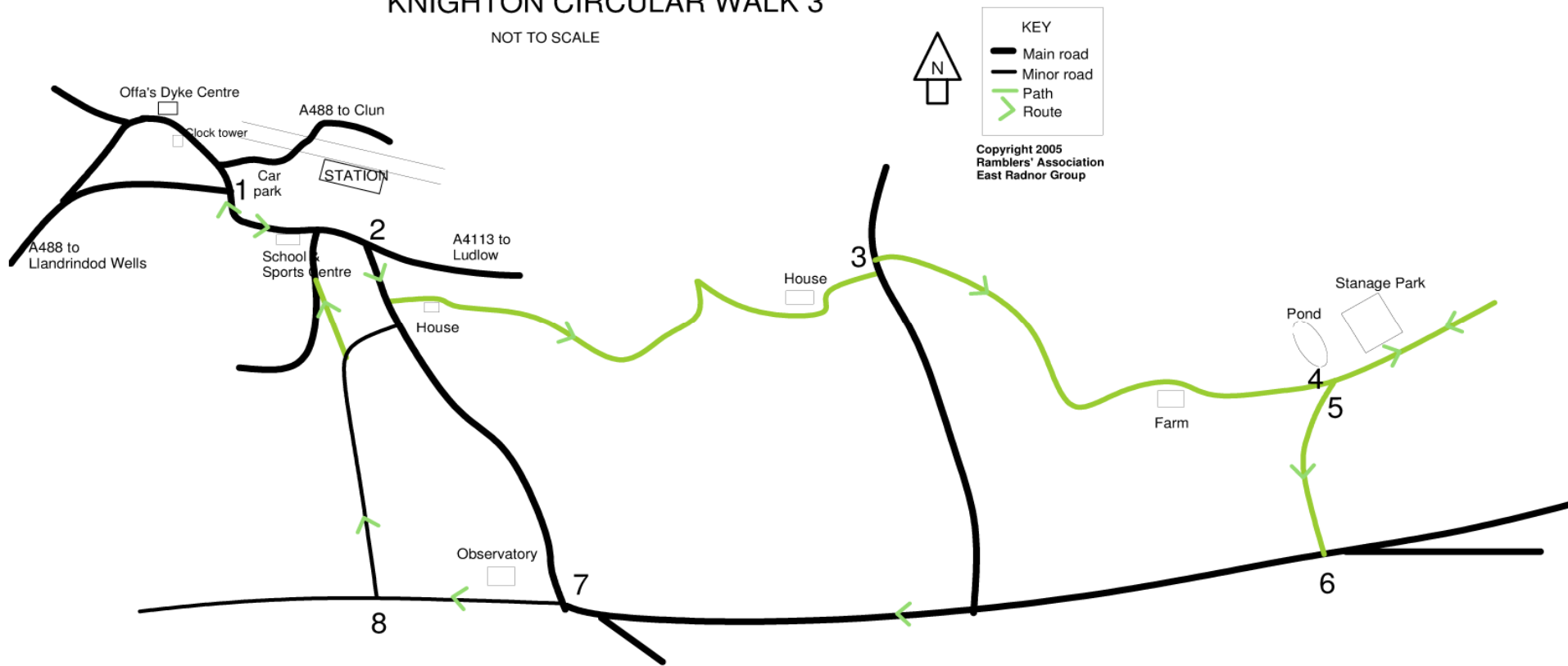
lane. Pass a pool on your left and head up hill ahead, right of a power pole, and right of a small oak wood. Find two gates at the top of the field, and take the left one. Good view of Knighton behind you. Turn left along the hedge to the next gate and turn left on a green lane. This turns right then left; then turn right at a gate and stile. Go down the field heading slightly rightwards to a stile in the right hedge, not far from a house. After passing some barns on your left find a stile on your left, just before another one ahead. Go left to a gate into the garden of the house and take the access road ahead to a tarmac road.

3. 3km: Turn left and almost immediately right on a bridleway. Go up the slope ahead (not along the farm track) and follow the pretty brook on your right, keeping at the top of the steep slope down to it. Ignore a waymark post and continue to rise steadily. Eventually come to a gate when the ground levels and the stream swings right. Through the gate pass a power pole and look for a waymark post on a farm track crossing your line. Take this track left, passing a power pole. At some farm buildings bear left to pass left of a large barn to a gate. Follow the woodland on your left, through gates until you descend to a fingerpost in a field corner.
4. 5.5km: Stanage House and its pool are in front. Go over the bridge and along the road ahead until you get a lovely view of the front of the house, with fine cedars and formal garden. Return to the fingerpost.

5. 6km: Go straight ahead and pass right of the barn to find a gate behind it. Through the gate DO NOT follow the obvious track ahead but bear left about 30 degrees. Cross the little brook, and head through the bracken up the slope to the top of this field where there is a stile in the corner, left of the wood and right of the pheasant pens. Cross the stile and head diagonally right across the next field to a field gate ahead. (Ignore the small pedestrian gate on the right.) Go up the slope ahead with the fence on your right, heading for the conifer wood. Pass through a small gate into the wood and bear left to pick up a firebreak going up the hill. This comes out onto a tarmac road.
6. 7km: Turn right along the road (not busy, but be careful). 200m after a road joining from the left, take the track left towards the Spaceguard Centre (observatory). (Well worth a visit if open.)
7. 9km: Continue along the line of the track, keeping the fence on your right. Notice the fine views of the Brecon hills, and soon the Radnor Forest (with the radio mast on top) appears ahead. At a T-junction of green lanes turn right.
8. 10km: Follow this lane, which becomes tarmac, passing farm entrances, until Knighton comes into view. Near the town fork left on a track when the road swings right (finger post). When the track joins a road continue straight on. This takes you past the sports centre, and then turn left back into town.

KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALK 3

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KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALKS –4

DESCRIPTION

A walk using both National Trails – Offa's Dyke and Glyndwr's Way. You pass under the magnificent railway viaduct at Knucklas. The route crosses the Teme Valley, so there are two main ascents and some lesser ones.

All gates and stiles exist, mostly waymarked.

MAP: Explorer 201.

DISTANCE AND TIME

Distance 18km (12m), two main and several short ascents.
Allow 5-6 hours.

START

The walk begins at Brookside Square at the bottom of Broad Street, opposite the hotel.

ROUTE

NOTE: Distances are cumulative, from the town centre.

1. From Brookside Square (opposite the Hotel) turn right, pass the Horse & Jockey pub, and head for the station. Cross the bridge over the railway and

turn right. Almost immediately take a path forking left into the woods. This joins a dirt road. Go left along the road and follow it up the hill to a car parking and picnic area with benches etc. Go past the barrier on the right and follow a forest road ahead. As it swings left take a path right to come immediately to a stile into the fields.. Go ahead and slightly left, to a gate. Through the gate turn right.. You are now on Offa's Dyke path and the dyke is obvious on your right.

2. 3km: Follow the acorn signs for the next 2km, to the first crossing path. This is a farm track with finger post.
3. 5km: Turn left, down the hill. At a cottage (Bryney Cottage) go through the gate to the right of it and continue downhill to a tarmac road. (A farm on your right was the training place of the first Derby winner!) Turn right, parallel to the river Teme; continue along the road to a junction in about 1km. Turn left, cross the Teme (a SSSI where otters are sometimes seen), to the main road (B4355). Turn left and then immediately right into Knucklas. Cross the stream by the telephone box and go right and under the magnificent Victorian viaduct (13 arches!).
4. 8.5km: Take the road immediately left and follow it steeply uphill. In about

800m take the first stile on your right. Go diagonally right and across the slope ahead on a path through the gorse bushes. Cross a stile and follow the hedge on your left. To another stile. Continue rising diagonally across the slope to come out onto a road. Turn right and in about 200m turn left on a farm track. In about 300m you join Glyndwr's Way.

5. 10km: Go left, down past a small pond, and follow the farm track ahead by the hedge. This eventually becomes a tarmac road. At the junction turn left uphill to the second road right. (NOTE: If conditions are muddy, take the first road right to come to point 7.)
6. 13km: Go past the entrance to Racecourse Farm (there was a horse race course here, still shown on the maps) and take the green lane on the right. After leaving the woods take a stile on your right at junction of paths. This takes you past cottages to lane junction. Go straight ahead, over a stile in the corner (sometimes there is a car parked hiding the stile).
7. 15km: Go down the narrow alley, cross a road and continue ahead. You come out into an attractive lane called The Cwm. Follow this left into town.

KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALK 4

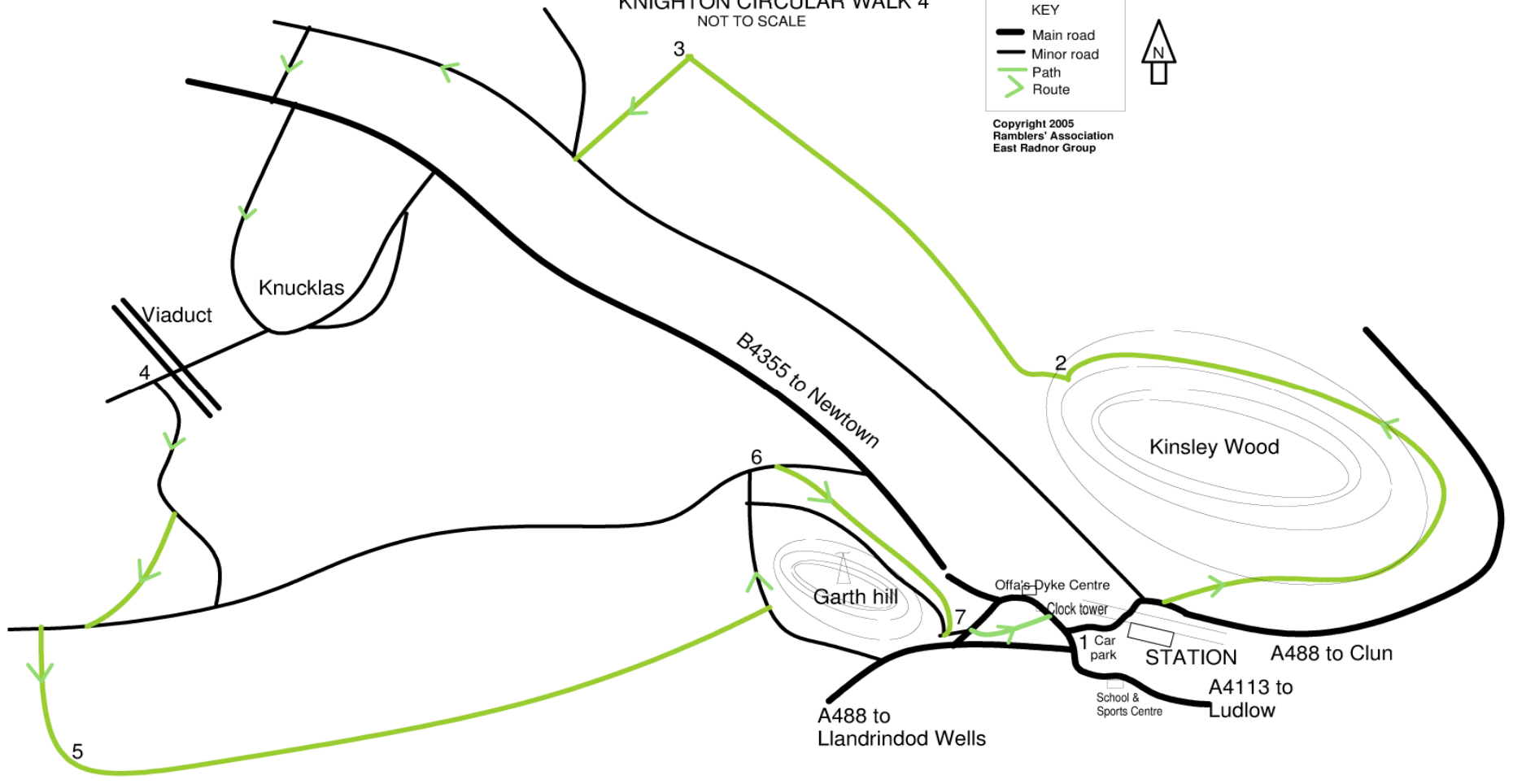
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Knucklas

Viaduct

B4355 to Newtown

Kinsley Wood

Garth hill

Offa's Dyke Centre

Clock tower

1 Car park

STATION

A488 to Clun

A488 to Llandrindod Wells

School & Sports Centre

A4113 to Ludlow

KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALKS –5

DESCRIPTION

A short walk using Offa's Dyke trail and returning along the Teme valley. There is one main ascent. This walk uses the first part of Walk 4 and returns a shorter way. All gates and stiles exist, mostly waymarked.

MAP: Explorer 201.

DISTANCE AND TIME

Distance 9km (6m), one main ascent. Allow about 2 hours.

START

The walk begins at Brookside Square at the bottom of Broad Street, opposite the hotel.

ROUTE

NOTE: Distances are cumulative, from the town centre.

1. From Brookside Square (opposite the Hotel) turn right, pass the Horse & Jockey pub, and head for the station. Cross the bridge over the railway and turn right. Almost immediately take a path forking left into the woods. This joins a dirt road. Go left along the road and follow it up the hill to a car parking and picnic area with benches etc. Go past the barrier on the right and follow a forest road ahead. As it swings right take a path left to come immediately to a stile into the fields. Go ahead and slightly left, to a gate. Through the gate turn right. You are now on Offa's Dyke path and the dyke is obvious on your right.
2. 3km: Follow the acorn signs for the next 2km, to the first crossing path. This is a farm track with finger post.
3. 5km: Turn left, down the hill. In about 300m, just before a cottage (Bryney Cottage), turn left on a waymarked path. Keeping the hedge on your right (on a sometimes muddy path) cross two stiles. In about 500m the path goes uphill diagonally left. Go through two gates and over two stiles, passing left of Balls Cottage. Cross another stile and go

down the access road from the cottage. Go over a stile by a gate, bear right and come to a tarmac road.

4. 6.5km: Turn left along the road and in about 1km you meet the Offa's Dyke path crossing the road. Follow it right, across the River Teme and along the bank until the path turns right, up a slope into the back of the Offa's Dyke Centre. Turn left to reach the town centre.

KNIGHTON CIRCULAR WALK 5

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