

Whitcliffe Common Nature Reserve

What can you do there?

It's a great place to sit and take in the wonderful views over the valley of the River Teme across to Ludlow Castle, the medieval town of Ludlow and to the distant hills beyond.

There are several seats situated at the highest point, accessible by car from the road signposted to Berrington and Wigmore off Lower Broad Street.

There is always something of interest even if it is just the view from the top out across the countryside or the mood and tempo of the River Teme below.

Address / location:

Whitcliffe Common, Ludlow SY8 2HB.

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Opening times:

24/7 all year round.

Getting there:

By car - Whitcliffe Common is almost 1 hour from Shrewsbury, 17 minutes from Craven Arms and 36 minutes from Bridgnorth.

Roadside parking can be found on Whitcliffe Road.

By bus - The X11 Builth Wells to Ludlow (Mondays only) runs along the Wigmore Road along the top of the Common - nearest stop is the Charlton Arms.

Photo credit: Emily Nickless.



Photo credit: Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

Background:

The open space on top of Whitcliffe, alongside the lay-by and overlooking the town, is one of two Coronation Meadows in Shropshire. The toposcope at the location gives further information.

The riverside and woodland areas are always good places to look out for birds - perhaps a kingfisher flying across the water, mallard ducks dabbling by the bridges and the chance to look out for wild salmon leaping the weirs in the autumn.

Some of the craggy outcrops of rocks are world famous as reference points in geological history. The Ludlow "bone-beds" contain tiny fragments of fossil fish which lived over 400 million years ago.



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Facilities:

There are **no toilets** at the reserve. 
There are several cafes in Ludlow town centre and The Mill on the Green adjacent to the river.

The reserve is **not suitable for bike riding**.

Who owns / manages it:

Shropshire Wildlife Trust leases
Whitcliffe Common

www.shropshirewildlifetrust.org.uk/nature-reserves/whitcliffe-common

which is managed by

The Friends of Whitcliffe Common

www.friendsofwhitcliffecommon.org.uk

For further information:

You can do other walks from Dinham Bridge or Ludford Bridge, just outside the town centre. To get there:

By car - There are several pay and display car parks in Ludlow. The nearest being Castle Street. The Park & Ride Bus service is based at Ludlow Eco-Business Park, SY8 1ES and runs Monday-Saturday.

By bus - The no. 435 from Shrewsbury (via Church Stretton and Craven Arms) goes to Ludlow.

By train - Ludlow train station is approx. 20 minutes' walk from Dinham Bridge at the edge of the Common. This involves an uphill walk into the town centre and then a walk downhill to the river.

The Friends of Whitcliffe Common showcase three well-marked, easy, circular walks here:

www.friendsofwhitcliffecommon.org.uk/walks

This leaflet describes a 1.5 hour walk through Ludlow's green spaces:

bit.ly/3PR20em

Accessibility:

There are several bench seats with backrests situated at the viewpoint area. There are some handrails in place especially where there are steep steps.



Photo credit: The Friends of Whitcliffe Common.

Details of the walk:

Park at the top of the Common in the small lay-by on Whitcliffe Road. At the end of the lay-by a path leads you onto Whitcliffe Common, walking through trees.

In approx. 100 yards, at the open space is a path to the left, again through trees. There is an easy walking downward slope which will take you around to the path that runs along the bottom of the top of the Common.

As you follow this, you will find a way back to the top, across the open space or further along, you can walk up a slope or a longer flat path leading to the beginning of the Mortimer way, turning left when you reach the road to walk back on the Common to the top of Whitcliffe and the lay-by.