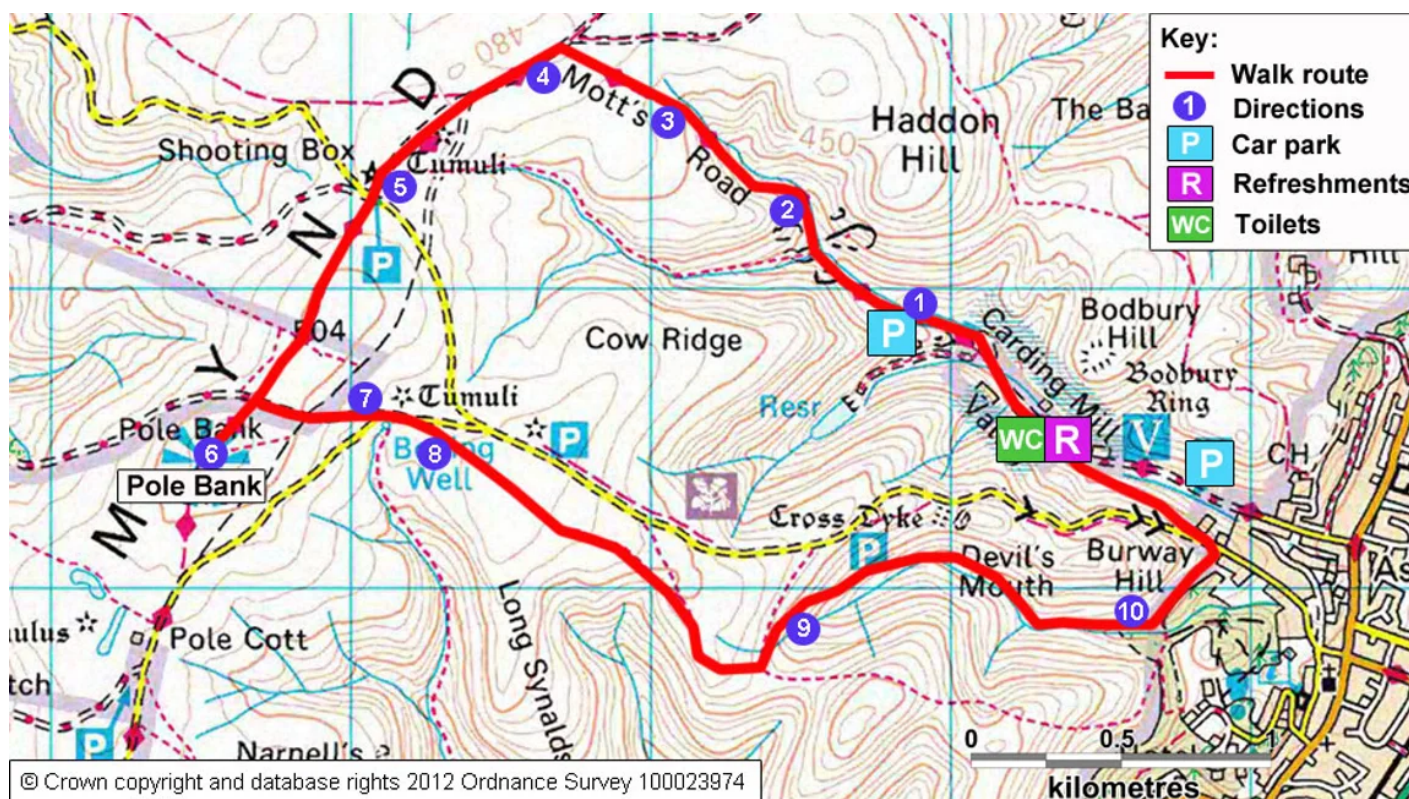


SHROPSHIRE & STAFFORDSHIRE

The Burway Loop: a walk to the top of the Long Mynd

This challenging circular walk takes you to the head of Carding Mill Valley and up to the highest point of the Long Mynd. From the top you can take in impressive views across Shropshire and beyond.



Information

Address: Carding Mill Valley, Church Stretton,
Shropshire SY6 6JG

OS map: Explorer 217, Landranger 137

Activity: Walking

Challenging: Rugged, uneven route up a steep incline to the top of the hill. For further details, please see Terrain section.

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 5 (km: 8)

Duration: 2 hours 30 mins

Terrain

A rugged route up a steep incline to the top of the hill, and down narrow footpaths in places with steep drops on one side. The walk is not suitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

Total steps: 10

Start point: Carding Mill Valley, grid ref: SO445945

1. If you're starting from the Chalet Pavilion, follow the stream uphill to the former top car park. Continue straight ahead, on the stony track alongside the stream to the head of Carding Mill Valley.
2. Where the valley forks, go right. Follow Mott's Road uphill.
3. As you make your way along the path, Calf Ridge will be high up on your left. Soon you'll emerge onto the top of the hill.
4. The path runs on across the moor to join a broader stony track. Go left and, almost immediately, left again, onto the ancient Portway.
5. When the main track bends left, 440yd (400m) later, turn off to the right and go straight ahead on a narrower continuation of the Portway.
6. Cross the road and take the path straight ahead, uphill, through the rolling heather. Half a mile on, beyond side paths to Priory Cottage and Medlicott, is Pole Bank.
7. From Pole Bank, retrace the path for 275yd (250m) to its junction with the Medlicott track and turn right, to join the tarmacked Burway Road below, beside the spring at Boiling Well.
8. Go straight on along the path road. Within 110yd (100m), on the right, is a wayarked path to 'Townbrook'. Turn right here, on a grassy path, running roughly parallel with The Burway.
9. Continue downhill around a low ridge, to the lip of the dramatic Townbrook Hollow.
10. Follow the narrow path down the valley. Beyond the Victorian reservoir at the foot of the valley, bear left along the top of Old Rectory Wood to emerge on the Burway. Cross the road and descend the 'Burway Track' back into Carding Mill Valley.

End point: Carding Mill Valley, grid ref: SO445945
