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Walking on Titterstone Clees

Shropshire County Council

From pre-history to the modern day: See it all on Titterstone Clees

There are few places in Shropshire, or for that matter in the West Midlands, where the complex and intimate relationship between people and the landscape is as clearly demonstrated as in the Clees. It is a living and evolving landscape famous for the black Dhustone, still quarried today: The quarry at Clees Hill supplies around half of all crushed rock used in the West Midlands.

A visit to Titterstone Clees will reveal some clues to this industrial heritage; from some of the earliest concrete quarry buildings to the mounds caused by 'bell pit' coal mining. The lack of intensive agriculture and 'squatter' settlement patterns in the area means that remnants of rare wildflower meadows have survived and disused quarries have become the home to a variety of wildlife, including the peregrine falcon.

People's relationship with the hill goes back much further though. On the very top of Titterstone Clees is the highest and most extensive hillfort in the county. Within the stone ramparts lie a Bronze Age ring cairn and a platform barrow. While on the adjacent Hoar Edge lie a Bronze Age complex comprising a second ring cairn and two bowl barrows. This concentration of prehistoric monuments suggests that the hill has been a prominent feature of the cultural landscape throughout time.

The hill is a popular viewing point. Weather permitting the almost 360° views stretch far beyond the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, into Wales, Herefordshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands. It is a popular walking spot; stroll up to the summit and trig point, wander amongst the remains of the mining industry, or hike along the Shropshire Way to neighbouring Brown Clees.

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



Always follow the Countryside Code

- ◆ Check the weather forecast before you leave.
- ◆ If you are inexperienced or unsure of your ability, never walk alone.
- ◆ Tell somebody where you are going and when you are going to be back.
- ◆ Take a map and compass, spare clothing, food and drink.
- ◆ Keep an eye out for potential dangers such as mine and quarry workings.
- ◆ Be careful. Access land may involve rough and challenging terrain.

Safety on Access Land

Some areas may be restricted

Access land is not necessarily available to walk on at all times. Landowners have the right for local, temporary restrictions, for any reason, for up to 28 days a year.

Whenever possible, restrictions and closures will be shown on www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk or given via the Open Access Helpline on **0845 100 3298**.

Information on local restrictions may also be posted at the main access land primary information points or at main points of access onto specific areas of land.

Open Access only applies to areas of open country and registered common land. It does not include a right of access to lower lying farmland, buildings, livestock pens, areas within 20m of a dwelling or building or the land attached to them i.e. its garden. **There is no right of access across quarries or other active mineral workings.**

Dogs on Access Land



- ◆ Dogs must be on a short, fixed lead of no more than 2m long between **1st March** and **31st July** to limit the disturbance to ground nesting birds and at all other times around livestock. Please follow local information signs.
- ◆ Dogs may also be excluded for up to 6 weeks a year on land used for lambing and in areas that are important for ground nesting birds.
- ◆ Your rights to take dogs on public rights of way are unaffected by access land restrictions, but dogs must be kept under close control on public rights of way, preferably on a short, fixed lead.
- ◆ Dog restrictions do not apply to trained guide/hearing dogs or dogs that are on the land with permission of the landowner.

Dogs and cattle

- ◆ Access land is generally used for sheep grazing but you may come across cattle on the surrounding Rights of Way network.
- ◆ Cattle may be inquisitive and approach you, especially if you have a dog.
- ◆ For your safety, avoid walking through a herd of cattle and never come between a cow and her calf.

New right also applies to wheelchair users though please note access land is often very rough and steep terrain



No public access (rights of way are not affected)



Open Access Land



Please use the public rights of way network or other signposted routes to get to and from access land – look out for the access symbol.

You can walk, picnic, bird-watch, run and climb on access land. There is no new right to ride a horse or bicycle, to drive vehicles, camp, hanglide or paraglide, use a metal detector, collect stones, plants or wood, light or cause fires or swim in any water bodies. Existing access rights are not affected.

Where you can go and what you can do

...not only to take care of yourself and fellow walkers, but also the land and its plants and animals

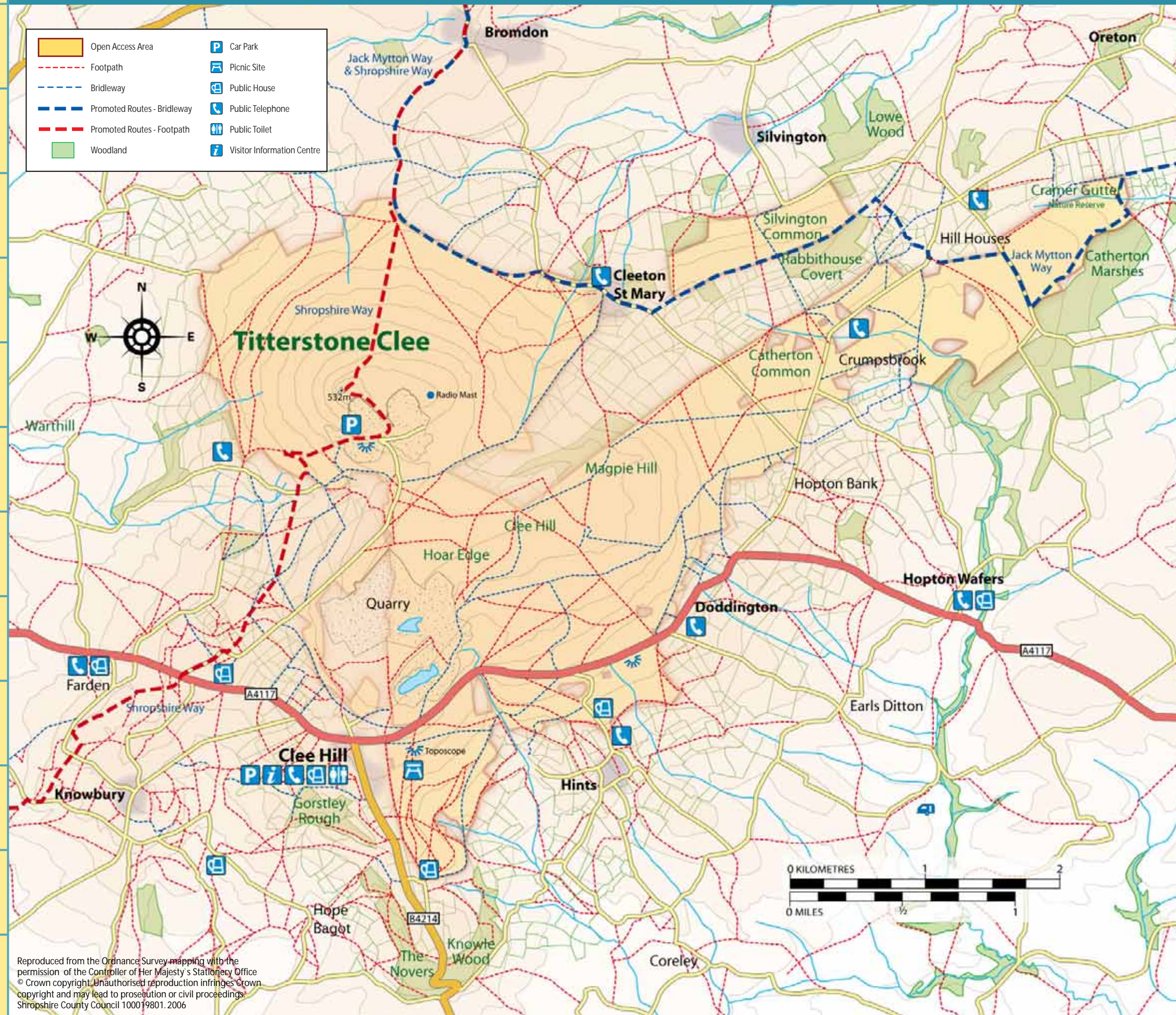
With new Rights come new Responsibilities...

Walking on Titterstone Clee

Ordnance Survey Explorer Map 203

The nearest Visitor Information Centres are in **Ludlow** (tel: 01584 875053)

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| | Open Access Area | | Car Park |
| | Footpath | | Picnic Site |
| | Bridleway | | Public House |
| | Promoted Routes - Bridleway | | Public Telephone |
| | Promoted Routes - Footpath | | Public Toilet |
| | Woodland | | Visitor Information Centre |



Other walks in Shropshire:

Information on promoted walks and other walking in Shropshire can be found by visiting www.shropshire.gov.uk



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Walking is good for you!

Walking 5 times a week for 30 minutes helps you keep healthy.

Nearest Pubs:

The Kremlin and The Golden Cross in Clee Hill; Bennetts End Inn and The Penny Black Inn in Knowbury; Royal Oak on Ludlow road just west of Clee Hill; The Crown Inn, Hopton Wafers; Golden Lion in Knowle; The Colliers Arms near Hints

Please use public transport where possible Bus routes serving the area are:

- 292 Clee Hill from Ludlow through Cleobury Mortimer and Kidderminster to Birmingham
- 723 Clee Hill from Ludlow through Knowbury and Hopton Wafers to Cleobury Mortimer
- 751 Cleobury Mortimer to Cleeton St Mary



www.traveline.org.uk

National rail services

National Rail Enquiries: **08457 48 49 50**
Ludlow is on The Marches Line with links to Shrewsbury, Manchester and Cardiff