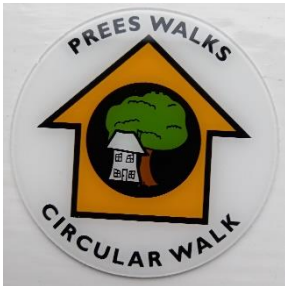


# Prees Walks

## CIRCULAR WALK – A CIRCUIT OF PREES VILLAGE



### A clockwise 5 mile circuit with excellent views

#### Route notes

1. Leave Prees Cricket and Recreation Club car park, turn right onto Cricket Meadow and then immediately left on to Brades Road.
  - a. Take first left into Harvern Gardens. Near the top of this cul-de-sac, take a pathway on the right between two houses.
  - b. After 20 yards take a left onto another pathway which becomes Pheasant Close and then go right at the end.
  - c. Turn left at the bottom of Whitebrook Meadow onto Station Road.
2. After 400 yards turn right at the fingerpost up a farm entrance at Ferny Leas Farm
  - a. Walk 50 yards up the farm drive and then;
  - b. Follow the right of way signs around to the right and then straight ahead through a farm gate onto a farm track.
  - c. There are often electric fences in this area which are sometimes hard to see. Take care to use the insulated clip handles to unfasten and fasten again once through.
  - d. The route goes straight on through 2 kissing gates and past a house called Lily Hall.
  - e. Continue down the driveway until you reach Lighteach Road. Turn left and walk along the lane for half a mile until you pass "Ligteach" – a large white farmhouse.
3. 20 yards past the Lighteach farm turn right through a kissing gate into a meadow.
  - a. Continue through 2 metal footpath gates. Keep the two large pools on your right.
  - b. Having passed the pools keep walking along the right-hand field edge.
  - c. Go through another metal footpath gate into an arable field. Bear right and walk across the field aiming for a tall waymark post in the hedge.
  - d. Walk along that hedge heading towards Platt Farm.
4. As you arrive at the edge of the farm buildings please take particular care to follow the Right of Way route through the farm.

- a. As you leave the arable field, there is the end of a barn straight in front of you.
  - b. Walk along the left-hand edge of that barn.
  - c. Then walk along the right-hand edge of the round top black Dutch barn.
  - d. Bear just slightly left to walk past the farm buildings in front of you.
  - e. Walk through a metal farm gate into a small concrete stock yard.
  - f. There's a metal footpath gate at the other side of the stockyard. Walk through it and bear slightly to the right across the field. Go through a kissing gate and join the Platt Farm drive.
5. Turn left on the Platt Farm drive and walk to the end where it meets the A49
    - a. BE CAREFUL of fast-moving traffic.
    - b. Turn right and walk on the right-hand verge for 100 yards.
    - c. Cross the A49 and continue on the left-hand verge until you reach kissing gate on the left which you walk through and across the field.
    - d. Go through the kissing gate on the far side of the field and take the path that **bears right**.

*NB. An **alternative route** avoiding fields which sometime have cattle in them; Instead of taking the path to the right, take the path straight up the hill, crossing a stile and through a metal footpath gate, until you reach Moreton Street. Then turn right on the road and left after 100 yards into Primrose Lane. Re-join main route at step 8.)*

- e. As you climb the right-hand path at step e above, look to your right and on a clear day you will see the Berwyn mountains on the horizon. These near 3000 ft mountains are about 35 miles away in Wales.
6. Once at Moreton Street turn right.
    - a. Walk along Moreton Street towards the church
    - b. Just before you come to some old brick barns on the right, turn left up a track. There's an old redundant water tower on your left. Stay close to the right-hand hedge and along a narrow snicket to a footpath gate which you go through
  7. Cross 3 fields sticking to the right-hand field boundary hedge.
    - a. Please be mindful that these fields often contain fairly lively cattle, particularly if you have a dog.
    - b. Cross 2 stiles on the route across the 3 fields. There are also a couple of electric fences protected by plastic pipe. Push these down towards the ground or lift them up to get through.
    - c. At a 3<sup>rd</sup> stile you cross into a pathway alongside a house and garden on your right.
    - d. At the end of that pathway cross a further stile and turn right onto Primrose Lane.

8. At the end of Primrose Lane turn right onto a road. This is Lacon Street.
  - a. After only a few yards and with Elmhurst Nursing Home on your left turn left into Armoury Lane.
  - b. After 80 yards (and well before the lane takes a sharp left bend) take the path to the right. Climb over a stile into a little paddock.
  - c. At the far-right corner of the paddock cross a stile.
  - d. Follow the left field boundary and cross a further stile. Look to the left and enjoy fine views of Cumberbatch Wood, Hawkstone Park and Hall.
9. Cross another 2 stiles and you come to a wooden gate. Go through that and walk straight across the lawn.
  - a. Go through another wooden gate at the other side of the lawn and then over a stile and a little bridge to emerge in some well planted, landscaped gardens.
  - b. Walk across the lawned path to the far side of the garden keeping the house distant on your left.
  - c. There's a gap in the hedge. Walk through that and you immediately join the tarmac drive for a neighbouring house.
  - d. Turn right and walk to the end where you turn left onto a road (Lacon Street).
10. Walk carefully up Lacon Street mindful of traffic.
  - a. After 300 yards you will see the school directly ahead of you.
  - b. Take the track to the left as the road turns to the right in front of the school.
  - c. Once you pass the black and white Church Cottage take the grassy path to the right past the front door of Rose Cottage.
11. Walk 100 yards along a green sunken path (with a school playing field on the left and the school playground on the right) until the path turns to the right. As the path turns there is a stile in front of you.
  - a. Cross the stile and turn left.
  - b. Follow the left-hand field edge to a field gate.
  - c. Go through the field gate and strike out diagonally across the field towards the power cable pole in the middle of the field.
  - d. If it's a clear day you will enjoy fine views of the South Shropshire Hills from this vantage point. Stiperstones and the Long Mynd are dramatic features on the horizon.
  - e. Just before you reach the pole, bear left down a sunken hollow pathway to a kissing gate in the far hedge.
  - f. You'll see an old WWII Nissen hut in the old quarry on your left.
  - g. Through the kissing gate go carefully down steps to the A49.
  - h. Cross the A49 CAREFULLY and continue up steps and through a further kissing gate on the far side.
  - i. Ahead you should be able to see the distinctive dramatic profile of the Breidden Hills near Welshpool.
  - j. Follow the right-hand field edge down to another kissing gate and then on to Shrewsbury Street.

- k. Go right and then left after 30 yards down a track between a house called The Beeches and the industrial estate. Cross a stile into a field, although if the field gate is open you can just walk through.
12. Follow the right-hand field edge.
- a. Cross a small stream and through a kissing gate
  - b. Continue to follow the right-hand field edge. The path has been enclosed by a fence as it runs along the edge of the second (lower) field.
  - c. Go through a kissing gate and bear right on a track over a stream
  - d. Cross a stile next to a farm gate on that track.
  - e. You will then reach a lane. This is Brades Road.
13. Turn right along Brades Road and walk for 300 yards.
- a. You will see Prees Cricket and Recreation Club on the left.
  - b. You have reached the end of your walk.
  - c. Prees Cricket and Recreation Club is a very friendly place, with a well-stocked bar and welcomes non-members.