



Knighton Nature walk

ID: 6654, **Distance:** 2.5 miles, **Height gain:** 200 Metres, **Map:** Explorer 201, **Contributor:** John and Marje Rickerby

Duration: 1 Hours 20 Mins

Description:

The walk features wildlife habitats both in and around the border town of Knighton. Notes on what to look for are included courtesy of Radnorshire Wildlife Trust.

Access info:

Ample parking at the Offa's Dyke Centre, West Street Knighton LD7 1EN.
Train to Knighton (Heart of Wales line from Shrewsbury or Swansea)
Bus from Ludlow, Kington, Newtown.



Waymark 1



Waymark 2



Waymark 3



Waymark 4



Waymark 5



Waymark 6



Waymark 7



Waymark 8



Waymark 9



Waymark 10



Waymark 11



Waymark 12



Waymark 13



Waymark 14



1 Grid ref: SO284725 **Lat:** 52.345908993 **Long:** -3.0516987464

Start at the Offa's Dyke Centre, West Street Knighton LD7 1EN. The centre has lots of interesting information about Offa's Dyke and the National Trail, and also doubles as the Tourist Information Centre. Walk down West Street past the library to Knighton Clock Tower. There are a number of cafes and places to eat near here.



2 Grid ref: SO285723 **Lat:** 52.3446222237 **Long:** -3.0498038797

At the clock Tower turn left into Church Street and continue to the far end.



3 Grid ref: SO286724 **Lat:** 52.3455268253 **Long:** -3.0481664728

St Edward's Church is the only church in Wales dedicated to the Confessor. St Edward's churchyard contains old areas of meadow with flowers like black knapweed and ox-eye daisy. Ivy clad walls attract holly blue butterflies and a variety of hoverflies and bees. From the church turn down Church Road (to the right as seen in the pic) to the T junction at the bottom.



4 Grid ref: SO288723 **Lat:** 52.3445555108 **Long:** -3.0461764171

Turn left into Station Road and walk to where the road curves left. On the right just before the bridge is the Station Yard. Knighton Station, Heart of Wales Line: a great place for reptiles like slow worm, which can be seen as you walk back towards the centre of town (if you look carefully!) Knighton is also home to the great crested newt and adder.



5 Grid ref: SO290724 **Lat:** 52.3454024184 **Long:** -3.0429227834

Continue over the bridge (into Shropshire) and turn left in front of the bus garage into Kinsley Road. In about 150m look for the finger post and stile, opposite "Gillow")



6 Grid ref: SO289725 **Lat:** 52.34628 **Long:** -3.04478

Climb the steps and over the stile. The path leads left then after a few yards doubles back to the right. The path leads back parallel to the road then bearing left and uphill, and climbs steadily for about 300m. The surface is uneven and slippery. As the path begins to level out look for a fork in the path.



7 Grid ref: SO291725 **Lat:** 52.3463547145 **Long:** -3.0409633633

Take the left fork and continue to join the track: turn left.



8 Grid ref: SO292726 **Lat:** 52.3472294581 **Long:** -3.0406609442

Continue along the track for about 200m to the picnic area. Kinsley Wood: foxgloves and mullein abound in forest clearings. Look out for adder basking in sunny glades.



9 Grid ref: SO288729 **Lat:** 52.349585093 **Long:** -3.0457373007

Brilliant views over Knighton from the picnic area. Continue along the track for another 100m then look for a path to the left.



10 Grid ref: SO287729 **Lat:** 52.3498704134 **Long:** -3.0480343413

Take the path to the left by a small oak tree and walk downhill for 200m with a larch plantation to the right, following the path into an oak wood. The path curves right then left and leads down to a stile.



11 Grid ref: SO283731 **Lat:** 52.3516516339 **Long:** -3.0529656028

Cross the stile and continue for 50m to a fingerpost. Here you join the Offa's Dyke Path, which leads back to the Offa's Dyke Centre.



12 Grid ref: SO283731 **Lat:** 52.3518362067 **Long:** -3.0534398176

Turn left at the post and follow the Path downhill. The path is not very clear as it crosses 2 earth banks (NOT considered to be the original dyke here) and leads to a gate onto the lane.



13 Grid ref: SO282729 **Lat:** 52.3502939974 **Long:** -3.0549887545

Cross Kinsley Road and go through gate and down track towards the river Teme, heading towards the railway bridge. Cross the railway and then take the footbridge across the river, turning left onto the path along the other side. River Teme: You can see dipper and sand martin in the summer. The river is home to wild brown trout and little bullhead fish. The clean waters of the upper Teme also support freshwater pearl-mussel (very rare) and native white clawed crayfish.



14 Grid ref: SO282727 **Lat:** 52.3480719779 **Long:** -3.0551413712

You pass through three kissing gates along the river bank then pass the "Welcome to Wales" sign. Turn right just past the sign to take the path back to the Offa's Dyke Centre.