

## About Bodenham

St. Michael's Church has sections dating back to the 13<sup>th</sup> Century. The majority of the existing church dates from the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> centuries or its restoration in 1889. Looking at the tower it is interesting to try and see where the money ran out during its original construction and then again during the 1889 renovation!

The area around the church is called Pea Green. In 1809 the Arkwright family, wealthy textile merchants, bought nearby Hampton Court Estate which included all bar two cottages in Bodenham. The Estate cottages that make up Pea Green were home to craftsmen working on the estate for the Arkwrights.

Looking across the river you can see Bodenham Lake, formerly farmland, then used for gravel extraction and now a Herefordshire Council owned Nature Reserve. The site is partly open to the public and can be accessed along a path from the Church. The lake is home to 100+ species of bird during the year. A bird hide is open to the public on the north bank. The neighbouring orchard is being restored using locally distinctive fruit varieties.

To the south of The Vern is the possible site of a Roman fort. This sits on a slight plateau area within the valley below Dinmore Hill Iron Age fort. It was probably constructed to control movement through the valley and possibly also to keep an eye on the hill fort.

At Little Berrington there are a series of interconnected ponds created to attract wild fowl to the area and create a permanent wetland habitat. They are fed by an ancient spring that is also utilised by the nearby Berrington Pure Water Company.

Devereux Court is the large black and white timber framed building in Bodenham village. This was the original 15<sup>th</sup> Century Manor House of Bodenham and home to the Devereux family.

## Parking

Parking is available at Bodenham Lake Nature Reserve and in the centre of the village at the start of the walk.

## Refreshments

There are a number of local inns, shops and garages in and around Bodenham.

## Walk Information

This leaflet has been designed to tell you all you need to know about the route **before** you set out.

Stiles	9
Gates	4 (1 kissing gate)
Steps	1 large flight between 2 & 4
Narrow Bridges	2, 1 between 2 & 3 1 between 2 & 4
Slopes	1 steep between 2 & 4, 1 between 2 & 3



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Always follow the Country Code. Enjoy your walk!

## Walk them all...

There are 15 circular walks in the county ranging in distance from 2 to 10 miles and four are 'Miles without Stiles' routes.

For more information on the other routes or to download the leaflets visit: [www.herefordshire.gov.uk/circularwalks](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/circularwalks)

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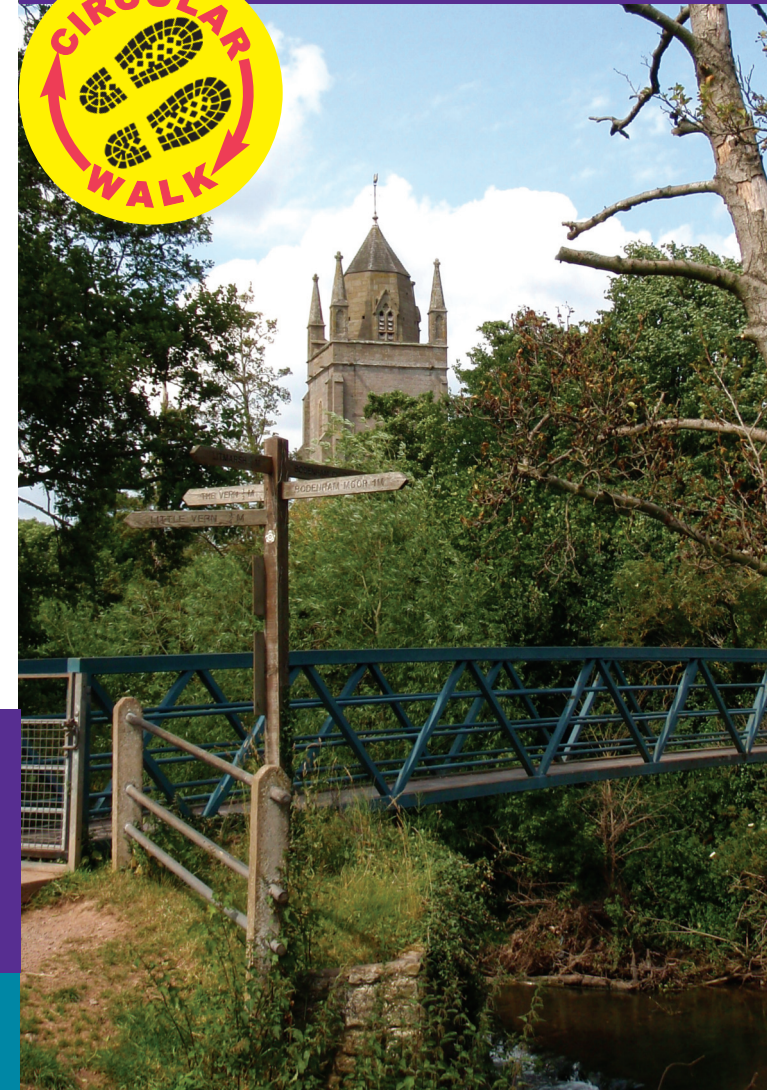
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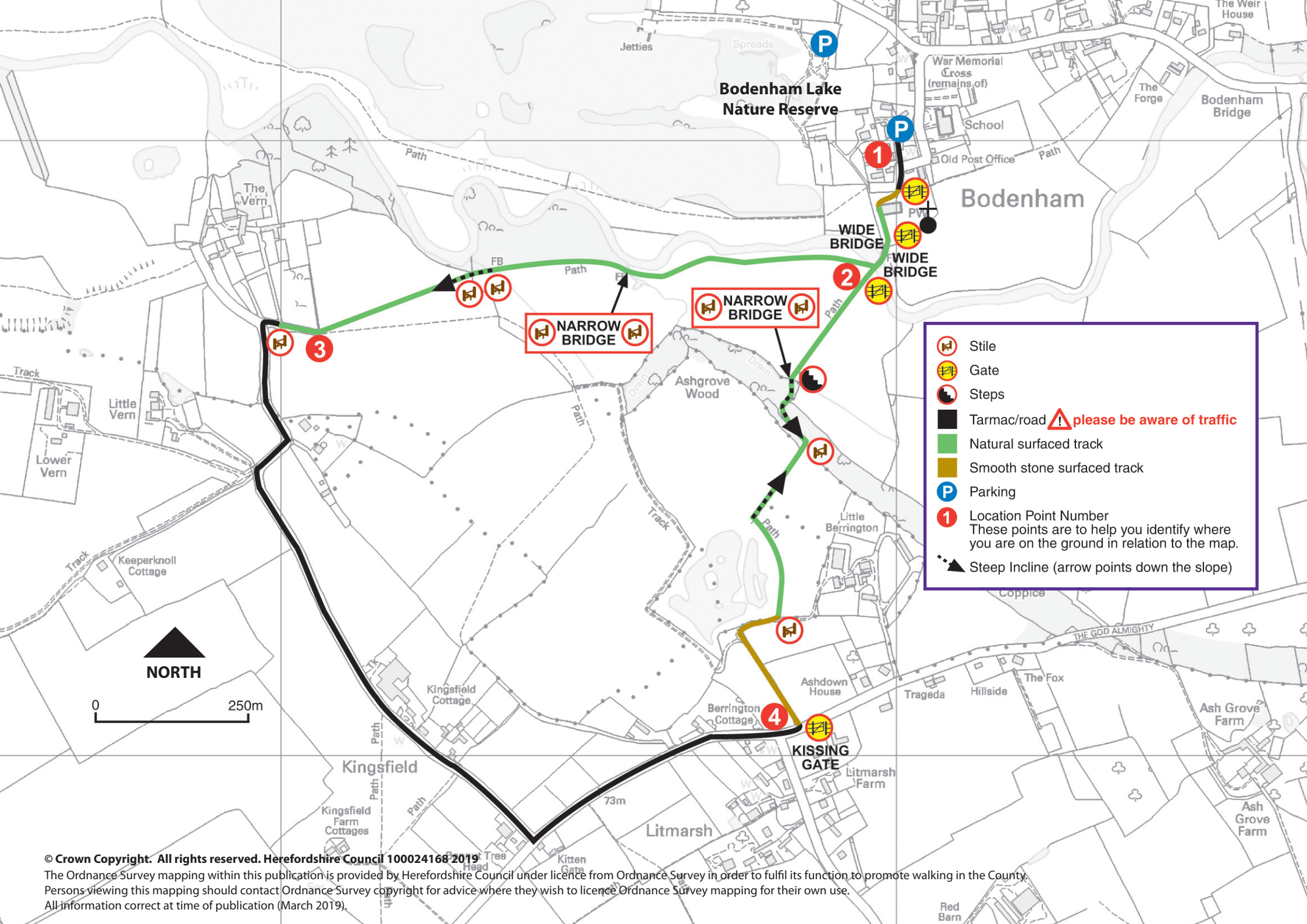
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# The Bodenham Circular Walk

DISTANCE: 2.5 miles

















**Bodenham Lake Nature Reserve**

**Bodenham**

**Kingsfield**

**Litmarsh**

-  Stile
-  Gate
-  Steps
-  Tarmac/road  please be aware of traffic
-  Natural surfaced track
-  Smooth stone surfaced track
-  Parking
-  Location Point Number  
These points are to help you identify where you are on the ground in relation to the map.
-  Steep Incline (arrow points down the slope)



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