

A Walk through Ludlow's Green Spaces

Find the quietest places in our busy market town.

Take time to explore and enjoy woodland and wildlife, gardens, churchyards, flower beds and river banks.

From Ludlow's Castle Square around the medieval Castle walls, along wooded paths down to the river Teme, over bridges, and through the town, visit peaceful green spaces tucked away on this leisurely walk.

The full walk takes about 1.5 hours but there are plenty of places to stop on the way. You can do the whole of the walk or do it in sections. You choose.

If you would like longer walks these are indicated on the map overleaf.



1 Market Square & the Castle

From Castle Square, walk down the car park to find the Sensory Garden with lovely views of the Shropshire Hills. Back in the Square, enjoy the varied stalls as you walk towards the Castle.

Turn left through the Castle gardens, beside the wall, under the archway, passing under a large sycamore tree and around to the back of the Castle. Turn left on to the path. You are now high above the Teme river, in woodland. Listen for birdsong as you zigzag down towards the sounds of the river and onto the Linney.

2 Dinham Bridge & Millennium Green

Turning left you'll see the Millennium Green leading to the River Teme, the mill wheel and weir – a great place for ducks, swans, and a visiting heron. Spanning the river are the stone arches of Dinham Bridge.

3 The Breadwalk & Whitcliffe

Cross over Dinham Bridge and turn left to the Bread Walk, by the river and below Whitcliffe Common. There is abundant insect and bird life here. You may see a wagtail, kingfisher or a red kite overhead - or if you're very lucky an otter or salmon. Past the salmon ladder, there are rough stone steps – at the top the path continues round over common land, then down more steps to cottages and the road.

4 Ludford Bridge

Turn left past the Charlton Arms to Ludford Bridge. There are excellent look out points on the bridge here (safe from traffic) to scan the river and weir for swans, ducks, grey wagtails, dippers and kingfishers. In the summer look for swifts screaming overhead and swallows hunting over the water. Cross the bridge and straight ahead is Lower Broad Street.

5 Lower Broad Street Gardens

Walk up the left hand side of Lower Broad Street and take in the host of colourful plants grown in pots in front of the houses. At the top, turn right in front of The Broad Gate and the Wheatsheaf Inn, a short way along on your left you will find St John's Gardens with benches and flower beds bordered by a stretch of the old town walls.

Retrace your steps to The Broad Gate, pass through the gate and up Broad Street. Head straight on towards St Laurence's Church – you can see the church tower above the Buttercross.



6 St Laurence's Church

Behind the Buttercross is a narrow lane to the main entrance to the Church. Take the path to the right where you will find the Jubilee Garden – a peaceful place to rest. You may see peregrines and swifts around the church tower. Leaving the garden walk past the ancient Reader's House and turn right through a narrow arch into the yard of the Bull Hotel and onto Corve Street. Turn left down the street until you reach the entrance to St Leonard's Churchyard.

7 St Leonard's Churchyard

An oasis of peace and wild beauty with carpets of snowdrops in the spring, butterflies and birdsong with places to sit and enjoy the tranquility before following the path leading to the rear gateway on to the Linney.

8 The Linney

Turn left along the Linney and follow the road as it turns sharply first to the left and then to the right when you will see the Castle walls high above you and far-reaching views to your right, with the Teme in the distance.

... and back to Castle Square

To find your way back to Castle Square, shortly after the sharp right hand bend, on the left by the town walls, there is a path with a hand rail which takes you back through trees, winding up to the left and on to the Castle gates ... or continue on to the Millennium Green and find other paths back to the top.



Longer Walks

- A Priors Halton
- B Whitcliffe
- C Ludford
- D Gallows Bank
- E Boiling Well Meadow

(Do watch out for some steep steps and uneven surfaces)



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Key (see overleaf for walk descriptions):

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