

THE BLACK AND WHITE VILLAGE TRAIL

O/S Landranger sheets 148 & 149

Short Route. This 27 mile ride passes through four villages and an airfield but only one short serious hill. There is a pleasant short cut reducing the distance to 15 miles. Good for families.

Medium Route. More villages and a visit to Kington on this 48 mile ride. Some hills particularly a good slog for 2 miles between Eardisley and Kington then a shorter one to Lyonshall.

Long Route. Great run down to Hay-on-Wye and then back over the Wye and over the top through Kilvert country to Kington. About 59 miles. Plenty of hills but well worth the effort.

KINGSLAND. An ancient village but still very active with school, garage, village stores and tea room and medical practice. There are two pubs and a cafe and all is ranged along the long main street with several fine properties. There is a 14th C church and a castle mound with moat reputedly built by King Merewald of Mercia.

EARDISLAND. One of the prettiest villages in Herefordshire set along the River Arrow. Children will enjoy feeding the ducks by the bridge. The 18th Century dovecote has been restored and nearby is the 14th Century yeomans dwelling, the Staick House. There are two pubs and down the lane by the church there are tea rooms with craft shop.

DILWYN. An attractive village with a green at its centre. There is a fine church, St. Mary's, which boasts the longest church key in the country at 43cm. The Crown Inn and the nearby Old Forge Studio and Café will supply your inner needs.

WEOBLEY. Called 'The Jewel of Herefordshire' with its multitude of timbered houses and a fine church with a tall spire which dominates the landscape. A thriving village with two schools, several shops, three inns and two restaurants. latter will

DUNKERTONS CIDER CO. One of the county's smaller cider makers. Call in and see how organic traditional Herefordshire cider is made and taste it - of course. There is a good restaurant on the premises.

PEMBRIDGE. Another village stuffed with timber framed buildings. The New Inn was new in the 14thC and stands next to the Market Hall. Nearby is the Red Lion Inn and down the road a 16thC.Visitor Centre with a café. Steps lead off the market square leading to the church of St Mary with its remarkable detached belfry - not to be missed. On the route leading out of the village, just over the river and left, there is a picnic area where the kids can paddle safely in the River Arrow.

SHOBDON AIRFIELD. This ex-WW2 airfield is now home to the Herefordshire Aero Club. There are light aircraft, microlights, gliders and helicopters to be 'spotted' and there is a grassy viewing area with picnic tables. In the Nissen hut by the control tower there is a café and bar where visitors are welcome

EARDISLEY. Picturesque ancient cottages flank the main Kington to Hereford road. The castle has long gone but the 12th Century church with a fine Norman font is worth a visit. In 1974 a record breaking peal of 15,000 Doubles lasting 7 hours 22 minutes was rung on the church bells. The Tram Inn is named after the horse drawn tramway that ran from Brecon to Kington until 1856.

KINGTON. One of the five market towns of Herefordshire Kington is largely unspoiled by modern intrusions. The Lady Hawkins Grammar School was founded by the wife of John Hawkins the Elizabethan sailor in 1632. Take a little time to wander down the main street and look in the shops. The toilets, museum with café, Burton Hotel, Tourist Information Centre are all in close proximity to the market hall. On nearby Bradnor Hill is the highest golf course in the country.

HAY ON WYE. Just over the Welsh border and sitting comfortably by the River Wye with the Black mountains as a backdrop Hay is an important market town. It is now best known as an international book centre attracting visitors from all over the world. There are several cafes and hostelrys to choose from.

THE BLACK AND WHITE VILLAGE TRAIL – Friday 26th August

O/S Landranger Sheets 148 & 149 (Short Route 149 only)

Route	Distance	Ref	Instructions	Map Ref
SML	0.0 0.0	1	L at camp site exit	439644 (149)
SML	1.4 1.4	2	R at X, SP KINGSLAND , Hereford	454631
SML	2.5 1.1	3	L at X by Corners Inn, SP Cobnash , Leominster	444615
SML	3.7 1.2	4	R at sharp left bend, SP Industrial Estate , then immediate L, SP ‘Ornamental Tree Nursery’	450604
SML	4.3 0.6	5	R at T on to main road	445595
SML	4.7 0.4	6	SO at X,	439592
SML	5.9 1.2	7	SO through EARDISLAND	

For a morning coffee stop L after bridge to Tea Rooms by church.

SHORT CUT to Pembridge. Over bridge, immediate R by dovecote, then SO for approx. 2 miles, L at T then 0.6 miles to Pembridge and Ref 30 at New Inn. (Good route for little legs!)

SML	7.0 1.1	8	SO at staggered X, SP Lower Hardwick	414577
SML	7.5 0.4	9	L, SP Lower Hardwick	406572
SML	7.8 0.3	10	L at Lower Hardwick entrance	405568
SML	8.3 0.5	11	R, No SP	413565
SML	8.7 0.4	12	R at T, No SP	416560
SML	9.0 0.3	13	L at X, (Where Bidney is SP'd R)	412559
SML	9.5 0.5	14	SO at X over main road, SP DILWYN	415550

Refreshment here at the Crown Inn or just round the corner The Old Forge Studio & Tea Room (closed Tuesday).

SML	10.2 0.7	15	L in Dilwyn, SP Stretford , Kings Pyon then R, SP Weobley Marsh , Ledgemoor	417545
SML	11.6 1.4	16	R at T, SP Weobley	418527
SML	12.1 0.5	17	L after white railings, SP Weobley Marsh , Ledgemoor	414522
SML	12.9 0.8	18	R by Bridge House , SP Weobley	416509
SML	13.8 0.9	19	R at T after school, SP Weobley , Kington	404513
SML	14.1 0.3	20	L at bottom of hill into village	403517
SML	14.2 0.1	21	SO into WEOBLEY past Unicorn Inn then SO through top of village to T opposite ‘The Old Forge’.	403516

Refreshments available at The Gables Guest House, Joules Restaurant, The Old Forge and the nearby Salutation Inn, or Red Lion. Public toilets are R at the T.

MEDIUM AND LONG ROUTES GO TO REF 37.

S	14.4 0.2	22	R at T along B4230 . SP Toilets on R .	402515
S	15.2 0.8	23	L at T with A4112 , SP Kington , Hay	392523
S	15.5 0.3	24	R, SP Broxwood , Pembridge	387521
S	15.6 0.1	25	R up steep hill, SP The Riddox , Brockaly	386522
S	17.6 2.0	26	R at T, No SP - (In 0.3 mile pass Tibhall)	382550
S	18.4 0.8	27	L at T in Luntley, pass Dovecote, over stream, BR	393558
S	18.9 0.5	28	DUNKERTONS CIDER on right - Restaurant adjacent	395565
S	19.4 0.5	29	SO at X, SP PEMBRIDGE	393571
S	20.2 0.8	30	R at ‘New Inn’!! and immediate L, SP Shobdon	390581

Just over the river and L there is a good place to stop and let the kids have a paddle.

S 21.2 1.0 **31 R, SP Kingspan South Entrance** 389598

Follow the road past ‘**Kingspan**’ and ‘**Hanson**’ then ‘**Woods Cement Products**’. Follow the newly surfaced road round and beyond the end of runway to reach airfield buildings. **Refreshments and bar** available in Nissen hut by Control Tower and there is a good picnic area nearby. Leave airfield by turning **R** up hill by windsock.

S 23.5 2.3 **32 R at T and R at next T into Shobdon** 397618

S 24.2 0.7 **33 R past ‘Bateman Arms’, SP Ledicot** 414622

S 25.8 1.6 **34 L SP Mortimers Cross** 429618

S 26.8 1.0 **35 L at main road then R on B4362, SP Ludlow etc.** 425635

S 27.8 1.0 **36 R into Lucton School.** 438646

ML 14.4 0.2 **37 L at T onto B4230, SP Hereford** 402515

ML 17.0 2.6 **38 R at T onto A480, SP Norton Canon, Lyonshall** 386480

ML 17.2 0.2 **39 L, SP Norton Wood, Hurstley** 382481

LONG ROUTE GO TO REF 58. MEDIUM ROUTE GO TO REF 40

M 17.8 0.6 **40 SO, SP Norton Wood, Kinnersley** 379475

M 21.0 3.2 **41 L at T on A4112, SP Eardisley, Winforton, Brecon** 344496

M 21.2 0.2 **42 R, SP Almeley** 342494

M 22.9 1.7 **43 L by church in Almeley, SP Kington, Eardisley** 333516

*** (For SHORT CUT, SO here, 2.0 miles to T with A480, L then next turn R is at Ref 53)**

M 23.2 0.3 **44 L, SP Eardisley** 328517

M 25.0 1.8 **45 R at T in EARDISLEY onto A4111, No SP** 310496

Refreshments at The New Strand or Gilly’s

M **27.5 2.5 !!! (SHORT CUT, R, SP Spond, Lyonshall to Ref 51, 52)** 302507

M 28.4 0.9 **46 L, SP Kingswood, Small Breeds Farm** 296539

M 30.0 1.6 **47 L at T at bottom of hill into KINGTON. Follow main street L to Town Hall, TIC, Museum, Toilets etc.** 298567

The Burton Hotel will serve teas, there is a café at the museum and there is another café nearby.

LONG ROUTE REJOINS MEDIUM ROUTE AT REF 48

ML ----- **48 Retrace route down High Street, R down Bridge Street**

ML 31.1 1.1 **49 SO at RBT on A44, SP Lyonshall, Pembridge** 304564

ML 32.2 1.1 **50 R at top of hill just past Penrhos Farm. No SP** 320562

ML 33.5 1.3 **51 L at T, No SP** 320545

ML 34.7 1.2 **52 R at T in Lyonshall, No SP** 337555

ML 35.3 0.6 **53 Uphill and L at X by Bus shelter, No SP** 341548
Pass little corrugated iron church on L by Moor Court.

ML 37.2 1.9 **54 R at T, No SP** 365564

ML 38.5 1.3 **55 L at T, SP Bearwood, Pembridge** 372558

ML 40.2 1.7 **56 L at X, SP Pembridge (R at T then 0.5 mile if you wish to visit DUNKERTONS CIDER)** 393571

ML 41.0 0.8 **57 PEMBRIDGE. Here you rejoin the Short Route at Ref 30 with 7.6 miles to go (Total 48.6)** 390581

L 17.7 0.5 **58 L, SP Staunton on Wye** 379475

L	19.7	2.0	59	R, SP Staunton on Wye	381452
L	20.2	0.75	60	SO at X across main road, No SP	358451
L	21.1	0.9	61	R at 'No through road'	345444
L	21.5	0.4	62	L at X , No SP	342448
L	22.2	0.7	63	R at X at 'Red Lion' on B4352, SP Hay-on-Wye	332445
L	29.9	7.7	64	Enter <u>HAY-ON-WYE</u>. Toilets etc on L. R at T, SP Hereford then BL, SP Hereford, Leominster (A438)	228423
L	30.1	0.2	65	SO continue down B4359, SP Toll Bridge, thro' Clifford	229425
L	33.8	3.7	66	Over Toll Bridge. TL at main road, SP Brecon Take Care - Fast Narrow Main Road.	258475
L	34.5	0.7	67	R, SP Brilley Caution! low gears: 2 mile climb up Brilley Mountain	250476
L	36.3	1.8	68	BL at bend and pass Brilley Old School	263497
L	36.7	0.4	69	SO, SP Kington	260505
L	37.5	0.8	70	SO, SP Kington, Hergest (R for Cwmmau)	267514
L	41.4	3.9	71	R at T, SP <u>KINGTON</u> Town Centre	291567
L	41.7	0.3	72	R at bottom of hill for Toilets, Museum, Café etc.	

LONG ROUTE GO BACK TO REF 48 Approximately 18 miles to go making a total of 59 miles.