

# A HOP AROUND HEREFORDSHIRE

## O/S Landranger Sheet 149

**Short Route.** Fairly easy route of 25 miles through and south of Leominster with a 2 mile section along A417 which is reasonably wide, straight and well surfaced. There is one moderate climb of about mile from Saffrons Cross.

**Medium Route.** Good generally easy 48 mile run to Hereford and back through pleasant countryside. One very short sharp hill on the outward run and a steep climb for about 3/4 mile over Wormsley Hill on the return. There is a short cut avoiding this but you'll miss some lovely views if you take it.

**Long Route.** The longest route of the week at 70+ miles but a wonderful run down to Hereford, Much Dewchurch, Kilpeck and the Golden Valley. Herefordshire at its best. Moderately hilly with the option of short cuts of 11 miles.

**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.

**LEOMINSTER.** Pronounced Lemster! An ancient market town with a turbulent past which formerly prospered on the wool trade. Now it is the second largest town in the county - population 10,000 - with a growing antique trade. There are many fine streets and buildings but don't miss the impressive Priory Church with the famous ducking stool, magnificent Grange Court and, if you have time, the museum on Etnam Street.

**HAMPTON COURT.** This is the finest mansion in the county and was founded in 1430 from ransom money extracted from French nobles captured at Agincourt. It was extensively restored in the eighteenth century. The gardens, neglected for decades, have been restored and are well worth a visit. There is a restaurant in the Orangery serving lunches and refreshments. There is a reduced charge for Tandem Club members.

**BROADFIELD VINEYARD.** A historic English house with a fine garden and a working vineyard which produces excellent wines which, of course, may be tasted. Light refreshments are available. Should visitors wish to purchase wine it can be delivered to Lucton.

**HEREFORD.** One of our smaller and more intimate cathedral cities standing at one of the major crossing points on the River Wye. The names of many famous people are associated with the town. Owen Tudor was executed in High Town after the battle of Mortimers Cross and the town is the birthplace of Nell Gwynne and also David Garrick. Have a look at the cathedral which was commenced in 1107. Adjacent is the exhibition building housing the Mappa Mundi and the Chained Library, both unique treasures. The top of Broad Street leads to the open centre known as High Town with the magnificent Old House, all that remains of 'Butchers Row' which stood here in 1612. Hereford is the home of Bulmers, the world famed cider producers founded here in the 19th Century. The Cider Museum, with excellent tea rooms, is on your route home. There is a reduced admission charge for TC members.

**KILPECK.** Riders on the Long Route must spare a moment to have a look at this splendid little Romanesque church of the 12th Century with its wonderful carvings. There is a café and a pub nearby.

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## Long Route only. O/S Landranger Sheet 149

(Refs. 92,93,94 are just off Sheet 149)

Route	Distance	Ref	Instructions	Map Ref
SML	00.0 0.0	1	L at camp site exit	439644
SML	1.4 1.4	2	R at X, SP <u>KINGSLAND</u> , Hereford	454631
SML	2.0 0.6	3	Next L before mirror and bridge, unsigned	449622
SML	3.0 1.0	4	R at T SP <u>Eyton</u> and <u>Luston</u>	464620
SML	5.2 2.2	5	R at T SP <u>LEOMINSTER</u>	492604
SML	5.7 0.5	6	R at RBT by Hop Pole Inn SP XXX	495596
SML	6.0 0.3	7	L into one way system SP XXX then L at T to follow one way street to Broad Street.	494592
SML	6.2 0.2	8	SO Broad street into Church Street, by XXX	497591
SML	6.3 0.1	9	R into <u>Pinsley Rd (to the Grange)</u>	498592

Follow this road to an open area called ‘The Grange’ where you will find **Grange Court** and the **Priory Church**. There is a **café** around to the right of the green and a **Children’s playground** on your left. Continue L and follow the road past the playground and around several wiggles.

SML	6.6 0.3	10	L at T by the White Lion pub	501590
SML	7.0 0.4	11	L onto <b>cycle path</b> . Go over railway line and A49. Continue to end of cycle path.	502585
SML	7.2 0.2	12	L onto A44. Can be busy	507585
SML	7.4 0.2	13	R after River Lugg, SP <u>Stoke Prior</u> .XXX	508586
SML	8.9 1.5	14	L at T after pub. SP XXX	522565
SML	9.6 0.7	15	R at T SP <u>XXXXX</u> for Broadfield Vineyard	532560
SML	11.9 2.3	16	Entrance to <u>‘BROADFIELD VINEYARD’</u> Free garden and expensive but good cafe. You can buy the wine – it’s not cheap but they will deliver it to Lucton School. Note speed hump at bottom of hill.540531	

**Medium/Long ROUTE** - Either **detour L to BROADFIELD VINEYARD** or continue straight on.

ML	12.8 0.9	32	R then L across A417 at X by <b>Murco Garage</b> , SP <u>Bodenham Church</u> . To visit <u>Hampton Court</u> continue to R on A417 for 1.5 miles.	540517
ML	13.2 0.3	33	R at T, after 30mph sign	538512
ML	13.3 0.1	34	First L after small bridge, into derestricted road.	536512
ML	13.8 0.5	35	R at T by electricity sub-station. Up steep hill...	537503

then up ‘**God Almighty Hill**’ 538503

ML	16.2 2.4	36	SO past <b>Marden</b> sign and through <b>Walkers Green</b>	521479
ML	16.4 0.2	37	R at T, SP <u>Sutton</u> , <u>Hereford</u> into ‘Paradise Green’	520474
ML	17.8 1.4	38	Enter <u>Sutton St Nicholas</u>	528458
ML	18.3 0.5	39	R at <b>Golden Cross bar and restaurant</b>	533456
ML	20.0 1.7	40	R at minor X, SP <u>Shelwick</u> , <u>Munstone</u>	526430

and immediately under railway bridge.

ML	20.8	0.8	41	L at X by salt grit box and bus stop, SP <b>HEREFORD</b>	515427
ML	21.2	0.4	42	SO at X down <b>College Road</b>	515420
ML	21.6	0.4	43	L at <b>Traffic Lights</b> along <b>Venns Lane</b>	516414
ML	22.2	0.6	44	R and immediate L at mini RBTs along <b>Folly Lane</b>	521407
ML	22.6	0.4	45	R at TL down <b>Ledbury Road</b> onto A438	526403
ML	23.0	0.4	46	SO at RBT	523399
ML	23.2	0.2	47	Under Railway Bridge and when road swings R, ride SO down <b>St James Road</b> SP 7.5 ton limit	517396
ML	23.5	0.3	48	L at T, then immediate R along <b>Nelson Street</b>	514394
ML	23.7	0.2	49	At end, bear left to river and push over <b>Victoria Bridge</b>	513394
ML	23.8	0.1	50	Long route L along river bank – the medium route goes R	

For **Hereford centre**, follow the medium route R along river bank towards **Wye Bridge** (there are toilets behind tennis courts on L just before **Wye Bridge**). Cross **Wye Bridge** then immediately R through arch and up lane to **Cathedral** and **Mappa Mundi Exhibition**. Or from **Victoria Bridge** go SO for **swimming Pool, Childrens Playground**

Return to **Victoria Bridge** and continue south along cycle path.

L	24.1	0.3	77	SO to cycle path end. L along <b>Hinton Rd.</b>	514388
L	24.5	0.4	78	SO at mini-RBT	514386
L	24.6	0.1	79	SO at staggered X along <b>Winston Road.</b>	513384
L	24.8	0.2	80	L at T along <b>Hoarwithy Road</b>	513381
L	25.9	1.1	81	R, SP <b>Ridge Hill, Twyford</b>	515365
L	26.2	0.3	82	BL at telephone box	512360
L	27.9	1.7	83	R at T, SP <b>Callow</b>	504336
L	28.3	0.4	84	L at T on to <b>A49</b>	497334
L	29.0	0.7	85	R, SP <b>Monmouth A466. THEN TURN IMMEDIATELY RIGHT, no SP</b>	
				(Looks like layby parallel with main road)	496323
L	30.6	1.6	86	R at T in <b>Much Dewchurch</b> by Black Swan	482312
L	31.2	0.4	87	L just after power lines SP <b>Kilpeck Church</b>	475315

Or SO for Short Cut. Follow **B4348** for 5 miles crossing **A465** to rejoin route at Ref 100. This will shorten route by 8 miles.

L	33.0	1.8	88	SO at X, SP <b>KILPECK CHURCH.</b> Visit Church.	447306
L	33.3	0.3	89	R at <b>Red Lion Inn</b>	446304
L	33.4	0.1	90	BR, SP <b>Orcop, Garway Hill</b>	446302
L	34.5	1.1	91	SO at top of hill, SP <b>Orcop</b>	433293
L	35.5	1.0	92	R at T SP <b>Pontrilas</b>	429277
L	37.6	2.1	93	R at T then immediate L at T, SP <b>Abergavenny, Hereford, A465</b>	396275
L	--	--	94	SO at staggered X across <b>A465,</b> SP Hay on Wye, <b>Ewyas Harold, B4347</b>	395275

Turn left in **Ewyas Harold** after bridge for **The Temple Bar** and the adjacent **Dog Inn** both good refreshment stops. Also **Abbeydore Court Garden** after Ref 96

L	--	--	95	Return to <b>B4347</b>	388285
L	40.3	2.7	96	R at bend in <b>Abbey Dore, SP Wormbridge</b>	385306
L	41.0	0.8	97	SO, SP <b>Cockyard, Kingstone</b>	394313
L	41.3	0.3	98	SO, SP <b>Kingstone</b>	397316
L	42.6	1.3	99	L at T, SP <b>Kingstone</b>	412330
L	44.5	1.9	100	L at X by <b>Bull Ring Inn</b>	423356
L	45.2	0.7	101	R after <b>B4349</b> junction, SP <b>Madley, Brampton.</b>	413361

L	46.1	0.9	<b>102</b>	<b>R at T, SP Madley</b>	406372
L	47.4	1.3	<b>103</b>	<b>L at X by Madley Church, SP Hay B4352</b>	420388
L	47.6	0.2	<b>104</b>	<b>R, SP Bridge Sollers, Lulham</b>	418389
L	50.2	2.6	<b>105</b>	<b>Over R.Wye at Bridge Sollers</b>	412425
L	50.4	0.2	<b>106</b>	<b>SO at X, SP Bishopstone, Mansell Lacy</b>	414426
L	50.7	0.3	<b>107</b>	<b>R at X, SP Bishopstone, Kenchester</b> Signpost may be obscured	413432
L	52.3	1.6	<b>108</b>	<b>BR at Lady Southampton's Chapel</b>	438428
L	52.5	0.2	<b>109</b>	<b>L, SP Credenhill and ride through village</b>	440426
L	53.5	1.0	<b>110</b>	<b>R at T with A480 then L, SP Tillington</b>	452438
L	54.8	1.3	<b>111</b>	<b>L at Bell Inn, SP Weobley</b>	464454

**Rejoin Medium Route at this point. For easier ride go SO for 1.4 miles, L along A4110 for 3.5 miles to Bush Inn at Ref 67. This will shorten route by 3 miles.**

M	57.7	2.9	<b>62</b>	<b>Over Wormsley Hill. Café and bar at Golf Club.</b>	434478
M	58.8	1.1	<b>63</b>	<b>R at bottom of hill, SP Kings Pyon</b>	420492
M	60.3	1.5	<b>64</b>	<b>L at X, SP Weobley, Kings Pyon</b>	438503
M	60.6	0.3	<b>65</b>	<b>Pass Church and R, SP Bush Bank, U'hill</b>	437507
M	61.4	0.8	<b>66</b>	<b>R at T, SP Bush Bank, Upperhill</b>	447516
M	61.7	0.3	<b>67</b>	<b>L at T on to main road at Bush Inn then immediate R, SP Upperhill</b>	451515
M	63.5	1.9	<b>68</b>	<b>Sheppards Store on R</b>	473535
M	66.0	2.5	<b>69</b>	<b>SO in Ivington past church and school</b>	474566
M	68.1	2.1	<b>70</b>	<b>L at RBT, across TLs, follow main road</b>	494590
M	68.5	0.4	<b>71</b>	<b>L at mini-RBT, SP Richards Castle</b>	495596
M	69.1	0.6	<b>72</b>	<b>L, SP Eyton, Lucton</b>	492604
M	70.4	1.3	<b>73</b>	<b>L, SP Kingsland, Lucton, Aston</b>	474613
M	72.2	1.8	<b>74</b>	<b>SO at X, SP Lucton, Mortimers Cross</b>	454631
M	73.2	1.0	<b>75</b>	<b>BR at bend with junction</b>	443640
M	73.6	0.4	<b>76</b>	<b>It's no mirage. You're home and dry!</b>	439644

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