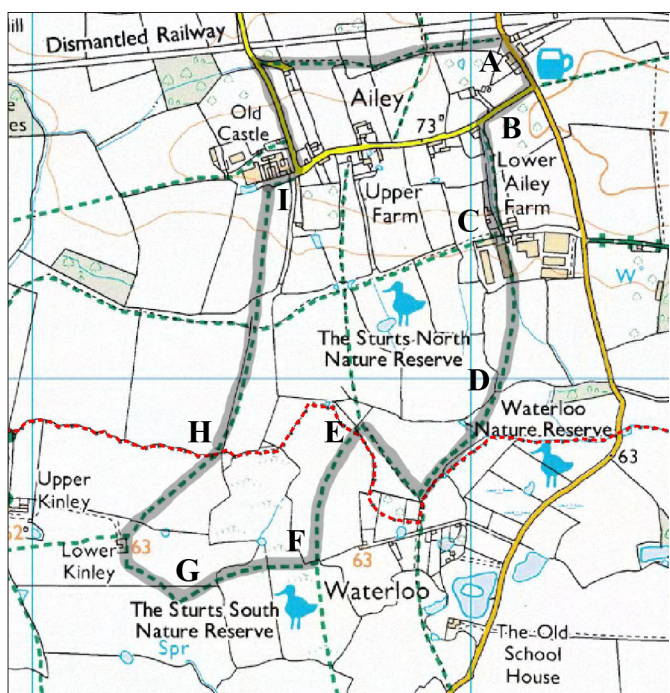




This walk starts at the Kinnersley Arms.

A) Turn right out of the pub car park and walk down the lane towards Letton. Take the first road right towards Ailey.

B) Turn down the gravelled approach to the first house you come to on the left, reached after 250 metres along the road, the footpath continuing through the garden of the cottage and then follows a sunken footpath (which can be very wet as it follows a water course), going through a small gate at the end and then climbing up a steep bank. Continue ahead, keeping the hedgerow on your left to leave through a field gate and then keeping to the left of Myrtle Cottage.

C) Enter the farmyard and continue straight ahead to a small gate to the immediate right of a barn (possibly needing to pass through a gate across the tarmacked lane en route) and which is reached by going down three steps. Keep straight ahead, walking alongside a poultry shed to its far end, passing through a kissing gate and then through a field gate ahead of you. Turn right and then left round an array of solar panels and head across the field to a kissing gate set in a fence and so enter the next field. The footpath crosses this field to the far right-hand corner where there is a wide gateway into the next field.

D) The path crosses an arm of this next field on much the same line that you've been walking to reach a wide bridge into the field beyond. You now follow the field boundary on your left till you reach a footbridge in the next corner. Standing with your back to the bridge, your route leads straight ahead of you across the field to its far side where you will find, slightly to the right of one of the field's corners, a stile. (The path should cross a stile to your left, but that is blocked off at present and is an issue the parish council is pursuing, hence this alternative route at this point.)

E) Cross this and follow the field boundary on your left to a field gate reached after about 100 metres. Go through this and head across the field to its furthest corner, initially aiming to pass between two trees that stand in the middle of the field. In the corner of the field you will find a gateway next to a large oak. Go through this and you will find a wooden bench seat and a three-way finger post on your left.

F) Turn right and initially follow the field boundary on your right for about 10 metres and then carry on across the field to pass through a gateway into the next field. Keep on across the next field, passing to the right of a pond and aiming to the right of a single poplar where, near the corner of the field, you will find a bridge followed by two stiles. Having crossed these, turn right and follow the hedgerow till you come to a double metal gate.

G) Go through this gate and head just to the left of the white-painted Lower Kinley that stands beyond the left side of the field. When you reach the fence in front of the house, turn right and follow it, to walk down to a gate at the bottom. Go through this and a cattle-handling area and then cross the stile in the hedge on the right. Across the stile, aim for the far right-hand corner of the field where you cross a stile followed by a bridge.

H) Once over the bridge, the path crosses two fields, aiming for the far right-hand corner of the second field, just to the right of a white-painted farmhouse, crossing the field boundary between the two fields through a gateway or over an adjacent stile. (The farmer of these fields doesn't always reinstate the line of the footpaths after farming operations, so depending upon the crop in the field and availability of tramlines, you may want to use the headlands on the right of the field as an easier route.)

I) Go through the field gate in the corner of the second field out onto a lane by the farmhouse, on which you turn right, and then left at the junction almost immediately reached. Follow this lane until just before the old railway bridge where you turn right down the drive that serves Railway Cottage. The path then crosses the grassed area between the cottage and some sheds to your left and goes over a stile into the field beyond. The path heads across this field to a small metal gate which leads to a bridge, then some steps followed by another gate to enter a horse-riding ring. Cross this, aiming for a gate that is well disguised as part of the rails on the far side, found near the corner of an inner horse-training area. The path then drops down to a stile into the next field. In this, follow the hedge on your right to the end of the field and go through the gate on your right, to turn immediately left and cross a stile and footbridge into another field. Turn right along the hedge and, when it makes a right-hand turn, carry on across the field, aiming for the white-painted house to the left of the Kinnersley Arms. You leave the field by a double gate onto the Letton road, and here another obelisk is to be found.

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust's The Sturts South Nature Reserve

The 16.1 hectare reserve lies in the flood plain of the River Wye at the western edge of a low-lying basin known as Letton Lakes. This entire area is flooded every winter when the water levels rise in nearby rivers and streams, enriching the grassland soils. The reserve comprises a complex mosaic of grassland and wetland communities. Meadow-sweet, lesser-pond rush and pepper saxifrage can be seen at various areas throughout. There is a wide variety of birds species here throughout the year.

Please avoid trampling the vegetation in the wet areas, and use the bridges to cross streams and ditches. Conditions underfoot can be wet even in summer so boots are advised.

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