



Stage 3: Bishop's Castle to Clun

Clun Castle



This stage provides a mixture of steep ascents and descents with good views of remote rolling hills and meadowland. For a while the path follows the National Trail of Offa's Dyke before a pleasant ridge walk to Clun.

Bishop's Castle to Churchtown

You will leave Bishop's Castle passing 'zipped up' houses justifying its quirky reputation. Head south from the church to a deep valley bringing you to Middle Woodbatch where the climb up to Reilth Top begins. It is worth turning round and looking behind at the views towards the Long Mynd. From Reilth Top the way is steeply downhill to reach a wooded valley walk to Churchtown. This is a tranquil place to pause before the climb up on Offa's Dyke and the switchback down to Middle Knuck and up again.

Churchtown to Clun

This is one of the best preserved sections of Offa's Dyke and a place where cross dykes can be seen when our route diverges to head for Clun. Offa's Dyke was constructed in the 8th Century to provide a frontier between Mercia and Wales. It extended from Prestatyn in the

north to Chepstow on the River Severn Estuary, a total length of 149 miles. Trade was controlled by restricting access across the border to defined routes through the earthworks (cross dykes).

The wonderful ridge running from Three Gates to just outside Clun is called the Cefns, meaning ridges in Welsh. Enjoy the fine views of the Clun valley looking eastwards.

Clun

A pretty place with a castle, an original packhorse bridge and interesting Almshouses. It has its own Green Man Festival in May.

John Osborne, the playwright, is buried in the churchyard having lived for a number of years at The Hirst, a large house nearby. The dominant Castle ruin has Norman origins.

There is a choice of inns and cafes here.

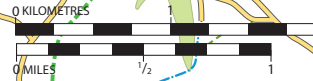
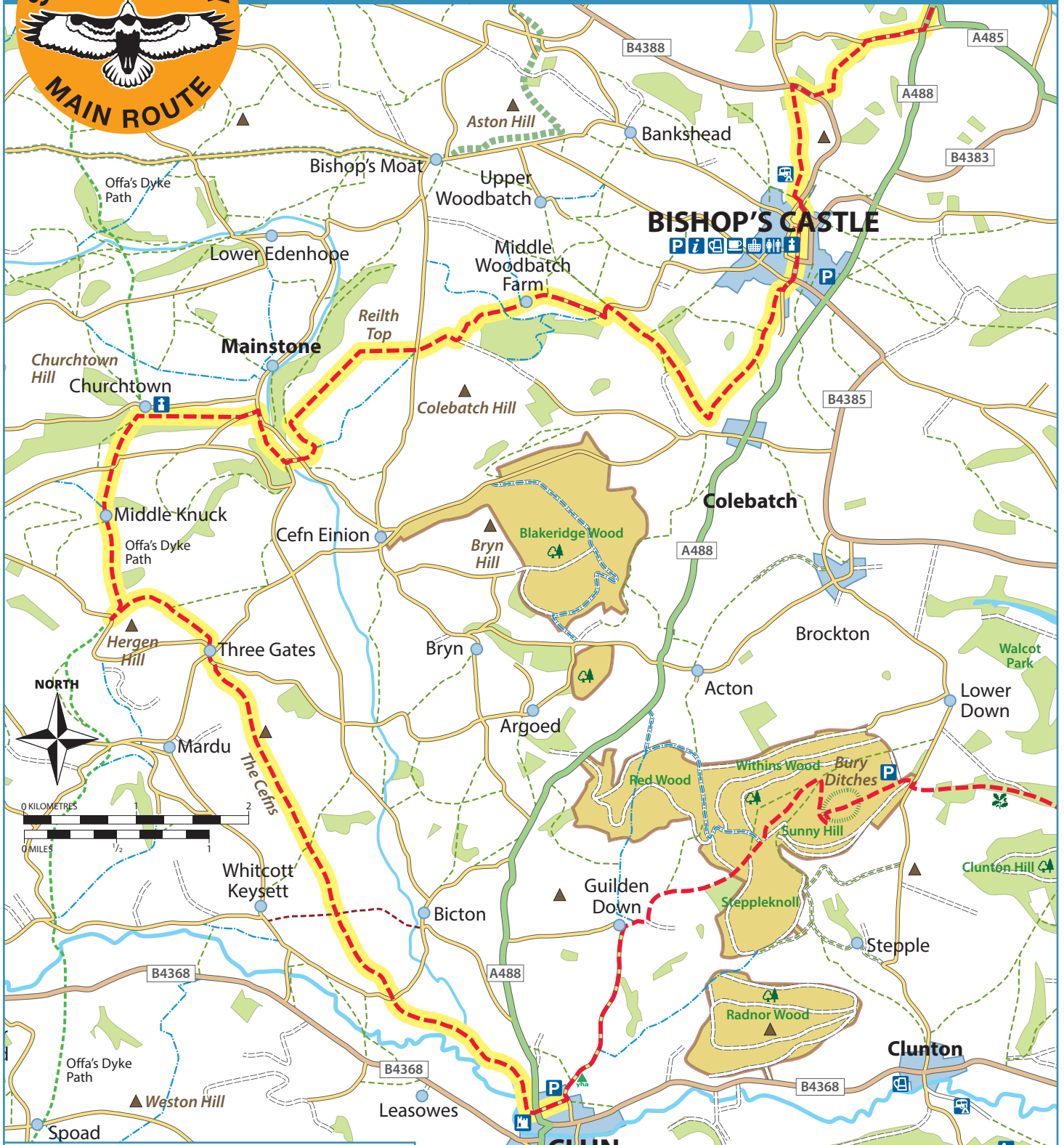
Clun Sculptures



Almshouses in Clun



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Shropshire Way	Footpaths	Bridleways
Circular walk	Open Access land	
Visitor Information Centre	Place of Worship	
Café	Caravan/Camping Site	
Public House	Museum	
Toilets	Car Parking	
Building of Historical Interest	Railway Station	
Castle	English Heritage	
Gardens	National Trust	
Visitor Attractions	Forestry Commission	
Hill summit	Youth Hostel	

