



Stage 7: Wheathill to Wilderhope

Horses on Abdon Burf



From the summit of Titterstone Clee the descent goes almost directly north to Brown Clee, with views westwards across Corve Dale to a succession of Shropshire Hills: Wenlock Edge, Long Mynd, Stiperstones and beyond.

Evidence of small settlements has been found in this area. These are named on the OS map as sites of 'medieval villages'. Some were abandoned following the plague and some at a later date due to lack of agricultural or mining work.

Brown Clee

This is Shropshire's highest hill consisting of two peaks, Clee Burf and Abdon Burf. Both are the sites of ancient settlements in this wild landscape. They are now used for radio masts which help pilots avoid crashing into the hill. There is a memorial to airmen killed here near to Five Springs.

The Shropshire Way goes over Clee Burf, then descends to Five Springs and Burwarton Pole before ascending Abdon Burf. To the West is Nurdy Bank another hillfort which has not been

as damaged by quarrying. If you have time, a diversion to take in this hill is an interesting walk.

The circuit of Abdon Burf provides views to the East and uses the top end of an inclined plane which took the stone from the quarry to Ditton Priors down below. You will see plenty of evidence of the quarry workings and buildings now providing shelter for sheep.

Corve Dale

Descending to Corve Dale at its North Eastern end you will find a picturesque, peaceful valley with green pastures providing a contrast to the wild hills. The river Corve flows down the valley to join the Teme at Ludlow.

Wilderhope Manor

Built on Wenlock Edge in 1585, the picturesque Elizabethan Manor house of Wilderhope was inhabited until 1734. It was in a poor state when the W A Cadbury Trust bought it and donated it to the National Trust in the 1930s, on condition it was made into a Youth Hostel. It has remained such ever since and provides a fascinating place to stay. Many original features have been retained.



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