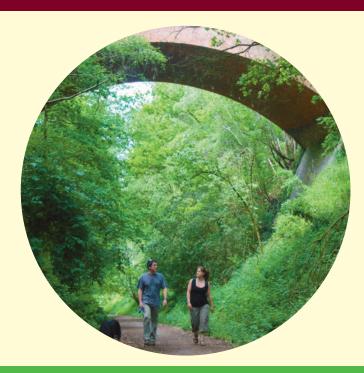
Walk Worcestershire

Hartlebury – Leapgate Circular

2.5 miles



Hartlebury Leapgate Circular Walk

The Hartlebury-Leapgate Circular Walk will take you along Leapgate old railway line. This route was created when the branch railway line that linked Stourport on Severn to Worcester was closed. Along this route you will also be able to explore the rich natural diversity of Hartlebury Common, an important area of lowland heathland. Further on you will pass through the grounds of Charlton Mill, complete with its waterwheel, there has been a mill on this site since the 11th Century. Continuing with the water theme you will pass Hillditch Pool, created when Titton Brook was dammed to provide power for nearby Titton Mill.



Fact File

Start Wilden Top Car Park, Hartlebury Common.

Length 2.5 miles (approx. 1 hour).

Free Parking Hartlebury Common Wilden Top Car Park and

Titton Lane Car Park.

Gates/Stiles 0 gates, 0 stiles.

Terrain Some roadside walking and gently sloping

countryside.

The Countryside Code

- Be safe plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals. Take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control & clean up after them
- Consider other people

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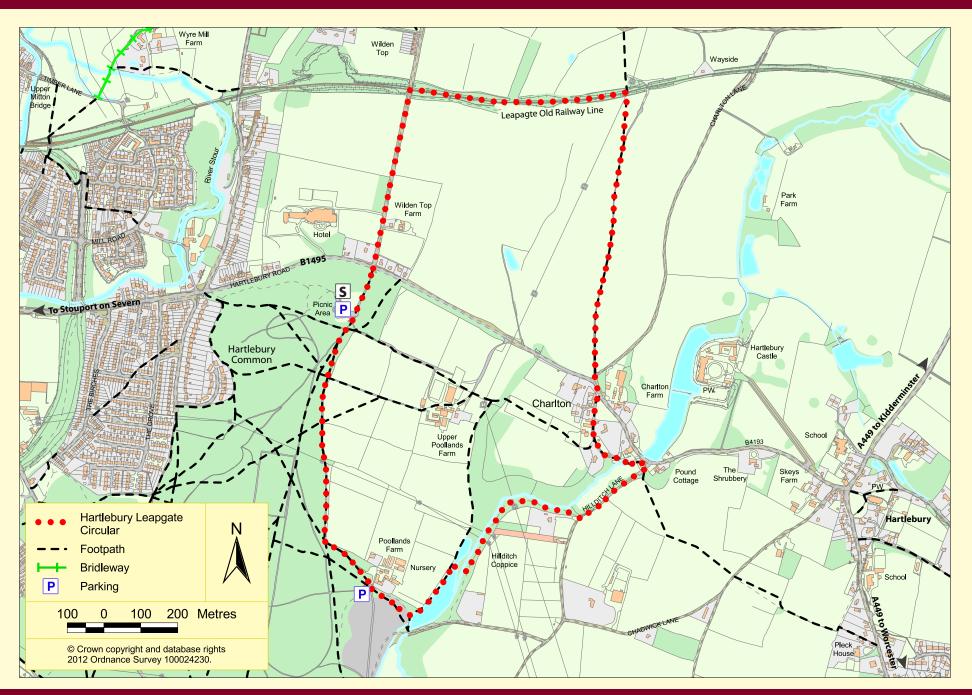
Hartlebury

In 817 AD Hartlebury was known as Heortlabyri, which means The Hill of the Deer – this stems from 'heortla' meaning hart (deer), and 'byrig' meaning an enclosed or fortified place.

The Manor of Hartlebury was granted to the Bishop of Worcester in 850 AD. Since then the Bishop's residence, Hartlebury Castle has been host to several visiting monarchs – King Edward I, Queen Elizabeth I, King George III, and the present Queen, Elizabeth II.

During the Civil War the Royalists set up a mint at the castle to make coins. A half-crown from this mint is now held at Hartlebury Castle in the County Museum.





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