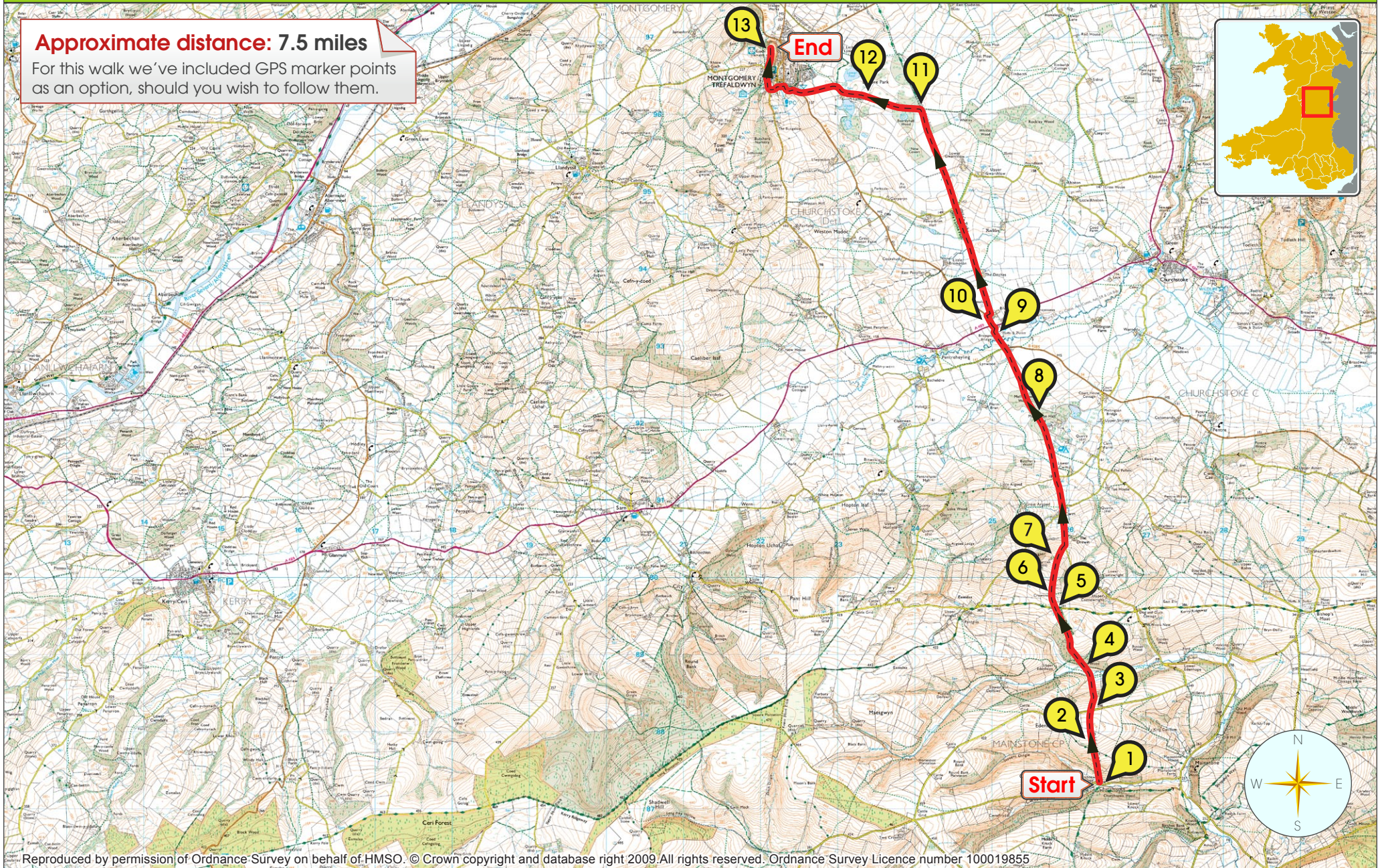


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Weatherman Walking - Churchtown to Montgomery

Approximate distance: 7.5 miles

For this walk we've included GPS marker points as an option, should you wish to follow them.



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A linear walk along the spine of Offa's Dyke to the historic market town of Montgomery and its 13th century castle.

**1. Churchtown**

52.47887° N, -3.08433° W

Head west from the church and at 40m turn right and cross over a stile. Climb steeply up into the woods for 200m until you arrive at the Offa's Dyke.

**4. Wooden footbridge**

52.49211° N, -3.08788° W

After a short stroll, cross a wooden foot bridge and turn left. Walk up a rough track for 80 metres and turn right, up a steep, narrow track through Nut Wood.

**2. Offa's Dyke path**

52.48285° N, -3.0864° W

Follow the dyke path up a steep incline for around 370 metres and cross over a stile and back onto the top of the dyke path.

**5. Kerry Ridgeway**

52.49927° N, -3.09416° W

At the top you'll find well preserved sections of the dyke. A little further on, cross over a stile arriving on the Kerry Ridgeway and cross the Welsh/English border.

**3. Minor road**

52.48739° N, -3.08720° W

After quarter of a mile, follow a path down towards a minor road. Cross over and follow a track parallel to the dyke running down through fields.

**6. Views over Shropshire Hills**

52.50194° N, -3.09468° W

Cross over the road and stile and follow signs for 'Brompton Bridge'. At the end of the field are lovely views over the Shropshire Hills.

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**7. Road to Cwm**

52.50242° N, -3.09462° W

Follow a steep path down along the dyke, through trees and into fields. Turn left onto a minor road for quarter of a mile, arriving at the hamlet of Cwm.

**10. Blue Bell Hotel and oak tree**

52.53190° N, -3.10634° W

The Blue Bell Hotel is built on an old drovers' route. Cross the A489 and turn right after 150 metres towards Brompton Hall house and back onto the dyke path.

**8. Mellington Hall**

52.52092° N, -3.09406° W

Cross over a minor road and follow the dyke path, taking a detour to Mellington Hall Hotel (signposted 'Walkers Welcome'), a Gothic mansion and caravan park.

**11. Old stone engraving - 1969**

52.55716° N, -3.12137° W

Follow the dyke (on your right) for a couple of miles along the field boundaries. Near a stile into Lymore Park you'll spot a stone engraved with 1969, although noone knows how it came to be here.

**9. Motte and Bailey Castle**

52.53055° N, -3.10544° W

Leaving Mellington Hall, return to the dyke path and head through an archway at Mellington Lodge, onto the B4385. Over the hedge near Bluebell House are the remains of a Motte & Bailey castle.

**12. Montgomery Cricket Club**

52.55867° N, -3.13155° W

Turn left along a metalled road through Lymore Park and after 700 metres, you'll arrive at Montgomery Cricket Club, one of the oldest clubs in Britain.

**13. Montgomery Castle**

52.56317° N, -3.14964° W

At 400m turn left onto a track and join the B4385 to Montgomery. It's a steep hike up to Montgomery castle but well worth it.