

JUBILEE WALK NORTH

The Rudhall Loop: A circular walk to the north of the parish: 4 miles, 2 ½ hours. Footpaths: RR1, RR1A, RR2, WP22, WP24, WP28

A level walk on road, footpath, field, & alongside Rudhall Brook, wild life, scenic & bird watching. Part of the Forest of Dean pathfinder guide no 17.

- 1 Weston Cross Inn, take footpath on side of A40 towards Ross-on-Wye, first on the left hand side of road then over to the right passing the Leadership Trust & Weston Hall then crossing - Springetts Lane junction with Weston Hall Farm on your right, after about ¾ mile turn right up the driveway to "Marsh Farm & proposed Farm Park" (there are no other turns). Keep to this farm driveway all the way to the end then go straight on across the fields till you reach Rudhall Brook.
- 2 Turn right you are now on a well-trod footpath (RR2) Follow the path first with the stream on your left then after crossing a bridge across the field to the gate leading to a lane behind Rudhall Manor out on to the road turn right along the road to the T Junction at Rudhall Farm, past the old mill turn right signposted to Bromsash & Weston.
- 3 Follow this lane for ¾ mile, just before Dairy Cottages on the left turn right over a stile at a footpath sign & walk along a track, for approx. 100 yds. bearing left uphill away from the track to keep by a wire fence on the left. Over a stile in that fence and immediately turn right along the right hand edge of an orchard, by a wire fence & line of trees now on the right. From here there are fine views over Ross & across the Wye to the Black Mountains on the horizon.
- 4 At the end of the orchard follow the edge of it round to the left for a few yards to a stile, head downhill across a field to a metal gate & footpath sign. Onto Springetts lane, *turn, left & at the first junction/signposted to Bromsash, Weston & Ross, turn left to Bollitree Castle or alternately turn right, & follow road down into the Village of Weston, the tower of its church standing out

prominently against the wooded slopes of Penyard Hill. *This section avoids the horse rehabilitation centre.

