



Linton Bromsash and Gorsley Parish Footpaths Map

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Notes:
 Farmers insist that dogs must not be allowed to run freely if there are animals about.
 Not to scale.
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Civil Parish of Linton Bromsash Gorsley

Herefordshire

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A few village places of interest.

Undoubtedly, the oldest village relic is the **Yew tree (1)** in St Mary's churchyard. Reputedly



2-4,000 years old, it was probably already ancient when the Romans were smelting iron at **Ariconium (2)** just to the west of Bromasah.

St Mary's Church (3) originally a Norman building was in existence and

with a priest in the Domesday book (1086). This is a lovely peaceful place with lots more historical and family history information inside.

Linton Village Hall (4) was a school between 1872 and 1958 and was renovated for the Millennium.

The **Palin Fountain (5)** in the wall of the Old Vicarage, opposite the Village Hall, was installed to supply fresh drinking water from Rudhall Brook to the village. Rev. Palin was the grandfather of Michael Palin, famous Comic and Explorer and his grave in the churchyard.



Eccleswall Castle and Court (6) a fortified house owned by the powerful Talbot family from 1167 until the 17th Century, but now nothing remains.

Burton Court (7) is mainly 18th Century and was owned at one time by Francis Baring, founder of Baring's bank. Across the road, **Burton Mill (8)** was still used for milling grain in the 1920s and **Burton Farm (9)** which



in c1830 was a Blacksmiths premises.

The **Village Pound (10)** on Linton Ridge was for keeping stray animals until their owners claimed them, but now sadly is in ruins.

The **Motorway (11)** was built in 1960 and **Hartleton Lakes**



(12) were excavated then. They are now a haven for wildlife and also an exhibition space for sculptures by Walenty Pytel.

At **Steelworks Farm, Gorsley (13)** steel was made from iron from 1590 - 1670.

Linton Quarry (14), actually in Gorsley, is a SSSI with excellent exposed Silurian rocks from 420 million years ago when Gorsley was under a southern tropical ocean.

There are also Devonian sandstone **Quarries on Linton Ridge (15)** out of which most houses in the villages are built.

Many **Orchards (16)** in Gorsley are still traditionally

managed and demonstrate how important they were for producing food for people, pigs and sheep in bygone centuries.

And finally **The Alma (17)** famous for it's beer, a wonderfully friendly place to spend an evening and meet 'the Linton locals'.



Walks and just 'pottering' about.

The walks here are only suggestions.

Clearly they can be lengthened or shortened along alternative footpaths and tracks shown on the map.

After seriously wet weather the tracks are easier underfoot than the footpaths, particularly near streams. If taking the walks the opposite way around you will need to transpose these instructions!

In addition to walks, there are also many lovely places just for pottering about on a nice day:

Linton village to visit St. Mary's Church, see the ancient Yew Tree and the Palin Fountain.

Hartleton Lakes for abundant wild life and sculptures.

Rudhall Brook between Fording Lane and Pinford Farm, a lovely 'forgotten' valley.

Linton Ridge for a stroll on a clear day with wonderful distant views in all directions.

Oxlodge Wood for wood sculptures and in spring, a magnificent display of daffodils and anemones.

Gorsley with many lanes and old buildings, its layout reminiscent of an agricultural village 200 years ago.

Walk 1. Hartleton Lakes (3.2 km)

These lakes are a haven for birds and popular with fishermen.

From the centre of Linton, walk north-east and at Shutton crossroads turn left down a green track, through the stream and over a stile. Keep right along the line of the trees, over another stile on the right and continue down the field to a stile at the bottom. Bear slightly left along Fording Lane, past the houses then turn right along the track, over a cattle grid and along by Hartleton lakes. Turn right at the first weir between the lakes. Many people then turn right just before the tunnel and walk up the field to the motorway footbridge. However, the Right of Way is through the motorway tunnel then immediately right along a grassy track by the motorway, through a gate at the end of this track and straight on. Then right over the motorway footbridge and left onto the road back to Shutton and Linton village centre again. An extension to this walk is to turn left under the motorway and on up to Felhampton Farm then work back to Linton through the lanes from Upton Crews.

Walk 2. Gorsley and Oxlodge Wood (5.5km)

Oxlodge has exemplary Oak trees, wood sculptures and masses of daffodils and wood anemones in spring.

From the centre of Linton, walk through the churchyard and out of the village hall gate, turn left on the road then immediately left again down steps through the wood (not along the wall) into the orchard. The right of way is diagonally towards the right through the orchard, but many people walk straight along the top of the orchard then left down the side where there is a stile into the field beyond. Down the field (which can be muddy), along the stream then over a stile and turn left into Woodend Lane. Opposite Great Woodend Barns turn left through a gate and straight up but after 20 paces, keep to the right of the hedge in front of you. Follow this hedge around the orchard, admiring the wonderful views, then over a stile and turn left up the lane towards Cothar's Pitch and Oxlodge Wood which is over the stream to the right. Return down the road to Sugar Tump, straight across and up Sargent's Lane, then right along Darnell's Lane to the farm. In the farmyard bear right along a poor track which brings you out on The Line where you turn right and back to the village hall.

Walk 3. Bromsash (6.7km)

Great views from Bromsash towards Linton.

From Linton village centre go through the churchyard, past the village hall and straight up onto Linton Ridge where views are expansive towards the Malvern Hills, Cotswolds and the Black Mountains. About 800m from the village, opposite Linton Hill House on the left, go over a stile on the right, then straight across the field, over another stile, down the field and left on the road towards Burton Mill. Left at the crossroads then, after 90 paces, turn right up a good track and through a farm gate. Follow the path straight up, though another gate and continue for about 1km to the road. Turn right and follow the road along to Bromsash crossroads. Right again then first left down Pinford Lane to Pinford Farm. A short steep section will bring you back to the road where you turn left back to Linton.

Walk 4. Around Gorsley (3.6km)

Village gardens, quiet lanes and orchards.

From Gorsley Village Hall, go straight ahead up Manse Lane and opposite the first house on the right, turn left and across the field towards Gorsley Baptist Church. Left onto the road, do not go down Frowens Lane but carry on, looking for a track on the left between 2 fences. Walk along here and on reaching Frowens Lane turn left and then left again, down the hill, past Linton Quarry. Then a footpath on the left leads up past the allotments. On reaching the road turn right to Sugar Tump, then left up Sargeant's Lane to Lambs Cross. Shortly after take a footpath left, over a stile and down through the orchard. At the road turn left, and along Sparrow Lane to the crossroads. Go straight across, and 100 paces further, turn left through a gate, across a field, along a track, over another stile to the main road. Turn left, then just by the County Boundary, over a stile on the left, up the field then right, back to Gorsley Village Hall.

Walk 5 Cut Throat Lane and Darnell's Farm (6.2km)

Stunning views, water birdlife, Herefordshire fields.

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