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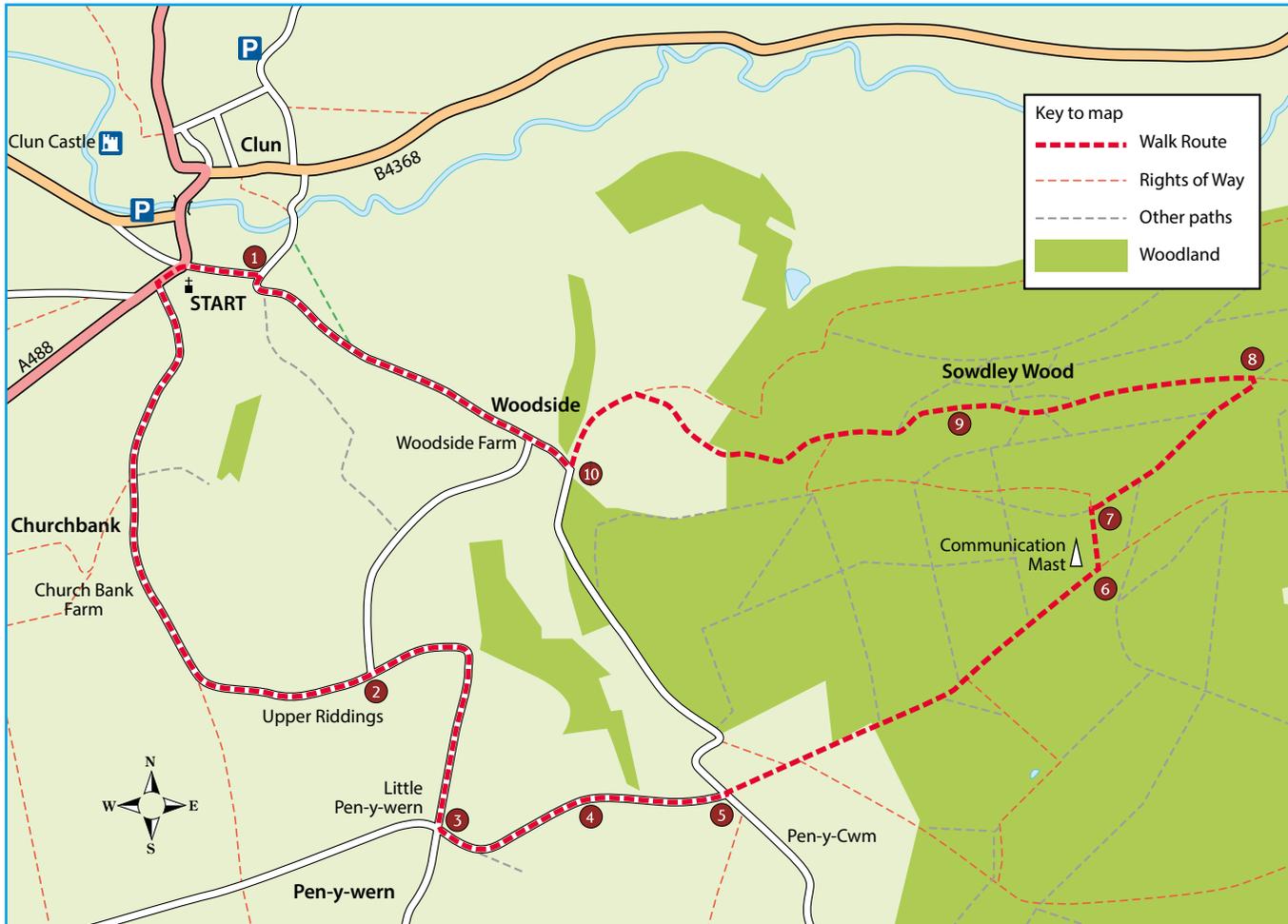
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Walk 1: Black Hill

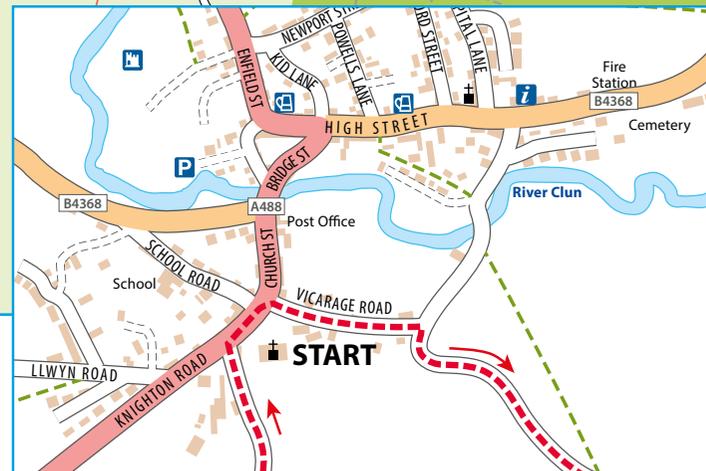
A 5½ mile circular walk over Black Hill starting and finishing at St George's Church, Clun. The route follows quiet lanes and forestry paths so it is suitable for dog walkers.



Important information for visitors about the Country Code:

- Take your litter home
- Close gates behind you
- Keep dogs under control at all times

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We hope you enjoy this series of walks to discover some of the quietest spots in the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.



Walk 1: Black Hill



1 With the church lych gate ahead of you, continue on the main road and bear left on to Hand Causeway which runs alongside the churchyard.



2 There is a steep climb up Church Bank along which you will see a lane to the left signed 'Woodside

½ mile'. If you want a short version of this walk, turn left and at Woodside turn left again back down to Clun, otherwise continue on the same lane up the hill.



3 When you reach the Pen Y Wern cross roads, turn left, signed 'Obley'.



Ahead is a fine view of the Caer Caradoc hill fort above Chapel Lawn. The lane you are now on is probably an ancient drover's track coming down from the Kerry Ridgeway, over Black Hill into Herefordshire.



4 You will pass Rhos Cottage on your right with fine views down over Clun on your left. Also on the right are three distinctive scots pines which mark a stone circle. *Not a right of way.*

5 At the next cross roads carry straight on following the byway up to the forested area in front of you.

If you want a shorter version of this walk turn left; and follow the wooded lane back down to Clun via Woodside, otherwise continue up the forest track.



6 When you see a way marker for a footpath; turn left.

7 At the communications mast turn right. The track soon opens out with glorious views to the North and East.



If clear, Bury Ditches can be seen on the other side of the Clun Valley with the Stiperstones in the distance. The track forks; take the right hand track down to a junction.

8 At the junction, turn left. Keep straight on past the brideway waymarker on your right. Do not turn right. You are now walking parallel to the River Clun in the valley below.



9 Continue on the lovely wooded track. Follow the track to the end of the wood where you will come out at Pooh Hall... Clun's answer to Portmerion!

10 At the junction with the next track, bear left until you reach a lane. Turn right into Woodside. Keep straight on passing The Old Farmhouse and Woodside Farm on your right.

Drop down until the lane takes a slight incline; at the junction turn left onto Vicarage Lane. St George's Church is at the end of the lane.

If you have enjoyed this walk, look out for this book, available locally (£5.95). Walks range from 2 – 14 miles and are graded leisurely to strenuous. It includes local points of interest – history, archaeology, wildlife and more.

To buy direct see <https://sites.google.com/site/clunwalkinggroup>

