

# Irresistible Offa

# Presteigne Country

- P** Walk from Presteigne's main car park, across the bypass with the town on your right, then left into Warden Road. On your right is the Ring and Bailey of a medieval earthwork castle in the woods.
- 1** Follow the road uphill, eventually between gorse hedgerows called The Warren. This is possibly the site of a post-medieval rabbit farm, which were common in Radnorshire.
- 2** Look out for enclosure and encroachment cottages around Thorn. After Bwlch, turn right onto Offa's Dyke. With the hedgerow on your left, follow the impressive Dyke downhill past some great oak trees and wonderful views. The church steeple at Discoed can just be seen on your right, with its ancient yew tree in the church yard. When you reach the road, look left towards Yew Tree Farm, where there are the remains of earthworks from a medieval platform house, just to the south of the farm.
- 3** Carefully cross the road, following the Offa's Dyke signs. Cross the River Lugg and after a short stretch on the B4356, double back left all the way up Furrow Hill.
- 4** After flat ground and good views, turn right at the footpath sign. If you miss it, you can double back at the Offa's Dyke sign, along the edge of the woods to the gate. Walk down through this deciduous woodland, follow the sign to the right then look back to see the sub-medieval half-timbered house of Old Impton Farm behind you on your right.
- 5** The metalled road leads you down to the attractive church in the village of Norton. Turn right here and follow the road out of the village, forking left down a minor road.
- 6** After 1km, a stile to your right cuts the corner of the field, before re-joining the road (right) and taking you back into town.



**T** The nearest toilets on this walk are those located in the local pubs. The Radnor Arms is the most central one for this walk