

Irresistible Offa

Churchstoke

- P** Start at St Nicholas Church, Walk towards town from the (informal) parking at the Church. After a short walk turn left up Hall Bank.
- 1** Follow the road up towards Green Lane and continue past a White House on your left heading right uphill. After a while turn right signposted the Nature Reserve.
 - 2** The road flattens then descends. Ignore the 'no through road' sign to the Reserve (right) and continue straight ahead down the hill then up to the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust stile on your right. This takes you off the road and uphill into the Reserve, beside a dry stone wall. The path then takes you downhill and past the Reserve carpark before going through a gate and ascending the hill itself.
 - 3** On the summit, look around for the remains of the Iron Age hill fort, as well as quarrying and mining on the west side, nearest to Todleth Hill. Follow signposts back down to the base of the hill. After joining the road back to the Reserve car park, take the path left over a small ford and through a wooden gate.
 - 4** Turn left, almost immediately climb over a stile following the path uphill to the right over stiles and into the woods. Continue through the woods until coming to a stile and onto Todleth Hill.
 - 5** With good views of Roundton Hill behind you and the pastoral enclosures of Todleth Hill around you, keep walking in roughly a straight line over Todleth Hill. Bend round to the right past a few houses, you'll reach a track taking you down to a metalled road.
 - 6** A few paces to the right is a fingerpost. Follow it downhill with the hedgerow to your right, over stiles to the A489. Turn right, noticing some interesting houses on your way back to the church.



T Nearest toilets for the walk are in the local pub at the start of the walk or as you come back from the walk the Harry tiffin's located on your left will have some.