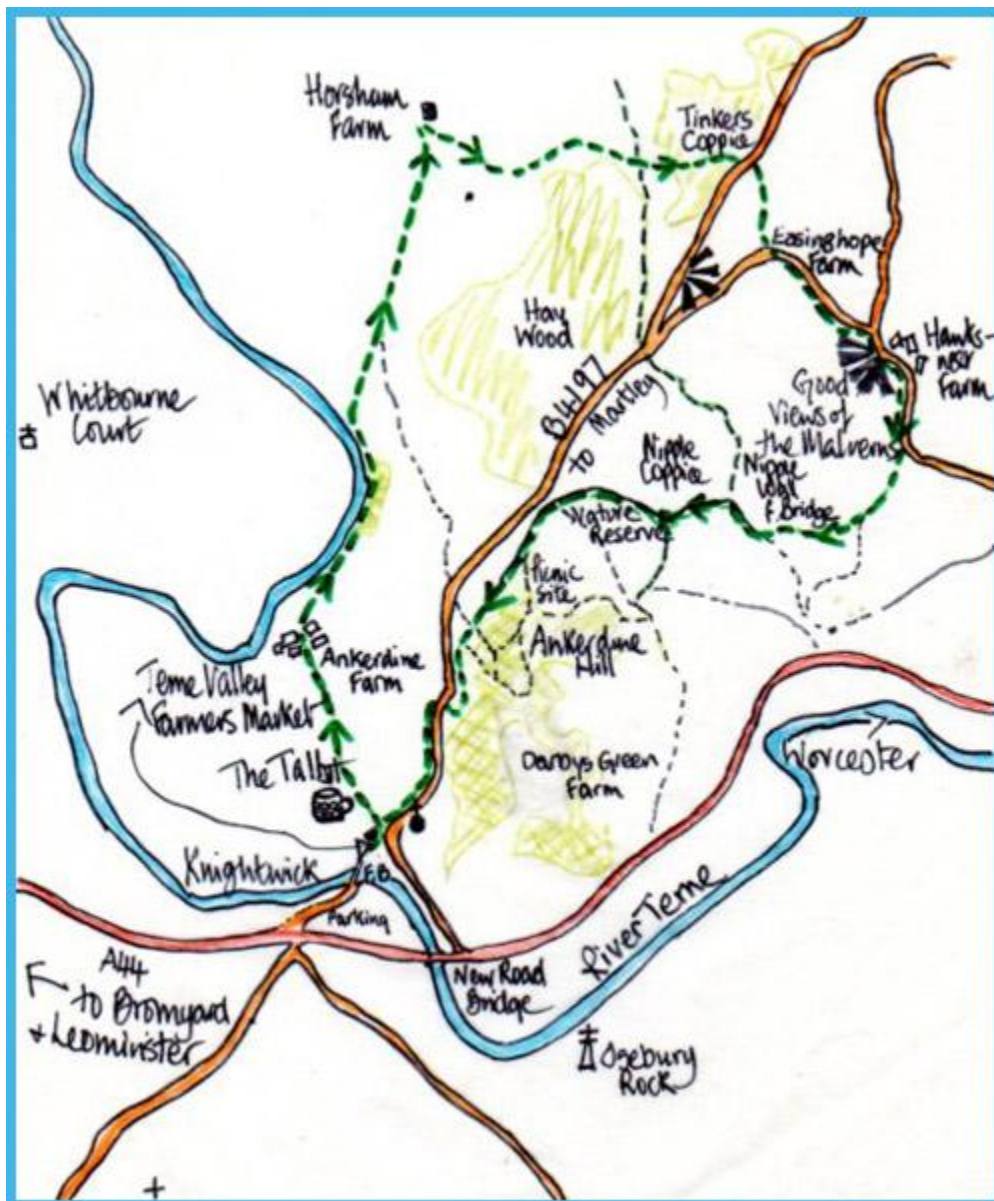


**Teme Valley Walk** – approx. 1 1/2hrs moderate circular walk (with one sticky bit)

At Knightwick, leave the A44 on its northern side, at a crossroads with the road to Cradley, and walk along the "no through road" (signed the Worcestershire Way) passing the Doctor's surgery. You can park here on Sundays, including the Market days. Cross the Teme via the footbridge to the Talbot Inn. Turn left immediately after the inn building and follow the track, passing an old tree nursery on your right and hop fields on the left. Continue through the yards to Ankerdine Farm. The tracks now swings right and passes under power lines. Follow the path with the Teme running to your left hand side. Cross a stile or open gate (they appear always to be open on this stretch) swinging right and away from the river towards Horsham Farm. Just before reaching the farmhouse turn sharply right and uphill on a rough track. Cross a stile beside a gate and climb to cross another stile.



Cross another stile beside a gate and walk straight forward across a field through bracken, ascending steeply and passing under power lines, with Hay Wood on the right. Cross a way-marked stile into Tinker's Coppice and follow the meandering path shown by yellow splodges on the tree trunks.

Reaching a road turn left along this for about 50 metres, then take a path on the right close to the hedge and driveway for High View. This leads to a T junction with a narrow lane where you turn left opposite ". Just past Eastcombe Farm a road joins from your left and you bear right on the Worcestershire Way. Pass Hawksnest Farm development, look out for a good view of the Malverns ahead. About 200 metres past the farm the road swings to the left, here you turn right along a way-marked Worcestershire Way path, going through the gate. Now walk with a hedge and soon a wood on your left. Keep close to the hedge and just before the edge of the wood swings away to the left meet a Worcestershire Way marked post. Continue ahead passing a gate on your left and descend (Devil's Leap) with a fence on your left. Follow the fence around and along the edge of the wood ahead to reach a waymark post and a stile leading into the wood (about 100 metres from the left hand edge of the field).

Cross the stile and a footbridge to ascent, turning right at a T-junction and waymark post. This section is usually muddy (so this is the one place you need waterproof footwear). At a Y-junction turn left, still following the Worcestershire Way. The path now becomes drier and meanders around the wood with occasional re-assuring way-markers. The path climbs fairly steeply here. Leave the wood by a stile and walk up a field towards a gate, passing an interestingly shaped house. Leave the field by the kissing gate (just to the left of the notable house), go forward a few metres and then left along a track, passing The Laurels on the left and Ankerdine Cottage on the right.

On meeting a waymarked Y-junction, continue forward along the Worcestershire Way (and the Fox Trail) ascending along a brick track, very shortly passing a viewpoint. Follow the broad track for about 200 metres going through a white gate, passing en route a path on the right and another fine viewpoint reached by steps, to reach a house. Continue past this for a few metres, then turn right to descend steps. Continue your descent along a meandering path following the Worcestershire Way, soon leaving the Fox Trail to descend steps to the road. This section is on Ankerdine Hill and the County Council provide information about the woodlands on an information board at this point.

Turn left along the road, there will be a pavement, on the right, after 25 metres or so. Continue downhill and with Knightwick Church on your left, return to the Talbot and retrace your route, via the footbridge to the start. There is the option to stop for half a pint or so of This, That or T'other from the Teme Valley Brewery, also housed at the Talbot.