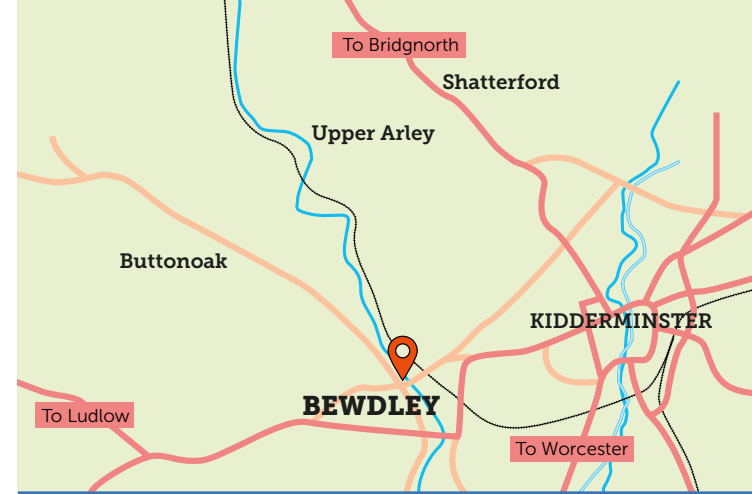


- 8 A short downhill section leads you to a Stop Junction at the busy A442, Kidderminster to Bridgnorth Road. Turn left here but **CAUTION**, this is a very busy road and for the 200 metres before the next turn you may want to push your bike along the pavement.
- 9 Take the next left on to Arley Lane, signposted Upper Arley. This is a long downhill section of nearly 2 miles bringing you to the picturesque village of Arley on the River Severn. There are refreshment opportunities at Arley Arboretum and the Riverside Tearooms before crossing the river, and the Harbour Inn or the Severn Valley Railway on the other side.
- 10 Walk your bike across the footbridge and then start the next significant climb for the next mile to the New Inn where the road flattens off.
- 11 Continue left past Pound Green to the T junction in Button Oak. Turn right, signposted Kinlet following National Cycle Network Route 45. **CAUTION** the T junction has limited visibility with a mirror to help emerging traffic and for the short section that you will be on this road, traffic can be busy.
- 12 Past the Button Oak Inn, go uphill out of Button Oak and turn left

through Earnwood Copse Car park and onto the track into Wyre Forest signposted National Cycle Network Route 45, Bewdley 5 miles.

- 13 After half a mile gently uphill, follow the track left towards Bewdley.
- 14 The track now goes downhill for about a mile and after flattening out crosses Dowles Brook where you will find the metal Mercian soldier signpost: *Mercian Way Chester 97m Bewdley 4m*.
- 15 After 400m uphill turn left on first track signpost Bewdley 3¼; Family Mountain Bike Route. This is an old railway line which you follow to its end at Dry Mill Lane car park.
- 16 Turn right out of the car park to start the last significant uphill section along Dry Mill Lane.
- 17 At the junction by the shop, continue straight ahead on to Richmond Road and continue following National Cycle Network Route 45 all the way in to Bewdley. **CAUTION** some sections are downhill and quite narrow as you get back in to Bewdley town centre.
- 18 Finish your ride back in Load Street and reward yourself with food, drink and ice creams from the many pubs, cafés and takeaways.



This leaflet is one of a series of short leisure cycling routes within the Wyre Forest district. GPS files and a PDF of each route can be downloaded from www.wyreforestcycling.co.uk

For information on the **National Cycle Network** please visit www.sustrans.org.uk/national-cycle-network
This route follows NCN45 between Arley and Bewdley

Businesses available on this route:

Bewdley Outdoors
For bike and ebike hire, repairs and accessories. Located at the Wyre Forest Centre. Follow local signs from 15 on the route map.
www.bewdleyoutdoors.co.uk
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Bewdley to Arley Circular Ride



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Distance: 14 Miles 22.4 kilometres

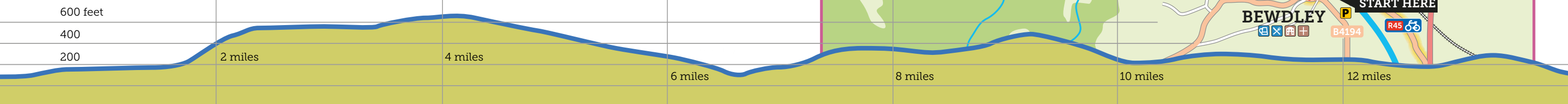
Description: Circular route mixing spectacular views, two River Severn bridges, and an off-road track through the Wyre Forest. Easy on an eBike, more challenging on normal bikes. Some cyclists will find it easier to walk the steepest short sections of the hills. Whilst there are three significant hill climbs there are also long flat and downhill sections.

Start Point: Load Street, Bewdley, DY12 2AW. Parking is available in Load Street Car Park (DY12 2EQ), Dog Lane (DY12 2EF) or Gardners Meadow (DY12 2DG)

Website: <https://bewdleytowncouncil.org/discover-bewdley>

- 1 From the starting point in Load Street, cross the bridge over the River Severn. Take care crossing the bridge as it's quite narrow and can be busy.
- 2 Follow Kidderminster Road for approximately a third of a mile, underneath the Severn Valley Railway bridge and take the next

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left on to Gloucester Way, then turn immediately right on to Grey Green Lane.

- 3 When you reach the 'T' Junction at Grey Green Farm, turn right on to Crundalls Lane.
- 4 After half a mile, turn left on to Hoarstone Lane.
- 5 After half a mile you will reach the first steep uphill section. eBikes should be able to tackle this with no problem but with a normal bike it may be necessary to walk this section.
- 6 A handy bench just before the Trimpley sign offers a chance to get your breath back as well as affording views back towards Bewdley.
- 7 Over the next couple of miles there are plenty of opportunities to enjoy views to the South West and West including the Malvern Hills and Clee Hill as well as to the South East and East including Kidderminster and Dudley.

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3 Bewdley to Arley Circular Ride

KEY TO MAP

- Cycle Route
- Route Reference
- Take Care
- Car Park
- Public House
- Café
- Historic Building
- Church
- Nature Reserve
- Gardens

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