



Malvern Hills Trust

Malvern Hills Mountain Biking Trail



Long Route

Average time taken:

4 hours

Length: **18.8 km**

Ascent: **540m**

This route card will help you to follow the Long Mountain Biking Trail around the Malvern Hills. The route starts from North Quarry car park (pay and display) although you can start at other locations around the route.

There are some climbs along the route – we are the Malvern Hills after all! – but they are well worth the effort for the view from the top. Our trails are not graded for difficulty and, depending on your skill level, there may be times when you wish to dismount.



Directions:

- Take the main bridleway up from North Quarry car park **1** to the left of the parking meter and follow the path as it climbs along the side of the Hills.
- At the top of the climb, pass below the face of Ivy Scar Rock and continue straight on along the bridleway.
- As you continue, a tarmac road can be seen below the path. Continue until you reach a junction with this road **2**. Here, cross the valley and the stream to follow the path that climbs the other side.
- Continue up this path until you reach a grassy plateau with views towards Bredon Hill. Keeping the grassy area on your left, go over the brow of the hill and descend on the main path behind St Ann's Well and Café **3**. Stop here for refreshments if you wish.
- To continue, take the path signposted 'Wyche Road' and follow through woodland until the bridleway descends to meet the main road **4**.
- Do not join the road but continue along the bridleway up the slope signposted 'Wyche Cutting'.
- At the top of this climb, take a left as you join a surfaced path then take the first right heading uphill.
- Keep right and continue uphill to reach the 'Gold Mine' **5**.
- After passing the stone direction marker, take a left down the tarmacked road past two car parks to reach the main road junction. Refreshments and toilets can be found near to the junction of Beacon Road and West Malvern Road.
- To continue, take a left out of Beacon Road onto West Malvern Road and then left again onto the Wyche Road.
- Immediately after you pass through the cutting in the rock, take a right along the signposted bridleway just beyond the white cottage **6**.
- Follow this main bridleway as it winds through the woodland until you reach Holywell Spring, where Malvern water is bottled **7**.
- Pass directly in front of the buildings along the tarmacked driveway and turn right onto Holywell Road.
- Follow the road for a short way until you see a waymarker and bridleway on your right (after the private property access).

- Follow this undulating woodland bridleway until you pass through Berrington Quarry **8**.
- Keep right at a path junction, shortly after you leave the quarry, and follow the wide path up a steep climb signposted 'Black Hill'.
- At the top of the climb, cross the ridgeline and the Easier Access path to descend down a grassy slope.
- As you reach the bottom of the slope turn left to follow the path above the road.
- Enter Black Hill car park and continue towards the exit at the other end of the car park. For refreshments and toilets, continue down the exit to reach the road and turn left to British Camp.
- To continue, as you begin to leave the main car parking area, turn left **9** onto a grassy open area and ascend the grassy slope.
- At the top of the bank, turn left to join the main path and pass a series of benches.
- Keep right as the path enters woodland and follow the wide path as it descends.
- At the path junction, continue straight on (signposted 'The Wyche') to pass again through Berrington Quarry **10**.
- As you approach a bench on your left, take a sharp left to climb a narrow zig-zag bridleway. Join the path along the top of the Hills and begin the climb up Pinnacle Hill.
- Half way up take a right, opposite a bench on your left and follow the bridleway sweeping along the east side of the hill.
- Follow the bridleway as it leaves the open grassland and enters woodland before reaching another section of path near the hilltop **11**.
- Keep right here and follow the bridleway as it begins to descend.
- After a series of hairpins, take a left and rejoin the bridleway towards the Wyche Cutting.
- At the junction with the main road **12**, turn left and pass back through the rock cutting before turning right onto the West Malvern Road and immediately right again up Beacon Road.
- Climb up the tarmacked Beacon Road, past both car parks to reach 'The Goldmine'
- With the stone marker on your right, take the bridleway to your left signposted 'Hayslad' **13**.
- Where the path splits, take the lower path and continue to West of England car park.
- Take a right as you reach the tarmacked car park

entrance and continue through the car park until you reach a junction of several paths **14**.

- Follow the track signposted to 'Hill Side Cottage' and where the path splits, take the right hand grassy bridleway to pass behind the properties.
- Continue as the bridleway travels along the side of the hill and then heads right to begin a climb.
- At the top of the climb take a sharp left down a wide surfaced track towards West Malvern.
- Follow this path downhill and pass Westminster Bank Spring on your right **15**. The Sugarloaf Café can be found just to the west of the route, down Westminster Bank.
- To continue from 15, follow the bridleway immediately in front of you which heads uphill.
- Where the path splits at Joyner's Meadow, continue to head uphill signposted 'Great Malvern' and follow the path around Table and North Hill.
- As Great Malvern comes back into view below, and the path begins to descend, note a waymarker to your right which indicates a sharp bend to your left.
- Descend a short set of steps and follow the paths as it zig zags down the slope until you reach a junction below Ivy Scar Rock.
- Take a left here and follow the bridleway back down to North Quarry car park and your starting point.

Access information

Please be aware that the Malvern Hills are a shared space and there are many visitors here enjoying the outdoors.

The habitats of the Hills are particularly special so please keep to the waymarked route and other bridleways of the Hills.

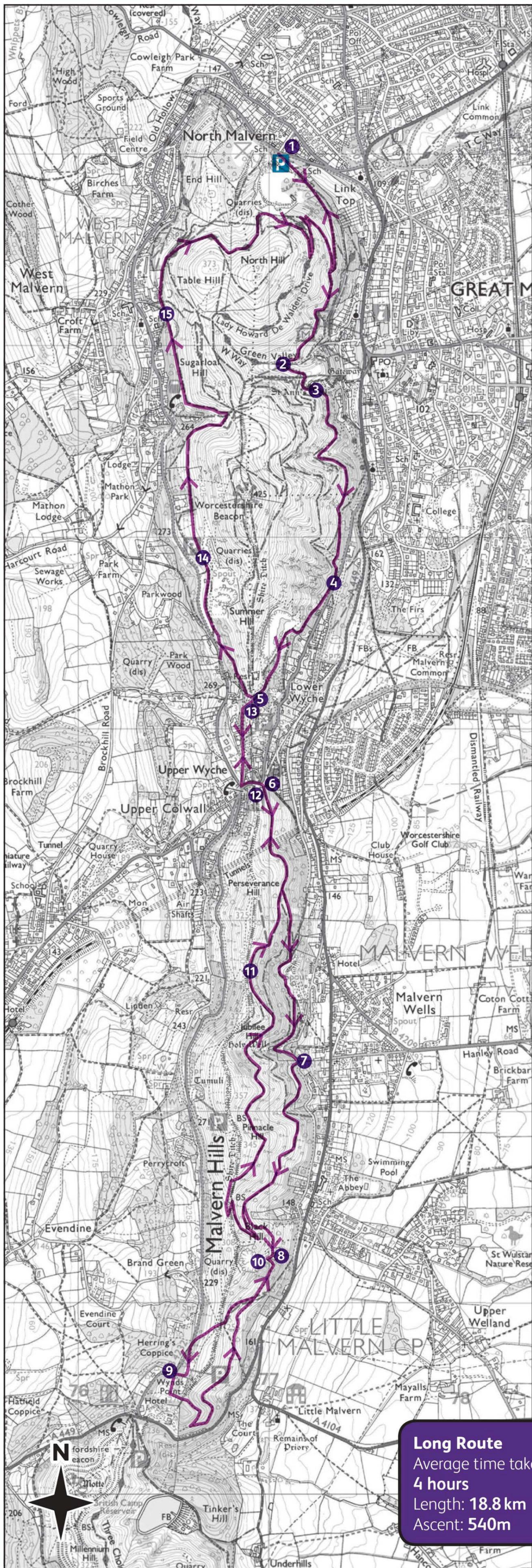
Cycling is not permitted on the footpaths of the Hills and please don't create your own off-road trails as this can damage the special habitats.

Please give way to other visitors and respect those who may be travelling at a slower pace than you.

Bridleways on the Malvern Hills can be found on OS Explorer Map 190.

For more information about cycling on the Hills, please visit
www.malvernhills.org.uk/visiting/cycling

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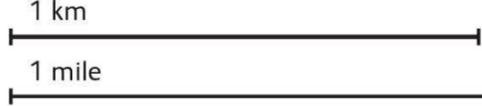


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