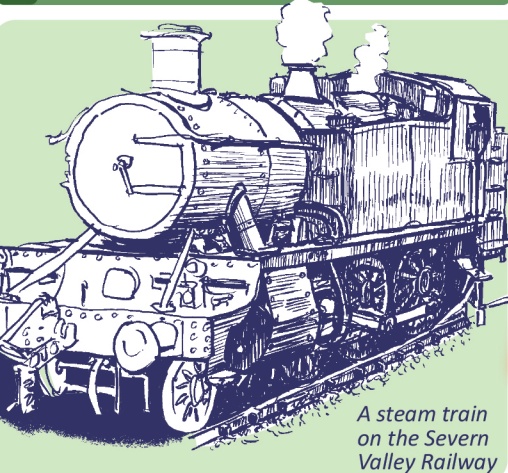
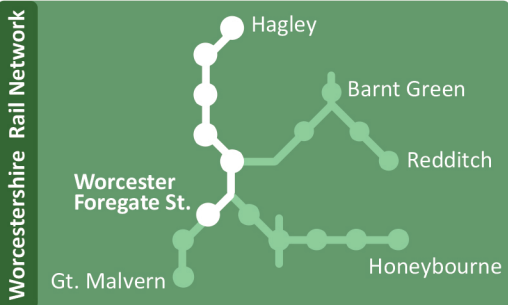


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Kidderminster to Blakedown



Points of Interest

The Severn Valley Railway

The original Severn Valley Railway (SVR) was brought about via an act of Parliament in 1853 however it took a whole nine years before the line became a reality connecting Shrewsbury and Worcester.

The first regular services by the West Midland Railway began in 1862 between Shrewsbury and Hartlebury via Stourport.

The line is all single track and covers 40 miles which follows the course of the River Severn for much of its route.

The SVR eventually saw tough competition from the motor car causing dwindling revenues and making it a candidate for the railway cuts of the 50's and 60's. The entire line from Shrewsbury to Bewdley closed in 1963.

The line was bought and saved by a group of enthusiasts in 1965. From that point onwards it began its secondary existence as a heritage railway. The line has seen growing passenger numbers and investment ever since that point.

- The King & Castle
- The Valley Suite

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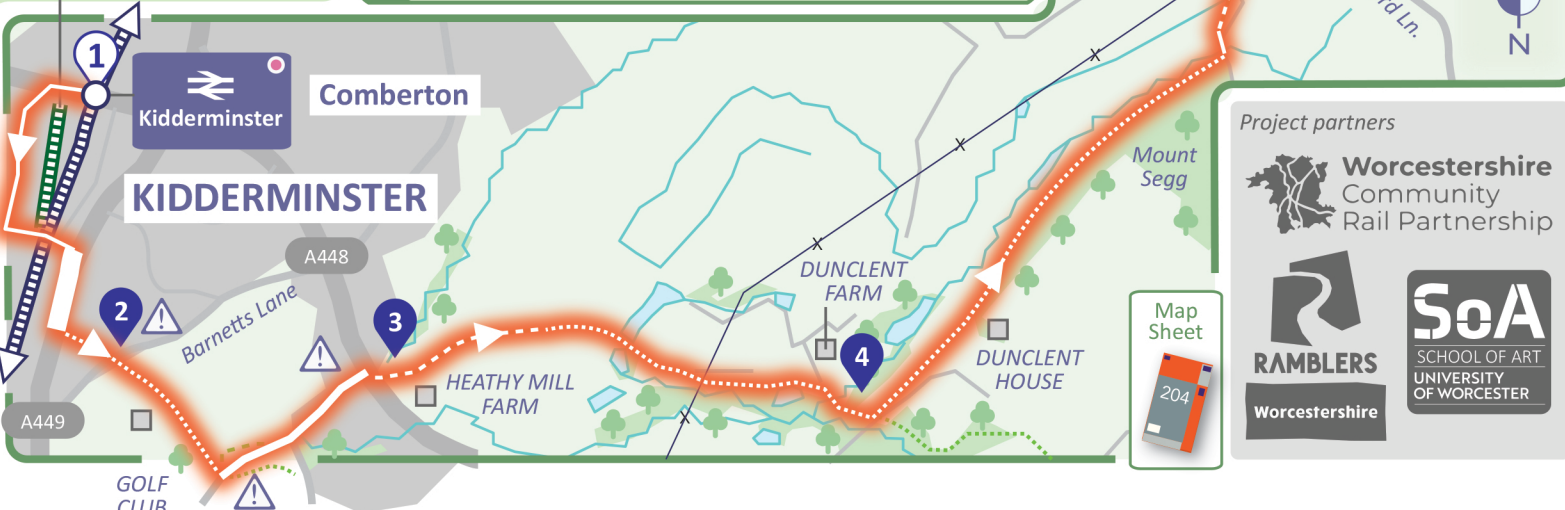
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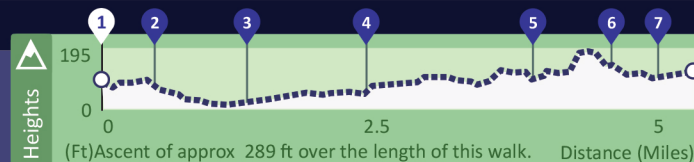
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- 1 From station L towards Town Centre. Take first road L then L again immediately after Magistrates Court. Continue on surfaced footpath through housing to Aggborough (Kidderminster Harriers) Football Ground. L on footpath to cross railway line on footbridge to A449.
 ⚠️ Cross main road with care then R on pavement taking FP L at second street light.
- 2 Cross lane to follow FP signs across golf course then small wood to road. Cross road to take pavement L. Straight on at junctions to roundabout and A448.
 ⚠️ Cross with care to cul-de-sac opposite. R then almost immediately L on FP.
- 3 Continue on obvious track past farm buildings to open fields. At hedge leave track to follow FP R. Continue over three stiles to farm track. R on the track to T-junction.
- 4 L at junction. Continue on obvious track (ignore FP R) which soon becomes surfaced to wood. Follow FP through wood to T-junction with bridleway. L on bridleway crossing bridge over stream to large open field. Follow track R then L to cross to opposite side of field and then R following high hedge to lane.
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- 5 At lane R to gated access and FP on L. Cross horse paddocks to enter wood by two large pylons. At FP junction L to stile. Continue on fenced path between

horse paddocks. Straight on where bridleway crosses to climb up to and then alongside wood before dropping down to lane.

- 6 At lane L then R on FP. On entering wood follow obvious path L to pond and then junction with bridleway. R here to cross pond dam. At end of dam L on unmarked permissive FP. Continue straight on with fence panels on your L to Millenium Green. At road R through housing to village centre and A456.

- 7 The onward route is through the car park on the opposite side of the A456, but you are recommended to cross this busy road using the pedestrian crossing 50m or so to your R. At back of car park continue on wide path between houses. Cross first road then L at the second road to the station.
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An operative working at a mechanical hammer in nearby Belbroughton Scythe forge in the 1960's

Springbrook Forge

Situated just south of Blakedown Springbrook Forge was built around the 1820's and consisted of a simple single storey brick building with a slate roof.

The forge was waterwheel-driven from the nearby mill stream flowing between a set of pools. There were many such small forges in the area and most worked making scythes and artifacts for the farming and agricultural sector.

The industry continued until around the 1970's when cheaper competition and mass production slowly began to undermine the tradition.