







THE WYRE VALLEY LINE

RIDE THE WYRE VALLEY LINE AND DISCOVER GREAT PLACES TO VISIT

All aboard!

HAGLEY ▸ BLAKEDOWN ▸ KIDDERMINSTER ▸ HARTLEBURY ▸ DROITWICH SPA

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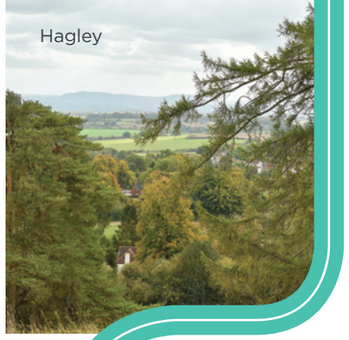
TAKE A JOURNEY THROUGH THE ROLLING PICTURESQUE COUNTRYSIDE, ON YOUR WAY INTO THE HEART OF WORCESTERSHIRE. UNCOVER THE DOOMSDAY BOOK RECORDED VILLAGES OF HAGLEY AND BLAKEDOWN, THE MANY VISITOR ATTRACTIONS AT KIDDERMINSTER, THE UNIQUE CASTLE AND BEAUTIFUL NATURE TRAILS OF HARTLEBURY BEFORE FINALLY ARRIVING AT THE HISTORIC TOWN OF DROITWICH SPA.

YOU ARE SPOILT FOR CHOICE FOR AMAZING PLACES TO DISCOVER TRAVELING THE WYRE VALLEY LINE.


Hartlebury


Hagley

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HAGLEY

Recorded in the Domesday book, the village of Hagley can be traced back to early Bronze and Iron Age settlements. A Roman salt road running from Droitwich crossed the Hagley parish and there have been discoveries of Roman pottery and a coin hoard in the area. The church of Saint John the Baptist, Hagley Hall and walks around the National Trust Clent Hills are accessible from the station. Built in 1884 by GWR, the station offers an opportunity to admire the Grade II listed footbridge. This is one of the few surviving ornamental ironwork bridges on the rail network. Hornby, the model railway manufacturer, used this footbridge as the inspiration for its 00 gauge model. Just a short distance away is The Falconry Centre, which welcomes visitors and houses the most varied collection of flying birds of prey in the West Midlands.

BLAKEDOWN

With the coming of the railway in 1852 the village grew with agricultural and industrial development through the introduction of mills and forges. The impressive Churchill Forge Water Mill is one of the last working water powered mills in Britain and is approximately one mile from the station. The mill was built in the 17th century and welcomes visitors wishing to take a step back in time to view local industrial heritage. The Swan Inn dating 1760 is one of two public houses close to the station, the other The Old House at Home which dates from the 1830s. Opposite the station and originally built in 1888 is the superbly renovated Signal Box, now a community hub offering a unique space to hire. There are also open spaces for walkers around the woodlands of Swan, Forge and Ladies Pool.


Hartlebury


Droitwich Spa

KIDDERMINSTER

Kidderminster, through which flows the River Stour and the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal, has many Victorian buildings and has plenty on offer for visitors wanting to explore. Home to the unique Museum of Carpet and a starting (and finishing point) for the world famous heritage Severn Valley Railway, wonderful memories can be made in this beautiful part of Worcestershire. The Town Hall is an impressive Victorian building where speeches from eminent leaders such as a young Winston Churchill, Prime Minster Stanley Baldwin, explorer Ernest Shackleton and women's rights campaigner Emmeline Pankhurst have echoed off its walls. Today, it remains at the centre of live music in Wyre Forest, from heavy rock concerts to professional entertainers, local choirs, bands and orchestras. Boasting three shopping centres and a retail park, there are numerous pubs, restaurants and cafes to choose from and a twice weekly outdoor retail market. To get away from the hustle and bustle, boaters, cyclists and walkers can use the canal/towpath to access neighbouring Stourport and the River Severn. Other attractions close by include the peaceful Bodenham Arboretum situation in a protected valley and the Elizabethan Manor House, Harvington Hall – both located away from the traffic noise and visual intrusions. The West Midland Safari Park is a short distance away, where seats can be booked on official guided tours if you do not have access to a vehicle.


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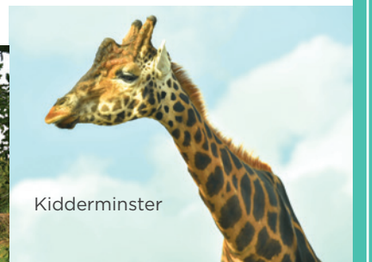
Kidderminster

HARTLEBURY

Hartlebury Castle has a long association with the clergy with the site providing a home to the Bishops of Worcester from 855 to 2007. One former resident went on to become Pope with others becoming saints. The rich history of the Castle is now being told by the charity set up to preserve and protect it. The Nature Trail takes visitors round the grounds and the Moat Walk, past a sunken garden, orchard terrace, boardwalk and carriage circle. The adjacent Worcestershire County Museum has been located on the site for over 50 years. The Worcestershire County Museum in the former servants' quarters of Hartlebury Castle focusses on local history, toys, archaeology, costumes, local industry and transportation, area geology and natural history. There are period room displays including a schoolroom, nursery and scullery and Victorian, Georgian and Civil War rooms. The grounds include a cider mill and a Transport Gallery that features a fire engine, a hansom cab, bicycles, carts and a collection of Gypsy caravans. At Whitlenge Tea Room & Gardens discover beautiful award winning landscaped gardens, which surround a 17th century cottage. Take a relaxing walk through the gardens, browse the gift shop and plant nursery before finishing at the tea rooms for a traditional afternoon tea treat.

DROITWICH SPA

The historic town of Droitwich Spa offers its visitors plenty of things to do. Owing its existence to the natural brine springs which emanate from subterranean beds of pure rock salt 200ft below the ground. Dissolved by underground springs, artesian pressure forces the salt to the surface as brine. Its density and buoyancy are only rivalled by the Dead Sea – natural Droitwich brine is ten times stronger than sea water. The town has a great range of leisure activities including guided walks, two well maintained Green Flag parks and an open air lido, which is one of the few remaining inland, open-air salt water swimming pools in the UK, attracting visitors to the numerous festivals throughout the year. Running through the town is the Droitwich canal which is a haven for walkers, cyclists and nature lovers.











TO BIRMINGHAM

EXPLORE HAGLEY

WYCHBURY HILL

HAGLEY HALL

HAGLEY

THE FALCONRY CENTRE

CLENT HILLS



EXPLORE BLAKEDOWN

CHURCHILL FORGE & WATER MILL

BLAKEDOWN

THE SWAN

THE OLD HOUSE AT HOME



THE MUSEUM OF CARPET

KIDDERMINSTER

SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY

KIDDERMINSTER RAILWAY MUSEUM



WEST MIDLAND SAFARI PARK

EXPLORE KIDDERMINSTER









DID YOU KNOW?

THE WYRE FOREST COVERING AN AREA OF 26.34 SQUARE KILOMETRES (10.17 SQUARE MILES) IS ONE OF THE LARGEST REMAINING ANCIENT WOODLANDS IN BRITAIN.





EXPLORE HARTLEBURY

HARTLEBURY CASTLE

WHITLENGE GARDENS AND TEA ROOMS

HARTLEBURY













VINES PARK

DROITWICH SPA

HERITAGE CENTRE

TOWN CENTRE

DROITWICH SPA LIDO

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Droitwich Heritage Centre
Droitwich Spa Lido
Relaxing Walks
Vines Park
Hanbury Hall and Gardens
Salt Tours & Churchfields Farm Tours

HARTLEBURY

Hartlebury Castle
Worcestershire County Museum
Hurd Library
Hartlebury Common
Whitlenge Tea Room & Gardens

KIDDERMINSTER

Severn Valley Railway
Kidderminster Railway Museum
The Museum of Carpet
Canalside Walks
West Midland Safari Park
Habberley Valley Nature Reserve
Shops, Restaurants, Pubs, Cafes

BLAKEDOWN

Churchill Forge Water Mill
The Signal Box
Historic village pubs
Recreational Walks

HAGLEY

Church of Saint John the Baptist
National Trust Clent Hills
Wychbury Hill
Hagley Station Grade II Listed Footbridge
Hagley Hall
The Falconry Centre

Please check local attractions are open before your visit.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Regular train service throughout the day. Timetables can be found at:

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Tel: 03457 484950

WALKING IN WORCESTERSHIRE

For more information about Worcestershire County Council walks, please visit:
worcestershire.gov.uk/directory/37/walks_in_worcestershire

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