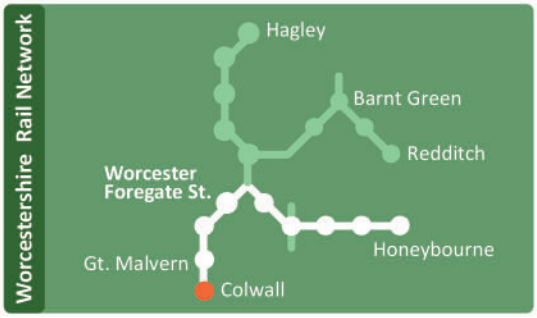
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Points of interest

Edward Elgar
One of England's most prolific composers, is closely linked to the town of Malvern in Worcestershire. Born nearby in 1857, Elgar spent many formative years in this picturesque area of England.

The Malvern Hills
The Malvern Hills with their breathtaking landscapes, inspired his early creativity.
He composed notable works such as the "Enigma Variations" and "Salut d'Amour," which reflect his deep links to the English countryside.

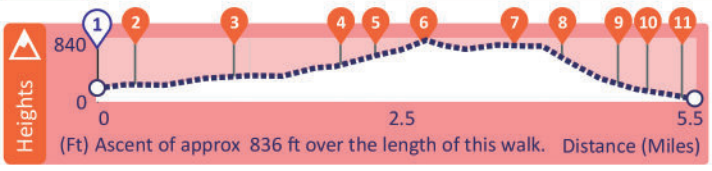
Elgar was heavily involved in the local community. Malvern honours Elgar's time and legacy with various locations and larger events which celebrate his many contributions to classical music.

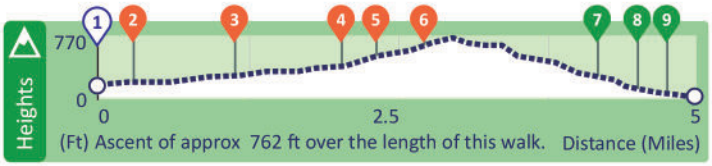


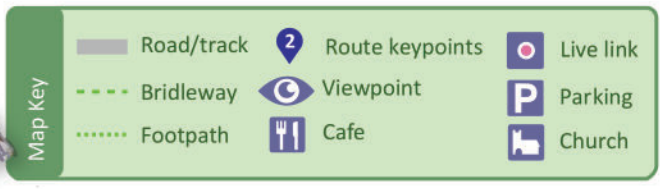
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Colwall to Great Malvern

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Moderate

Directions

1. Follow road from the station. R at cross-roads to follow pavement through Colwall Stone.
2. At Cradley road junction cross slight left into Brockhill Road. After The Downs School the road turns into a wide gravel track. Continue along track for 1km.
3. Shortly after Lime Kilns on R take FP over stile on L. Follow FP through fields keeping hedge on your R. Cross two more stiles then join track passing houses. At junction with road R then L on surfaced track. After 50m take FP over stile on R. Follow this between an avenue of trees to Mahon Park Lodge and surfaced track. At road junction continue straight up Park Road (ignoring road that forks to L).
4. At the main West Malvern road cross to pavement opposite then L. After 50m (before post box) R up bridleway to where tracks cross at Westminster Bank Spring.
5. The Sugarloaf Café (closed Sunday) is down the surfaced track to the L, but our route continues straight up hill towards an isolated Victorian lamp-post. Ignoring paths to L and R continue to follow the obvious wide gravel track for 1km as it contours around North Hill.
6. For a return to Malvern Link station look for a mountain bike (MTB) route post on the R of the track. The main route to Great Malvern continues to contour around the hillside for a further 1km.
7. After passing around the head of a wide valley and where the track starts to climb steeply take the obvious gravel track on the L that heads down through woods. (check for a Great Malvern stone sign set low in the bank on the R)
8. After descending through woodland for about 0.5km a flatter grassed area appears in front of you. Just before you get there take the obvious track R which quickly leads to the St Ann's Well Café. From the front of the Café follow the surfaced road as it winds steeply downhill.
9. At T-junction follow the road L (signed Town Centre) then sharp R as it descends to the main road. Use the pedestrian crossing then R along the pavement and around into Church Street. Cross R into the grounds of Malvern Priory. Take path that passes to the L of the Priory and follow L to emerge at road in front of Malvern Theatres.
10. Cross road then R to enter Priory Park. Keeping to paths closest to the edge of the park descend past a children's playground to a large pond. Skirt R around the edge of the pond. Just before park gates R down steps and alleyway to a road.
11. Cross the road then R and L into Clarence Road. Follow this downhill. Take 3rd road on L and cross into Imperial Road. 1st R takes you to Great Malvern station.

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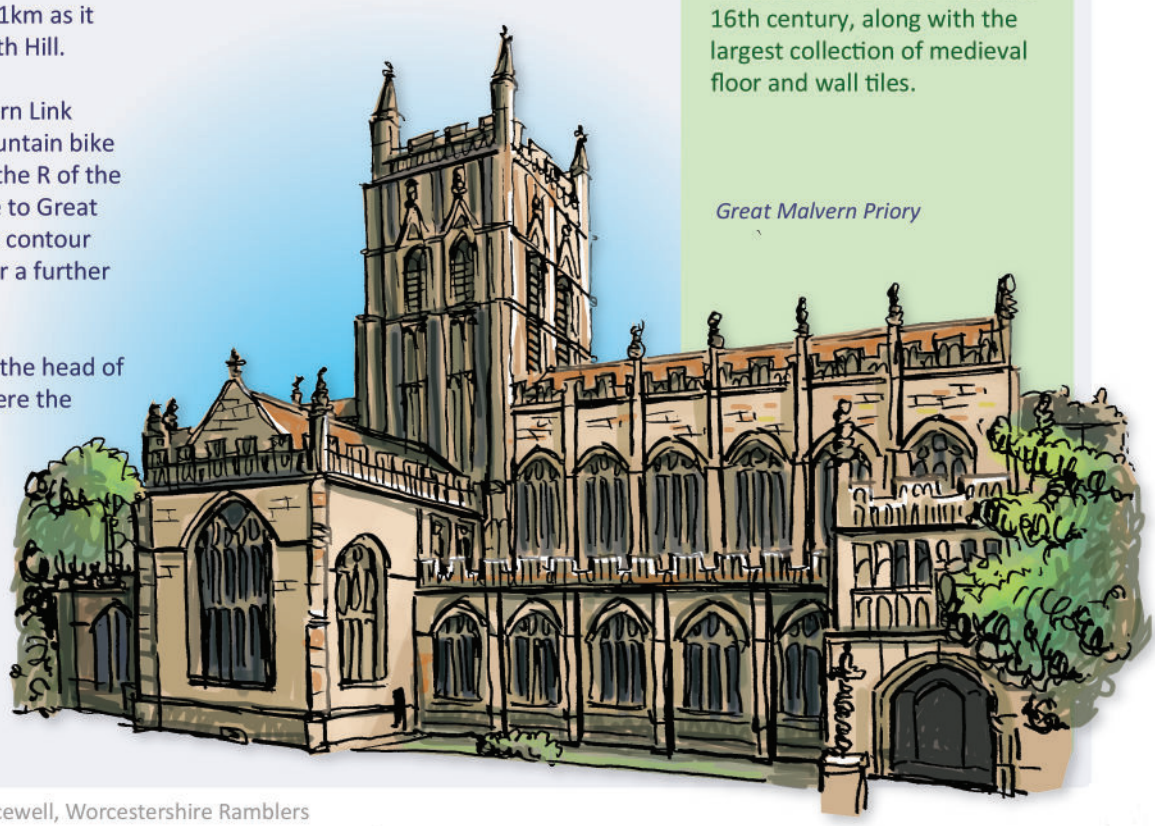
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Great Malvern Priory

Malvern Priory is both a place of worship, as the Priory Church of St. Mary, and a heritage site. It has undergone various restorations, particularly in the 19th century. Previously, it was a Benedictine monastery from the 11th century until the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1541, when local people raised £20 to buy the building to replace their decaying parish church. It reflects a blend of architectural styles, including Norman and Gothic.

A Grade I listed building, it has the largest display of 15th-century stained glass in England, as well as carved misericords from the 15th and 16th century, along with the largest collection of medieval floor and wall tiles.

Great Malvern Priory



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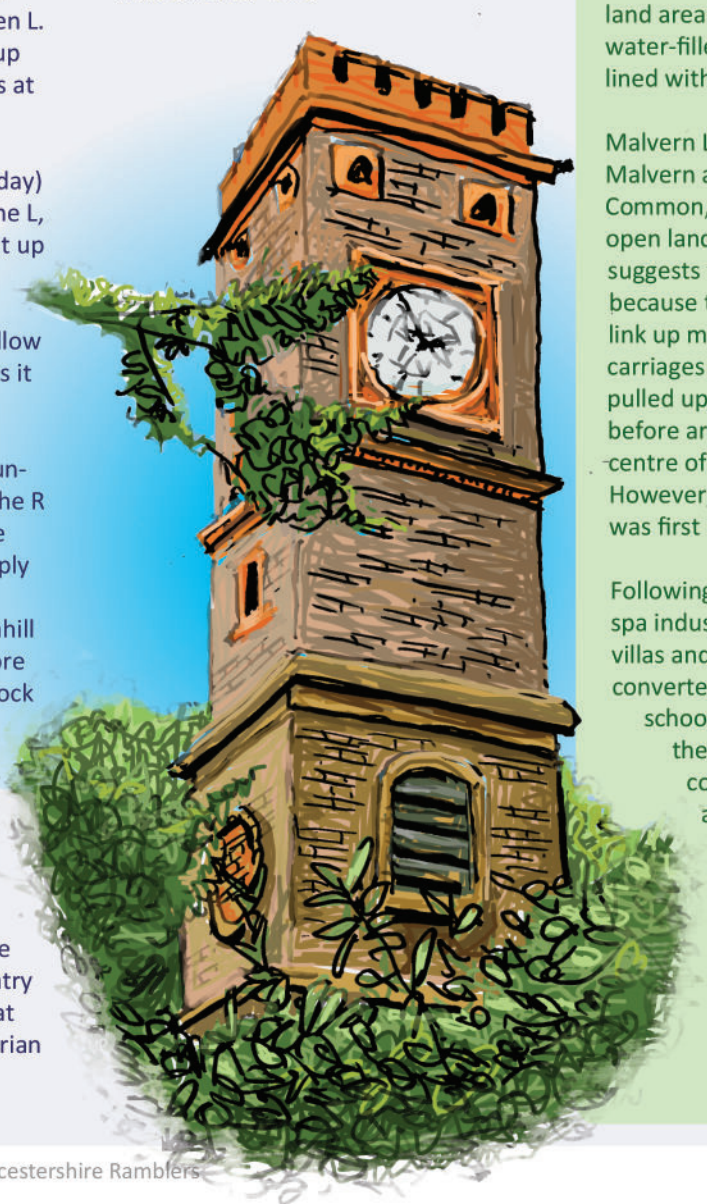
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6. After about 1km look for a mountain bike (MTB) route post on the R of the track. Here you leave the main track to double back sharply L, down three steps onto a path that zig zags steeply downhill to a junction where a wider more level path crosses with a high rock face visible ahead. L here to contour around and drop down to pass through North Quarry Car Park.
7. At the road cross to the pavement opposite then R downhill to a junction. Continue slight L down a road with no entry signs. Cross the next road and at the traffic lights use the pedestrian crossing over the A449.
8. Continue straight ahead into Oxford Road. Just after where this road narrows take the first L. There's open common on the R and a pavement on the L. At T-junction cross to pavement opposite then R. After passing The Nags Head Pub continue to a cross-roads.
9. Take the footpath opposite to drop down over the common to an unsurfaced car park. At the car park L on the road and just as the road begins to rise slight L on a footpath that climbs up through a gap in the trees. This footpath emerges by the A449 and opposite the Community Hospital. Cross the main road then R on the pavement. After crossing over the railway L through a gap to Malvern Link station

Malvern Clock Tower



Malvern Clock Tower
The Clock Tower is a charming and historic landmark in Malvern town's landscape. Located near Link Top, the tower was built in 1835 to store spring water. Standing at 25 feet tall, the tower features a distinctive clock face on each of its four sides.

Constructed using local stone, the Clock Tower serves as a symbol of the town's growth and prosperity during the late 19th century.

Malvern Link
This area was the key site of the Romano-British pottery industry that produced Severn Valley Ware. There are several kilns in the Malvern Link-New-land area and numerous water-filled clay pits, now lined with trees.

Malvern Link and Great Malvern are separated by Link Common, a protected area of open land. One folk tale suggests the name arose because the Victorians used to link up more horses to the carriages so that they could be pulled up the hill to Link Top before arriving in the town centre of Great Malvern. However, the place-name Link was first mentioned in 1215.

Following the decline of the spa industry, many of the villas and small hotels were converted to boarding schools. More recently, they have become a community hospital and new modern smaller houses.

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