

About John Kyrle

John Kyrle, known as 'The Man of Ross', was a 17th Century philanthropist and this walk around Ross-on-Wye is believed to be a favourite of his.

Born at Dymock, John Kyrle was the son of Walter and Alice Kyrle. He studied Law at Oxford, but did not qualify as a lawyer, and after his father's death in the 1650's he inherited the timber-framed house in Ross, opposite the Market House. Here he lived modestly as a bachelor on an income, it is said, of £500 per year.

If you look up at the side of the Market House opposite John Kyrle's house you will notice the curious logogram on the wall representing 'Faithful to Charles in heart'. This is traditionally associated with Kyrle showing his loyalty to the crown.

Apart from Kyrle's charitable works and deeds he also settled disputes, supported the schools, tended the sick and helped the poor. His public-mindedness also extended to beautifying the town and its surrounding landscape.

The Prospect was acquired by Kyrle in a lease of 1696. Here he laid out gardens with a fountain and a water supply. The gates of 1700 bear his monogram and crest.

A water engine was installed by the riverside in 1705-1706 by Kyrle and his partners. It pumped river water up to the Prospect for the fountain and reservoir.

St. Mary's church spire and 3 pinnacles were repaired in 1721, and although Kyrle's name is not mentioned in the records, he convened the parish meeting and in 1695 gave the tenor bell. His monument and tomb can be seen in the chancel.

At the great age of 87, John Kyrle died and was buried in the chancel of St. Mary's Church in Ross. His life and good works were celebrated by the poet Alexander Pope in his Moral Essays written in 1732. Since then many places in the town have taken his name.

Parking

Parking is available at Wilton Road car park (a charge and height restriction applies.)

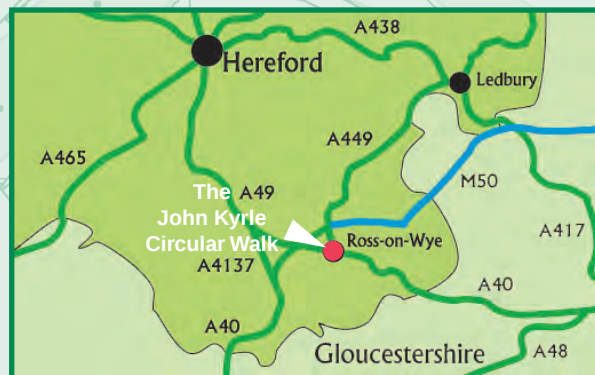
Refreshments

Refreshments can be obtained from various shops and Inns in Ross-on-Wye.

Walk Information

This leaflet has been designed to tell you all you need to know about the route **before** you set out.

Stiles	0
Gates	7 kissing gates
Steps	7 flights
Narrow Bridges	0
Slopes	Some steep slopes between 6 & 7



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The John Kyrle Circular Walk

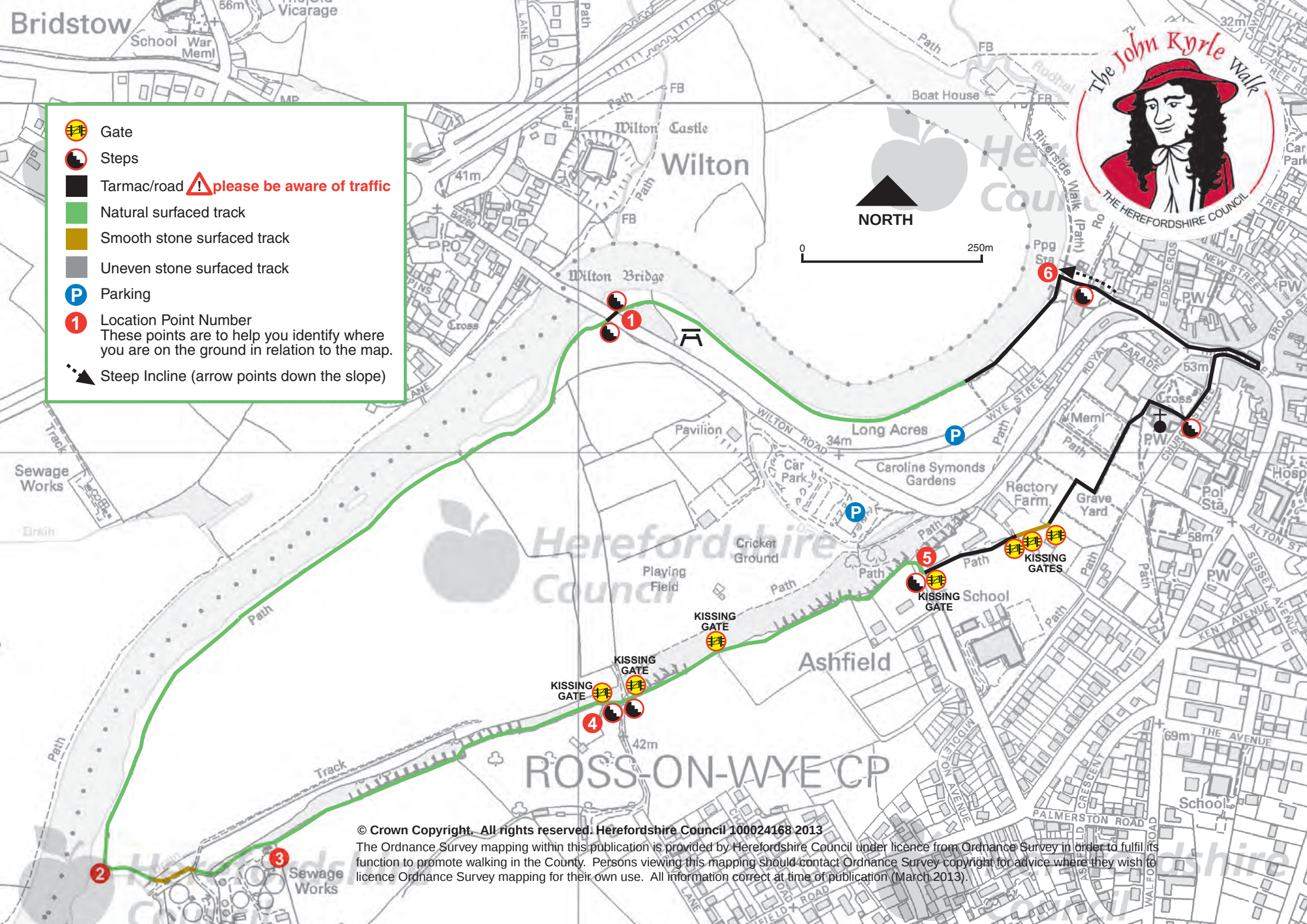
DISTANCE: 3 miles



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FREE



- Gate
- Steps
- Tarmac/road please be aware of traffic
- Natural surfaced track
- Smooth stone surfaced track
- Uneven stone surfaced track
- Parking
- Location Point Number
These points are to help you identify where you are on the ground in relation to the map.
- Steep Incline (arrow points down the slope)

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