



# Cleobury Mortimer Footpath Association

is a member of Shropshire Council's Parish Paths Partnership (P3) scheme. We have monthly work parties to maintain local Rights of Way. This includes footpath clearance and installation or repair of stiles, gates, bridges, fingerposts etc. We also encourage use of local footpaths by leading Sunday walks in and beyond our parish and produce a number of printed guides for walks in our glorious countryside.

For more information please visit our website: [www.cmfa.co.uk](http://www.cmfa.co.uk)



## Walkers are Welcome

Cleobury Mortimer joined this volunteer led national organisation of affiliated towns in 2010. This status is awarded to towns with well maintained, safe way-marked footpaths and who give a warm welcome to walkers in their accommodation, pubs, cafes, and shops.



## Build walking into your daily routine

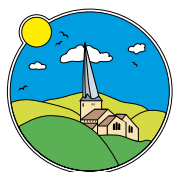
Start gradually, set yourself small targets and goals and build slowly from there. Small changes can make a big difference. The most important thing is to make a start as any activity is better than none. To get the most benefit you need to do 30 minutes continuous moderate physical activity on at least 5 days of the week and any health benefits gained will be lost if you don't stay active.

## Useful websites:

Shropshire Great Outdoors: [www.shropshiregreatoutdoors.co.uk](http://www.shropshiregreatoutdoors.co.uk)

Cleobury Country Centre: [www.cleoburycountry.com](http://www.cleoburycountry.com)

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Cleobury Country



Shropshire's GREAT OUTDOORS



# Cleobury Country Walks



## Walk 23: Three Coppices

- Length:** 5 miles (8kms)
- Time:** 2½ hours
- Start:** Cleobury Mortimer Golf Club Car Park
- Walk Grade:** Energetic. Mainly on good tracks. 4 stiles. Undulating but no hard climbs.



This walk follows public Rights of Way through private woodlands which are part of the Wyre Forest. The woodland is attractive and little frequented. The second half of the walk is through quiet & scenic farmland with wonderful views over Clee Hill

The Golf Club house is open to non-members and serves food and drink.

Walk prepared by Cleobury Mortimer Footpath Association

## Walk Directions

- 1 Take track past golf shop. Where track goes sharp left, continue straight on along line of trees crossing a fairway. Enter woodland via gate.
- 2 After 150 metres at junction of tracks, take gravelled track ahead slightly to the left. Follow this downhill and up again. Pass wide track on your left and shortly afterwards go left off track as it bends right.
- 3 Continue in same direction downhill through trees and as it meanders to the right. Go over footbridge and continue to a forestry track. Turn left along track and cross stream via footbridge.
- 4 At top of slope, go left onto a forestry track for 250 metres then turn right along left side of line of trees. At end turn left emerging into a wide clearing which is the line of the ELAN VALLEY PIPELINE *[Completed in 1904 to carry drinking water from Wales to Birmingham. The water travels by natural flow]*
- 5 Go right over stile and follow pipeline clearing downhill for about 350 metres passing ponds on the left then right. Shortly afterwards, turn left along a clearing through trees to large fishing pools. Do not go as far as stoned track but turn left through trees.

*From here until leaving the woodlands after point 8, the route is in the same general direction through trees but with fields never far away to your right.*

- 6 With pools to your right, follow footpath through trees. Keep in the same direction on woodland path for 600 metres. Go through a gap and shortly onto a forestry track.
- 7 Turn right and after 60 metres take the rightmost track, along woodland edge. Path goes gently uphill then more steeply down and up again, keeping in the same general direction always near the woodland edge to emerge onto wider track.
- 8 Turn right following path as it winds through trees and over stile into a field. Keep forward another 70 metres and over stile ahead. Turn left along field edge then shortly over stile on left into large field.
- 9 Head 45 degrees left downhill towards powerline and cottage. Continue on access track for the cottage. Cross a stream then uphill and around a left bend to a concrete track. Turn left passing pond on right (Footpath off to right).
- 10 Keep on track, uphill then down. At the bottom of the dip go right off track. Keep field edge with hedgerow on your right around bend and to gate at end of field (ignore footpath off to right).
- 11 Go through gate and trees to emerge onto golf course. Walk in front of two tees to a waymark post and turn left. Keep forward to steps down onto track. Turn right along track uphill, at top meet outward route and turn right back to the Golf Clubhouse.

