Dinmore; Queenswood; Hope-under-Dinmore and Bunhill

A varied walk with two gradual climbs to extensive views

6.5 miles (10.5 km.)

Start:- Car park opposite St Michael's School GR 531 511 or the Railway Inn (O), Dinmore, GR 512 511

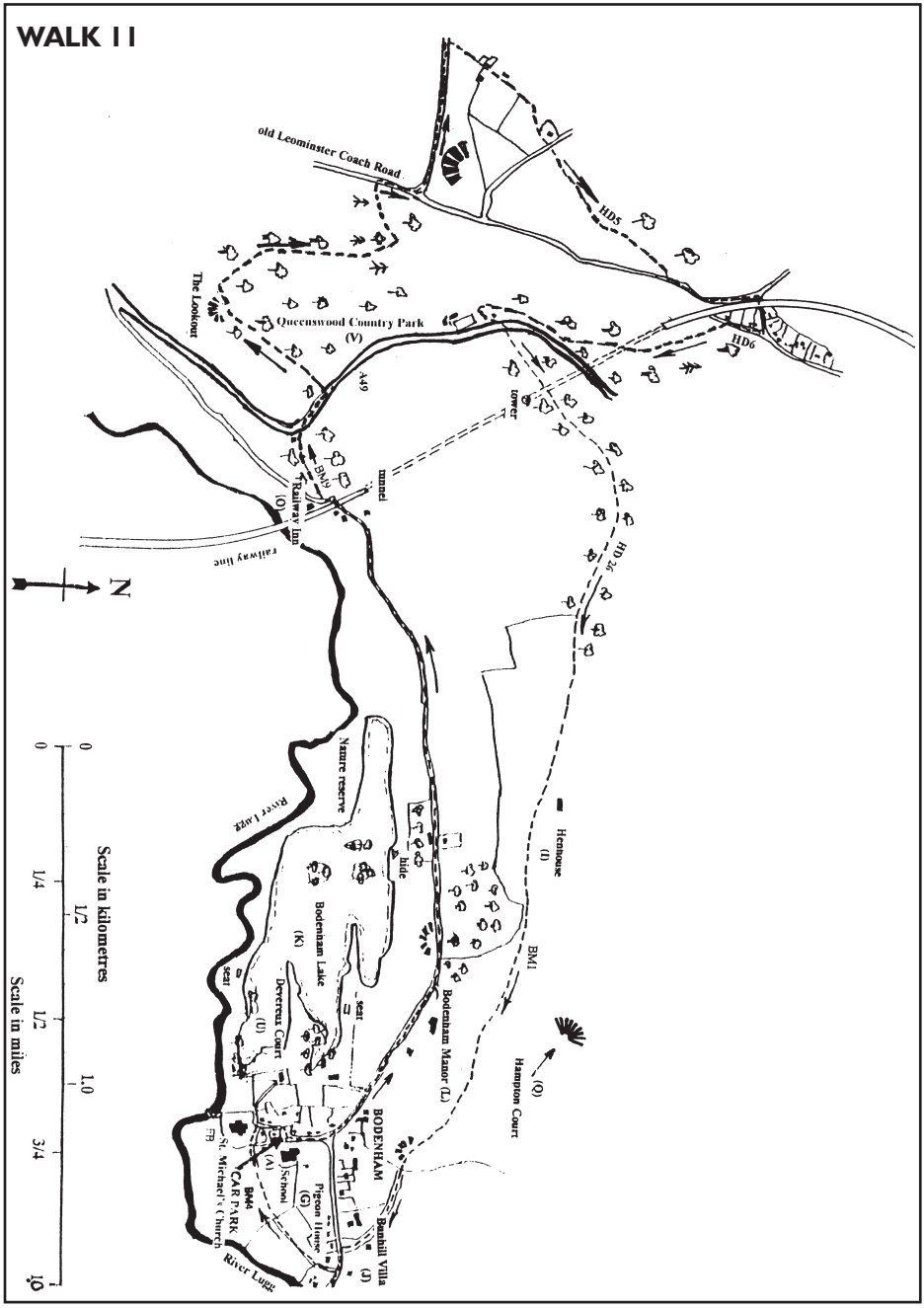
Explorer 202 or Pathfinder 994

From the car park walk to the War Memorial (A), turn left and follow the road with views across the lake (K) for 1.25 miles (2 km), and then a small waterfall on your right. Just after crossing the railway bridge you come to the entrance of the Railway Inn (O). Climb the stile and the steps on your right. Bear left at the top of the steps and follow the path climbing steadily through the woods up the path, bearing right just before the cottage garden which comes into view on your left. Cross the stile on to the A49 and turn right along the grass verge towards the traffic sign.

Cross the A49 with great care and bear left into Queenswood Country Park (V) until you meet a crossing track which you follow to your left until you reach The Lookout. After identifying the landscape features with the aid of the toposcope turn right down the dip and up into a grassy open space. Turn right to the far side and take the path to the entrance to the Autumn Garden. Go through the gate passing the Dendrology Stone and leave the garden by the gate opposite. Turn left at the track then right along the old Leominster Coach Road for 100 metres where you turn left.

Follow this lane, with views towards Leominster on the right. Where the metalled road ends turn right down the track and, where it turns sharp right at a concrete drive, enter the garden straight ahead and pass through, keeping to the hedge on your right and leave by the stile. BE SURE TO RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF THE OWNERS AT ALL TIMES.

Continue on the same line to cross three more stiles in quick succession. Follow the hedge on your left and cross the next stile. Follow the hedge, now on your right, cross the first stile, ignore the second, but cross the third into the road. Walk under the railway bridge and turn right up the lane, bear left at the stone house and cross two stiles into a field. Cross the field and go over another stile to follow a path alongside Queenswood, which you enter by a gate. Continue ahead to a junction with 4 other tracks. The two to the right or the grassy track opposite by nestbox 38 will all lead you to the Countryside Centre and Queenswood Café (V).

Re-cross the A49 to a bridleway almost opposite the entrance to the Centre and follow it, with the old tunnel construction siting tower through the trees on your right, until you meet a crossing track. Turn right and follow this track, passing a cattle grid by Henhouse Farm (I) on your left until you reach a second cattle grid. Do not cross this grid but follow the track to the right downhill through several gates to bear right at Bunhill Villa (J) and on to the road opposite the Pigeon House (G).

Turn left and in 50 metres go through a kissing gate on the right. Follow this path into St Michael's churchyard (A). Turn right through the lych gate and walk up Church Walk on to the car park.