

Bodenham, Monmarsh and The Vault

Quiet lanes, secluded spots and wildfowl on the lake

3.5 miles (5.5 km.)

Start:- Car park opposite St Michael's School

Explorer 202 or Pathfinder 994 GR 531 511

From the car park (A) take the footpath, Church Walk, immediately opposite the school gate. Enter St Michael's churchyard and, keeping the Church on your left, continue through a metal gate and cross the River Lugg by the footbridge (B) .

Bear diagonally right, signposted "Little Vern", to a footbridge in the far corner of the field. Follow the wood on your left and at the end pass through a gap to follow the hedge on your right and through a gateway. Follow the hedge on your left until you come to a stile which takes you into a lane near Little Vern. Turn left up the lane to a tee junction. With Kitten Gate opposite and Bannut Tree House (C) on your right, turn left for 100 metres and cross the stile on your right. Follow the hedge on your right, cross another stile and bear slightly left to the next stile. Follow the hedge on your right to a footbridge and bear left to a stile and on to a track at Monmarsh End.

In a few metres you will encounter the unusual sign "Trespassers will be welcome". Turn right into the garden and cross a stile near the left hand corner of the house. **BE SURE TO RESPECT THE PRIVACY OF THE OWNERS AT ALL TIMES.** Cross this stile and go straight ahead to another stile and then slightly right to another stile in the hedge on your right. Cross this stile and follow the hedge, now on your left, to another stile into an open field. Bear slightly right to cross the stream by a cartbridge and bear left to a gate into a lane.

Either turn left for 150 metres and take a stile on your left, follow the hedge on your left to



The Vault House Farm

another stile and on the same line across to the corner of the field another stile and into the lane.

Or walk along the lane to The Vault (E). Turn left and take the first stile on your left and cross the field.

Continue in the same direction along the lane to the tee junction, turn right for 25 metres and go through a kissing gate on your left. Follow the track and just after it turns right, take the stile on your left (F). Beyond the lake on your left, turn right uphill keeping the hedge on your right. Turn at the top for the view of Dinmore before entering the wood by a stile and follow the path along the top of the wood which leads you to steps (D) descending to a footbridge. Continue on the same line over the field to re-cross the River Lugg footbridge and retrace your steps to the car park.

