The background is an impressionistic painting of a river scene. It features a river in the foreground with reflections, and a line of trees and foliage along the banks. The brushstrokes are visible and colorful, with a palette of blues, greens, yellows, and browns. The overall style is soft and painterly.

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Introduction

Exercise, good company, bird-watching, photography; whatever your reason for getting out and about in Britain's glorious countryside, you need a place to begin.

Me, I just love the few counties either side of the Wales/England border and have determined to explore them to the utmost.

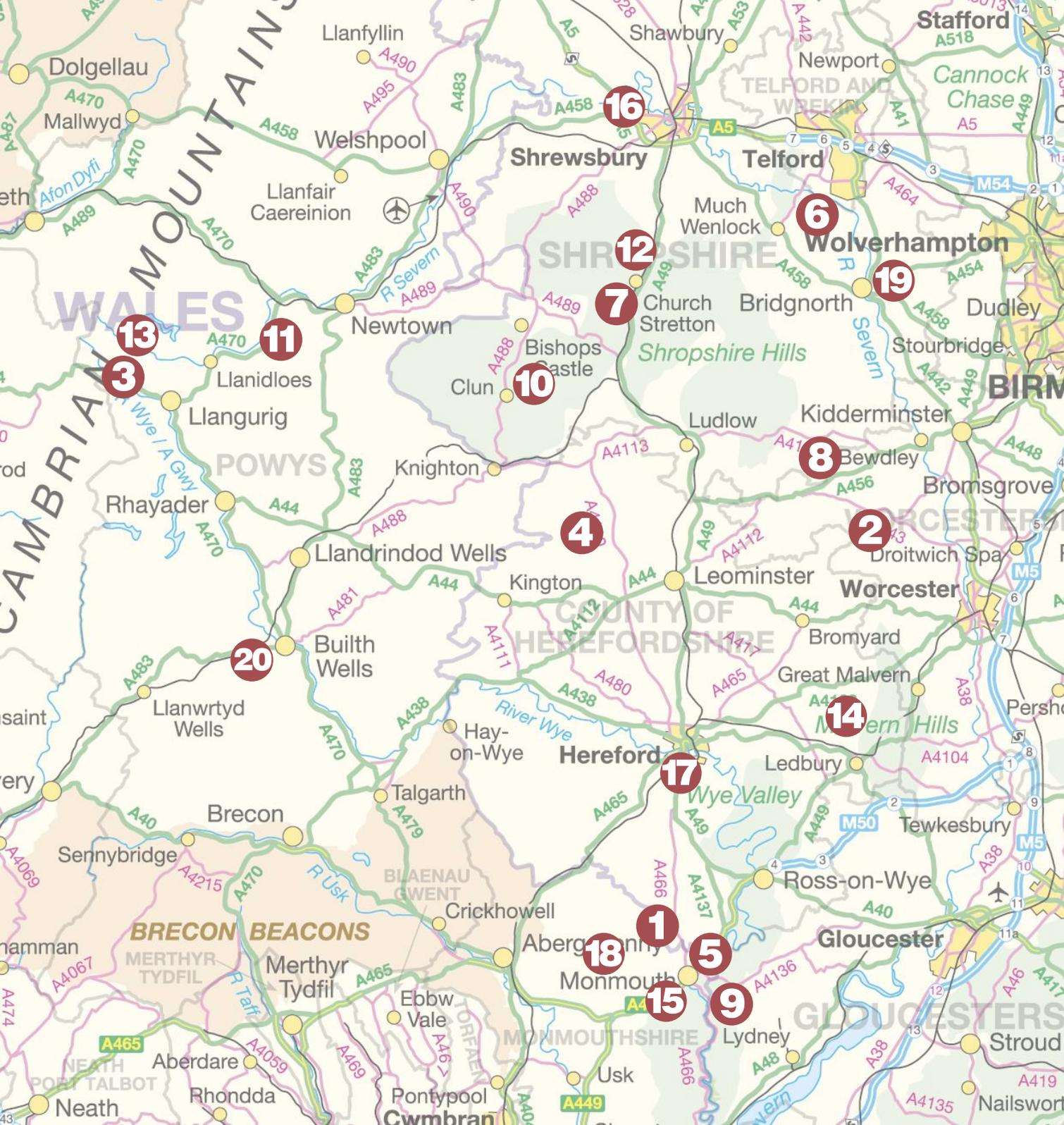
And what better way to get around than along the banks of the many water courses that make their way into the Severn basin?

It's not that easy to navigate British rivers for every mile of their course. Few public rights of way stick exactly to the riverside. In truth, on some of these walks you may only glimpse the water on a few occasions. But I hope they will give you a sense of the many environs throughout the Marches. Be it the mighty Severn, the intimate Rea or the beautiful Teme, I hope you come to love this country as much as I do. Enjoy!

These guides will give you a general idea of some brilliant walks. They don't give enough detailed directions to follow without the use of Ordnance Survey maps.

You will need to be equipped with decent boots and all-weather gear. Always carry a mobile phone - and don't forget to check the weather before you set off.

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Key



Type

There and back: You take the same route back to your start point
Circular: You take a different route back to your start point
One way: You arrange transport to get you to your start point



Location

Which counties



Maps

Which Ordnance Survey Explorer maps to take



How to get there

Road directions



Start

Latitude and longitude



Length

In hours



Duration

In kilometres - assumes an average speed of about 5kph



Severity

***** Expect rough ground and severe climbs
**** Some rough ground and climbs
*** Occasional rough ground or moderate climbs
** Shouldn't be a problem if you are reasonably fit
* Easy-peasy



Paths

***** Well marked and maintained throughout
**** Well maintained for the most part
*** Mostly easy to follow
** Some confused paths or overgrown country
* Wilderness



Stiles

***** Excellent
**** Very good
*** Mostly well maintained
** Some disrepair
* Useless throughout