

The background is an impressionistic painting of a river scene. It features a river in the foreground with reflections, and a line of trees with dense foliage in shades of green, yellow, and brown along the banks. The sky is a mix of light blue and white, suggesting a bright, slightly hazy day. The overall style is reminiscent of J.M.W. Turner's work.

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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.

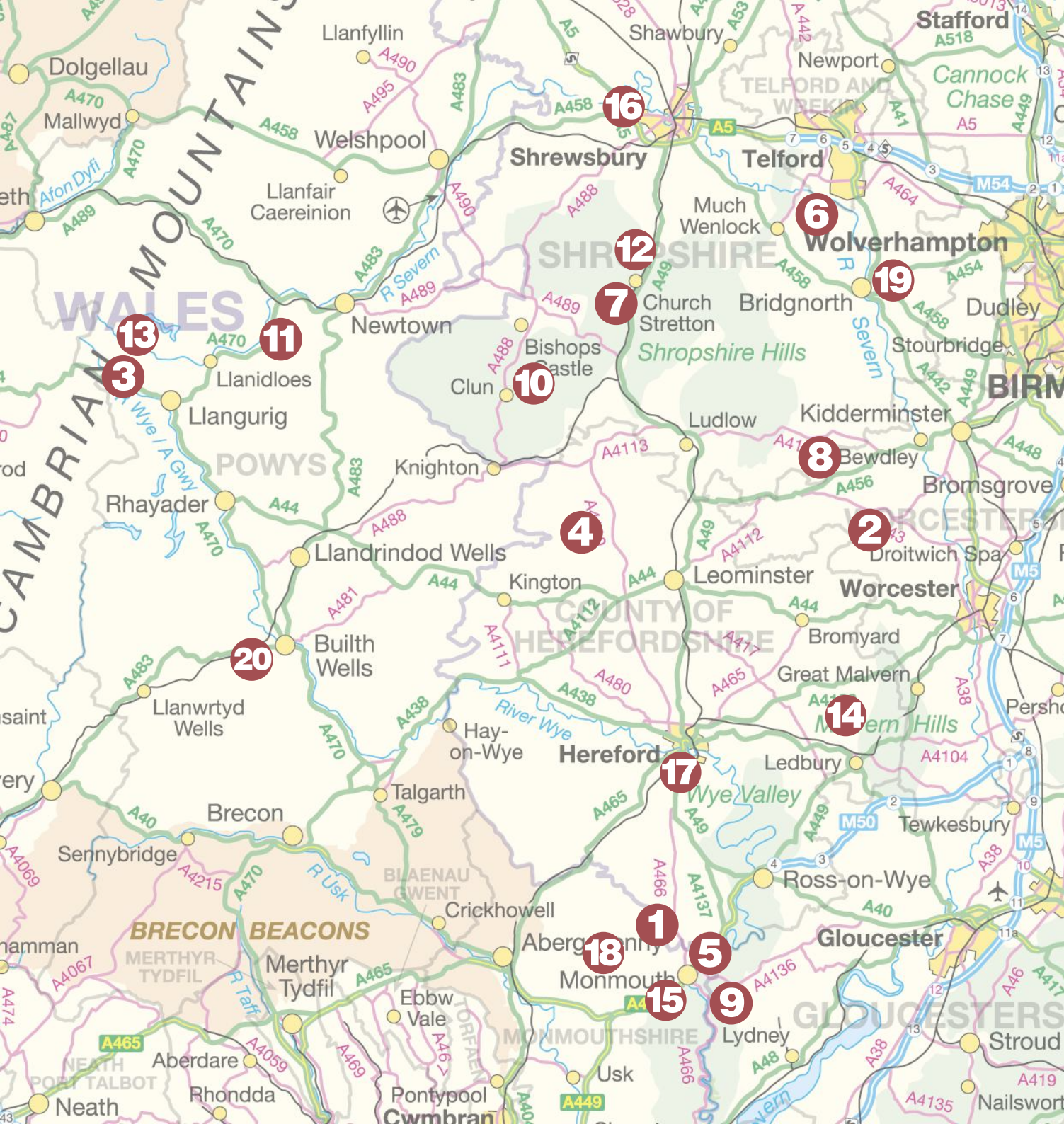
And what better way to get around than along the banks of the many water courses that make their way into the Severn basin?

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