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Ebury Hill Club Site - Haughmond Hill

Camping and Caravanning



Route Summary



This walk descends to the ruins of Haughmond Abbey before continuing to a woodland circuit of the flanks of Haughmond Hill. It then climbs to the top to reach the summit and trig point as well as a stunning viewpoint. It then continues over the hill before returning to the campsite.

Route Overview



Category: Walking

Length: 9.050 km / 5.66 mi

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Difficulty: Medium

Rating: Unrated

Surface: Moderate

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Description



A walk around Haughmond Abbey and over Haughmond Hill from Ebury Hill Club Site



This walk is quite strenuous but uses good paths and tracks to visit the ruins of Haughmond Abbey. You get great views of it from the path but if you want to go in there is a fee.

From there the route skirts the wooded flanks of Haughmond Hill before climbing to the summit and trig point. After that there is a grand traverse of the upper reaches of the hill before descending to a car park. A bit of lane walking takes you back to your outbound route and you follow this back to Ebury Hill Club Site. The walk will take you about 3.5 hours at a leisurely pace. Boots recommended.

NOTE - IF USING A SAT NAV TO PLOT THE MILEAGE YOU WILL FIND IT GIVES IT AS 6.4 MILES.

Facing site reception with the lake to your right, head up the site going left of the reception building to pass the barrier and follow the blue bridlemay arrow. Walk along the access track to the upper part of the site. Follow the blue arrows through the site staying ahead on the main track at the first junction reached. When the access track bends right at the top of the site leave it going ahead following the blue arrow. Go left of a gate to pass through a kissing gate. Walk along the left of the field by a fence.



Leaving the site near the start

A little way along the track go left through a kissing gate and take The Shropshire Way down a descending track. The track soon levels and continues between bushes and trees.



Walking along the Shropshire Way

Continue to pass through a kissing gate by a gate, then go ahead passing through two more gates/openings in quick succession. Curve left to pass through a kissing gate by a gate and continue left and right passing Haughmonds Farm. Follow the drive to just before the road and go right through another kissing gate.

Follow the footpath half left across the middle of the field following the arrow direction heading roughly between two large trees left and a telegraph post right passing a marker post. Cross a stile by a copse of trees and continue on the path winding a way through trees to cross over an access track. Follow a descending path past the ruins of Haughmond Abbey.



Walking past Haughmond Abbey ruins

At the bottom of the slope pass through a kissing gate to follow the fence left and curve left around the abbey. Pass through another kissing gate and continue following the fence and curving left around the abbey. Pass through a kissing gate by a gate to reach the abbey access track. Go right to pass through a gate/opening to the road.



Haughmond Abbey



2 - Go left carefully along the left side of the road for a few moments. At a car park left for 'AbbeyWood', cross the road right to go left of a gate into The Holly's Wood. Follow the path (The Shropshire Way) through the woods, which undulates a little and descends occasionally. Continue on The Shropshire Way to pass a marker post and reach a second marker post at a junction.

3 - At this point leave The Shropshire Way going left to follow an undulating path along the side of Haughmond Hill. Ignore any paths going off right or left and further on start to rise more gradually and continue rising to reach a path junction.

4 - Now go left to continue up Haughmond Hill. The path climbs gradually and then steeply among the trees. At a path junction/marker post go right on the Blue Route. At the next post go right (Blue Route) and a little further on detour half right past standing stones to reach a viewpoint by three benches.



Passing a standing stone on the way to the viewpoint



At the viewpoint

Turn around and walk back passing left and close to the final standing stone to go ahead into woods taking the Blue Route. Follow the rising path and just before a steep rise go left, staying with the Blue Route. Continue to go right on a



surfaced track (Blue Route) and at the next junction go right (Blue Route again). Continue ahead when the surfaced track ends heading uphill past a marker post. Pass the trig point right and continue to the unmarked top of Haughmond Hill which is an open grassy area.

5 - Continue ahead from the summit in the same direction. Stay ahead at the next junction (Blue Route). At the next junction follow the Blue Route left continuing ahead on the main path in an open area where a smaller path goes right. Head into trees and continue on the Blue Route in the trees. At a surfaced track go right (Blue Route). At the next junction join the Red Route continuing ahead on the Blue/Red routes. At the next junction cut half left staying with the Blue/Red route. When you reach the forest edge by a fence go left (Blue/Red Routes). Follow the wide track and go right at the next junction (Blue/Red Route). After a sharp descent go right at a track junction picking up the Yellow Route too. Follow the forest track (Blue/Red/Yellow routes) to a car park.



Walking on Haughmond Hill

6 - Go ahead through the car park bending right through a picnic area and passing through the bollards beyond. Go right to walk down the car park access track to reach a lane. Go left along the lane continuing to a junction with a busier road. Cross carefully over to go right along the grass verge.

Go left at the entrance to Haughmond Farm to pick up your outbound route. Continue to curve left through the farmyard passing through a kissing gate to curve right beyond. Pass through two gates/openings in quick succession and then pass through a kissing gate by a gate. Follow The Shropshire Way back up the track to pass by a kissing gate by a gate. Go right to pass through a kissing gate right of a gate to re-enter Ebury Hill Club Site.

Waypoints

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