

# MUCH WENLOCK MARATHON TRAILS

Family friendly things to do and see  
within 26 miles of Much Wenlock

FUN FOR ALL  
THE FAMILY



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## THE MUCH WENLOCK OLYMPIAN CONNECTION

With the 2012 London Games, the modern Olympics have 'come home' - because it's here in England that the movement began. Not in the capital, but in a small market town in the heart of rural Shropshire.

Back in 1850, Much Wenlock doctor and philanthropist William Penny Brookes had an inspired idea, designed to promote healthy living to local people. His crusading Wenlock Olympian Society inaugurated an annual Games event which led directly - thanks to Brookes' drive and vision - to the rebirth of the Olympics at its classic home in Athens, in 1896.

Back home in Much Wenlock, the Wenlock Olympian Society has carried on the good doctor's work, and the town's annual games are a unique attraction to this day.



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## ABOUT THE MARATHON TRAILS

Take a run out by bike or car around Much Wenlock - home of the modern Olympian games - and within the marathon distance of 26 miles you'll find an incredible variety of fascinating places to discover and fun things to do!

Each of our four Marathon Trails introduces you to a special selection of sites and attractions.

We've focused on the unusual and the less well-known, and there are four themed trails: Rural & Heritage, Activities, Food & Drink and Family Friendly.

There are some wonderful days out waiting for you within just 26 miles of Much Wenlock - so why not get out there and explore? Enjoy!

All 4 trails leaflets are available to download as PDFs at [www.shropshiretourism.co.uk](http://www.shropshiretourism.co.uk)



# MARATHON TRAILS DIRECTORY

## 1 ACTON SCOTT ESTATE

Adjacent to the Historic Working Farm made famous by the Victorian Farm and Escape in Time TV series, the Estate offers high quality holiday homes, including Henley Cottage, an authentic Victorian living experience. Alternatively try 'glamping': luxury safari-style tent encampments each located on its own private clearing in the tranquil setting of Hatton Wood. From here, you can enjoy the sounds of owls and skylarks, while being surrounded by panoramic views of pastures managed to encourage wildlife. Permissive footpaths have been added to the existing extensive rights of way so walkers can enjoy the beautiful landscape, historic buildings and wildlife.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** Open all year round.

**ADDRESS:** Acton Hall, Church Stretton SY6 6QQ

**TELEPHONE:** 01694 781 223 / 07976 839 997

**E-MAIL:** rupert.acton@btinternet.com

**WEBSITE:** www.actonscott.com



## 2 COMMANDO PAINTBALL GAMES AND BORDER QUAD TREKKING

A family run business offering Quad Biking, Paintballing, Laser Clay Shooting, Archery, Team Building and a Climbing Wall. Prices start from £20 for an activity or you can do a day's worth of activities from £99.00 including BBQ lunch. It is ideal for families or large groups.

With fantastic views across Shropshire you are certain to have a very enjoyable experience.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** Open 7 days per week

- booking is advisable.

**ADDRESS:** Bulthy Hill Farm, Middletown, Nr Welshpool SY21 8ER

**TELEPHONE:** 01743 884694 / 07970 884694

**E-MAIL:** info@commandopaintball.com

**WEBSITE:** www.commandopaintball.com



## 3 HAWKSTONE PARK FOLLIES

Created in the 18th Century, Hawkstone Park

Follies is a unique place set in acres of English Heritage Grade 1 landscape.

With its hidden pathways, caves, concealed grottos and secret tunnels, it offers a special day out for adults and children alike. You can walk amongst follies, dramatic cliffs, romantic secret valleys and take in awe-inspiring views. From the glorious display of rhododendrons to the exciting "Maize Maze" there is something for everyone to enjoy.

See our website for special events which we hold throughout the summer and autumn.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** May - October. See website for details.

**ADDRESS:** Weston-under-Redcastle, Shrewsbury SY4 5UY

**TELEPHONE:** 01948 841700

**E-MAIL:** enquiries@hawkstone.co.uk

**WEBSITE:** www.hawkstone.co.uk



## 4 HOME FARM ATTINGHAM

A real working farm on the Attingham Estate with several different rare breed cattle. Help feed the pigs, chickens, sheep, geese and rabbits and watch as we milk our Jersey herd. Enjoy a stroll round our nature walk, then pop in to the old cow shed for a refreshing drink and slice of homemade cake in our tearooms.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:**

Easter - Christmas 12 noon - 5:30pm, every day except Fridays.

Open every day in the school holidays 11am - 5:30pm, milking daily from 3:30pm.

**ADDRESS:** Attingham, Atcham, Shrewsbury SY4 4TN

**TELEPHONE:** 01743 709243

**E-MAIL:** dixonhomefarm@hotmail.com

**WEBSITE:** www.homefarmattingham.co.uk



## 5 HOO FARM

Hoo Farm Animal Kingdom is a child's paradise where there is always something happening. A clean, friendly farm that appeals to all ages and offers close contact with a wide variety of animals from fluffy chicks and lambs to foxes, llamas and ostriches. A daily programme of events encourages audience participation in the form of bottle feeding lambs and goats, deer feeding and picking the winner in the sheep and goat races. Events change as the season progresses from spring lambs to summer fun, Halloween Screams and finally a traditional Christmas including nativity performances where anything can happen!

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** Open all year round, see website for times.

**ADDRESS:** Preston on the Weald Moors, Nr Donnington, Telford TF6 6DJ

**TELEPHONE:** 01952 677917

**E-MAIL:** info@hoofarm.com

**WEBSITE:** www.hoofarm.com



## 6 JACKFIELD TILE MUSEUM

The village of Jackfield was once the centre of the world tile industry. Today one of the old factories is filled with room after room of beautiful tile displays and settings such as a pub, a butcher's shop and a tube station. As you wander through the Museum you will be able to see, touch and even walk on magnificent

British tiles. On many days you can watch staff from the Craven Dunnill Company manufacture tiles or even create your own at one of the regularly held workshops.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** Daily 10am to 5pm all year round.

**ADDRESS:** Jackfield, Telford TF8 7LJ

**TELEPHONE:** 01952 433424

**E-MAIL:** tic@ironbridge.org.uk

**WEBSITE:** www.ironbridge.org.uk





## 7 LAND OF LOST CONTENT

Often featured on TV, the 'Land of Lost Content' is a huge nostalgia-fest for oldies, and a retro-vintage experience for youngsters.

This is the largest museum of British memorabilia in the western world! Subjects thoroughly covered include food & drink, toys, fashion, TV and sport (with some interesting Olympic Games references), and one woman's collection that proves 'little things mean a lot'.

The museum café, 'Icons' is open each day, opening slightly earlier than the museum; cakes, snacks and light lunches in a fascinating ambience.

Founder member of the Craven Arms Vintage Quarter, and of the South Shropshire Vintage Trail.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** Feb - end November, 11am - 5pm, every day except Wednesdays. Last admission 4:15pm.

**ADDRESS:** The Market Hall, Market Street, Craven Arms SY7 9NW

**TELEPHONE:** 01588 676176

**E-MAIL:** stella.lolc@virgin.net

**WEBSITE:** www.lolc.org.uk

## 8 MILL FARM

Mill Farm Riding Centre is justifiably proud of its well-managed and friendly BHS approved yard. Whatever your age or ability we can select a horse or pony that will give you the confidence to enjoy a memorable day. Mill Farm is situated just below Wenlock Edge which enables you to access endless bridleways including the Jack Mytton Way. We offer lessons, hacks and our popular local pub rides. B&B is also available at our Victorian farmhouse - caravans and tents are welcome.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** Booking advised.

**ADDRESS:** Hughley, Nr Shrewsbury SY5 6NT

**TELEPHONE:** 01746 785645

**E-MAIL:** mfrcl@btconnect.com

**WEBSITE:** www.millfarmridingcentre.co.uk



## 9 OLD VICARAGE ADVENTURE CENTRE

Horse riding in the Shropshire Hills, for beginners or advanced. Adventure holidays and days for families or groups. Climbing, canoeing, paintball, high ropes

and much more. Accommodation for over 50 people, plus 5-bedroomed holiday cottage.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** Seven days a week 9am - 5pm.

**ADDRESS:** Stottesdon DY14 8UH

**TELEPHONE:** 01746 718436

**E-MAIL:** enquiries@horsetreks.co.uk

**WEBSITE:** www.horsetreks.co.uk / www.ovac.co.uk



## 10 RAYS FARM

Our farm is located in beautiful wooded countryside. We have a range of animals, including red, fallow and reindeer, alpaca, horses, ponies, donkeys, sheep, goats, poultry, etc. We have a woodland walk alongside a fast-flowing stream with over 50 woodcarvings. Hot and cold light meals are served from 10am to 5pm. We have separate indoor and outdoor play areas. Free car parking is available. The Jack Mytton Way starts near to the farm.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** March to end of Oct - open every day 10am - 5:30pm. November - closed.

December - Father Christmas pre-booked visits only. January - closed. February - open weekends and school holidays 10am - 5.30pm.

**ADDRESS:** Billingsley, Bridgnorth WV16 6PF

**TELEPHONE:** 01299 841255

**E-MAIL:** info@raysfarm.com

**WEBSITE:** www.raysfarm.com



## 11 ROBERT HARROP DESIGNS

You are invited to visit Harrop's Figurine Gallery and Gift Shop in The Mill Building at the Jackfield Tile Museum set in the Ironbridge Gorge. Our Archive Gallery displays over 1500 individual figurine designs created over a 25 year period. We have been working with film, TV and publishing companies over the years, producing internationally acknowledged reproductions of iconic characters from all our childhood yesterdays. Walk through tours can be arranged through our Modelling Studios, Casting and Painting Workshops, completed by an opportunity to

buy some of the figurines in our Gift Shop at a very special Mill visitor discount.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** Monday to Saturday 10am - 4pm or by group arrangement.

**ADDRESS:** The Mill Building at the Jackfield Tile Museum, Ironbridge Gorge TF8 7LJ

**TELEPHONE:** 01952 884804

**E-MAIL:** sales@robertharrop.com

**WEBSITE:** www.robertharrop.com



## 12 SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY

The Severn Valley Railway operates steam hauled passenger trains between Kidderminster in Worcestershire and Bridgnorth in Shropshire, a journey of approximately 16 miles along the beautiful Severn Valley.

The SVR also operates a range of themed special events at weekends throughout the year.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** Timetables vary with the season. See website for details.

**ADDRESS:** The Railway Station, Bewdley DY12 1BG

**TELEPHONE:** 01299 403816

**E-MAIL:** mktg@svr.co.uk

**WEBSITE:** www.svr.co.uk



## 13 WHEELY WONDERFUL CYCLING

Get ready for 2012 & cycle to the start of the Olympian Games on our Ironbridge Cycle tour. A stunning cycle tour, which gradually leads you to the world famous Ironbridge Gorge - the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution and Much Wenlock - the birthplace of the modern Olympian Games. Your overnight stops are in Clun, Church Stretton, Ironbridge & medieval Ludlow. (6 days 5 nights). Look on our website for 50 more cycling & walking tours. Our holiday packages include excellent quality accommodation, with a choice of hotel, inn or B&B. Top quality bike hire, luggage transfers, unique route guides and full back-up.

**OPENING DATES/TIMES:** Easter to Oct, Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm.

**ADDRESS:** Petchfield Farm, Elton, Ludlow SY8 2HJ

**TELEPHONE:** 01568 770755

**E-MAIL:** info@wheelywonderfulcycling.co.uk

**WEBSITE:** www.wheelywonderfulcycling.co.uk

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