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## Upper Arley Out & About



**Arley Arboretum and Gardens**  
 Arley Arboretum is one of the oldest Arboretums in Great Britain. Tucked away in the beautiful countryside of the Worcestershire and Shropshire borders near Bewdley, it boasts more than 300 species of trees in formal and informal plantings and gardens. Tel. 01299 861368 [www.arley-arboretum.org.uk](http://www.arley-arboretum.org.uk)



**Severn Valley Railway**  
 This 16 mile, full size steam railway line links Kidderminster in Worcestershire to Bridgnorth in Shropshire. Meandering along the route of the River Severn, visitors to this railway line experience a unique outlook of the Wyre landscape. Tel. 01299 403816 [www.svr.co.uk](http://www.svr.co.uk)



**Bewdley**  
 Four miles south of Upper Arley lies Bewdley, a beautiful small Georgian town built on the banks of the River Severn. Bewdley is a popular tourist destination with something to offer everyone. For more detail on what's on in Bewdley contact Bewdley Tourist Information Office Tel 01299 404740.



**Wyre, Forest of Discovery**  
 Wyre Forest is one of the largest ancient oak woodlands in England and a haven for wildlife. Car park, cafe and much more. [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk)

## The Countryside Code & Safe Walking

-  Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs.
-  Leave gates and property as you find them.
-  Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home.
-  Keep dogs under close control.
-  Consider other people.
-  Keep children away from the water's edge.
-  Always wear suitable clothing.
-  Please ensure you park considerately.



## Walking for Health

Just 30 minutes a day of brisk walking, on a regular basis, can have a positive effect on your health and quality of life.  
 web: [www.wfh.naturalengland.org.uk](http://www.wfh.naturalengland.org.uk)

### Upper Arley Circular Walk: Fact File

**Start / Finish:** Site of old ferry crossing, Upper Arley Village. G.R. SO.764801 OS Explorer Map. 218 "Wyre Forest and Kidderminster"

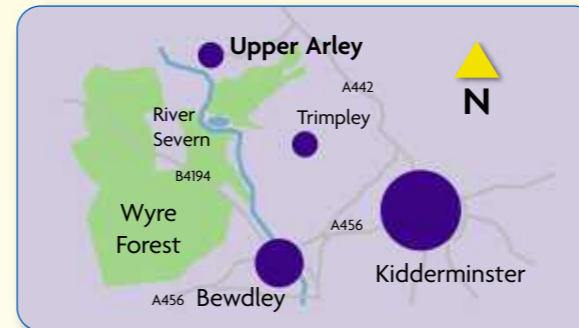
**Length:** 4 miles

**Parking:** Parking is available in the village of Upper Arley, just beyond the start/finish point, (parking charges apply)

**Gates and stiles:** 8 pedestrian gates, 1 kissing gate, no stiles.

**Terrain:** Some level riverside and woodland walking with a number of steep sections. One unmanned railway crossing and a short section of road walking. No steps.

**Waymarking:** Simply follow the Upper Arley Circular Walk 'Ferryman' logo and directional arrows and you won't get lost.



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# The Upper Arley Circular Walk



## A 4 mile Waymarked Circular Walk




# Welcome to The Upper Arley Circular Walk


A 4 mile circular walk taking in tranquil riverside walking, cooling tracks through ancient woodland with the opportunity to explore Britain's industrial heritage in the form of the Victoria Bridge and the Severn Valley Steam Railway.



1. From the walk information board next to the old ferry crossing, head downstream along the road with the river on your right-hand side until you reach the modern footbridge.
2. Stay on this side of the river and head down the enclosed track in front of you beyond the bridge. Stay on this track for 500m until you reach Worrall's Grove and a small footbridge.
3. Cross the bridge and follow the Ferryman logo, keeping the river on your right-hand side. You are now entering Eymore Wood ancient woodland a site of special scientific interest. Continue for 250m until you reach Victoria Bridge.
4. The impressive Victoria Bridge was cast and constructed by the Coalbrookdale Company in 1861 to carry the Severn Valley Railway from Hartlebury near Droitwich to Shrewsbury, a distance of 40 miles. Pass under the bridge and continue until you leave Eymore Wood in 250m.
5. Pass through the pedestrian gate and enter the Trimpley Reservoir site. The reservoirs were built in 1968 as an emergency support to the Elan Valley Pipeline that supplies water from mid Wales to Birmingham. Follow the Ferryman logo for approximately half a mile.

WC Public Toilets

 Picnic Place

 Parking

 Arley Circular Walk

 Severn Way



6. Head away from the river and up the slope to the reservoir, follow the Ferryman logo to the Severn Valley Railway line.

7. Cross the railway line with care, remembering to look and listen for approaching steam trains. Follow the ferryman logo as you enter Eymore Wood again. Continue for 500m until you come to a pedestrian gate at Eymore Wood Lane.

8. Cross the road and use the bridlegate to continue into Eymore Wood. Follow the Ferryman logo and in approximately 1 mile you will come to Arley Lane.

9. Turn right onto Arley Lane, taking care of oncoming traffic. After 125m turn left, through a pedestrian gate and onto a permissive path, following the Ferryman logo. This permissive path will give you access to a restored orchard, a delightful brick cart bridge over a babbling brook and will eventually lead out on Lowe Lane.

10. Turn right and walk along Lowe Lane for 100m, again taking care to look out for traffic. Continue following the Ferryman logo and enter the Arley Estate grounds via a kissing gate next to a cattle grid, using another permissive path.

11. After 500m you will see the impressive gatehouse entrance to the Arley Arboretum Gardens.

12. If you wish to visit Arley Arboretum you can purchase a ticket at the gate, alternatively the Tea Room is open to non visitors.

13. The footpath will lead to a road and after approximately 500m you will return to the start point of the walk.