



the Geopark Way



A 109 mile walking trail through the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark



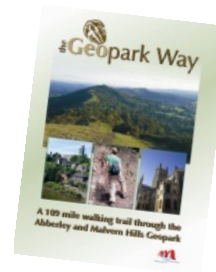
The Geopark Way Trail



- Waymarked route
- Beautiful scenery, heritage and wildlife
- 700 million years of Earth history to explore
- Locally distinctive villages and towns
- Pleasant places to eat, drink and stay

The Geopark Way Trail Guide

- 136 page full colour
- Detailed route description
- Trail split into 17 one-day walks
- Includes a 19 page Visitor Guide
- Interpretation of the geology and landscape along the trail



The Geopark Geology Map

- British Geological Survey Special Edition map
- Drawn at 1:100,000 scale with detailed key
- Detailed insert map of the Abberley and Malvern Hills ridges plus two cross sections

The Geopark Way Visitor Centre

- Café and souvenir shop
- Wall maps, video screen and ipads to access a wealth of information. Free Wi-Fi
- On-site car park and disabled access
- www.geocentre.co.uk / 01684 252414

Trail Guide and Map available from Tourist Information Centres, bookshops and direct from the Trail Guide publisher, Herefordshire and Worcestershire Earth Heritage Trust:

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Above: Huntley Church, Gloucestershire.



Above: Fossiliferous Aymestry Limestone.

Below: Teme Valley, from Walsgrove Hill, Worcestershire.



The Geopark Way

Winding its way for 109 miles through the Abberley and Malvern Hills Geopark from Bridgnorth to Gloucester, the Geopark Way passes through delightful countryside as it explores 700 million years of the Earth's history.

The trail offers varied walking alongside rivers, through forests, along ridges and across heathlands. Passing through an assortment of habitats there is a diversity of wildlife and beautiful scenery. Locally distinctive villages and towns dot the route, bringing further elements of exploration and enchantment.

The rocks along the Geopark Way tell amazing stories of continental collision, of tropical seas, hot deserts, equatorial swamps and coastal lagoons and of vast ice sheets and polar deserts. Just as interesting are the building stones of churches, bridges, town halls, cottages and even a cathedral. These stories can be followed in the guidebook, across different parts of the four counties that make up the Geopark, delivering a totally new perspective on long distance walking.

Alongside the geological interpretation the trail guide draws attention to examples of how geology has played a significant part in influencing the wildlife, archaeology, social and industrial history of the area.

Suitably split into 17 comfortable day walks, each section of the trail explores the geology and landscape seen along the route. A fine range of rocks and fossils will be seen, together with intriguing traces of the Ice Age.

Geopark Way Apps

Add to your enjoyment of the Geopark Way, by installing one or more of the apps for smartphones and tablets produced for the 17 sections of the trail.

Each app provides a large scale interactive geology map which shows your current position on the trail. Numerous photos allow you to judge the walking conditions ahead of setting out and to get guidance as you walk the path. Geological information including visualisations of past environments and the geological history of the Geopark Way in its global context of moving continents and opening and closing oceans is provided in context as you walk.

Search for Geopark Way on either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play. If visiting the Geopark Way Visitor Centre at the Malvern Hills GeoCentre, use the free Wi-Fi to install the apps while you enjoy your refreshments.

