

## HoWL 1. Knighton Train station to Brampton Bryan

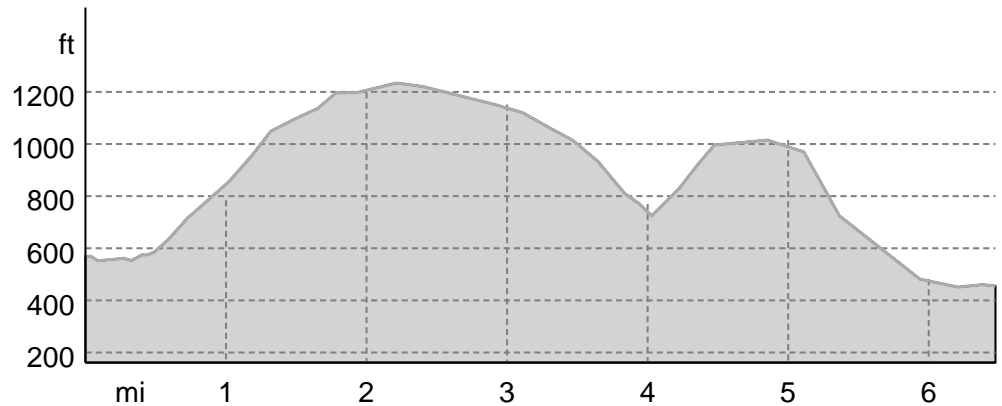
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Base Map: outdooractive Cartography; ©OpenStreetMap (www.openstreetmap.org)

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### Elevation profile



### route data

#### Hiking route

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Duration ⌚ 2:55 h


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Descent ▼ 1089 ft

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Stamina ■■■■■■

Technique ■■■■■■

Altitude  
 1234 ft  
 449 ft

### Best time of year

JAN | FEB | MAR  
 APR | MAY | JUN  
 JUL | AUG | SEP  
 OCT | NOV | DEC

### Ratings

#### Authors

Experience ●●●●●●

Landscape ●●●●●●

#### Community

### More route data

#### Awards

🔄 Circular route



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HoWL 2. Brampton Bryan to Leintwardine Church

HoWL 3. Leintwardine to Clungunford Church

HoWL 4. Clungunford to Stokesay Church

HoWL5. Stokesay to Craven Arms Train Station

Brampton Bryan Church - The original Norman church was largely demolished during the English Civil War siege of the adjacent castle. Its successor dates from 1656, and is significant as one of only six churches known to have been allowed redevelopment during the 'Commonwealth' period. This was probably due to the

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standing of Sir Robert Harley, who had been high in Government before the execution of Charles I (which, though a Parliamentarian, he did not support). It may also be relevant that before the Civil War Brampton Bryan had become, with Sir Robert's active encouragement, quite a centre of Puritanism.

The breadth of the new building is out of all usual proportion to its length, producing a nave & chancel in one, the totality surmounted by an exceptional Triple hammer beam roof, possibly salvaged from the ruined castle. Victorian alterations – including a fine east window – have not destroyed the sense of simple sacred space.

An early 14th century effigy/tomb (of Margaret de Brampton – who had married Sir Robert de Harley about 1309 -?) survives in the old south wall. Also notable is the memorial to Robert Harley (1661-1724), Queen Anne's First Minister and created 1st Earl of Oxford & Mortimer by her – he was subsequently charged with High Treason and then acquitted by his Peers!

Look too at the pulpit and sanctuary floor, which feature intricate intarsia woodwork by the Rev. Frank Sheffield (Rector 1879-85).

Aardvark Bookery in village has café and w.c.

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