HISTORIC MONTGOMERY

8. Turn left and walk up to the crossroads where you will see the Montgomery Memorial Garden. This is on the site of the old ‘pound’, a small stone-walled enclosure which was used to round up stray animals. The walls were knocked down shortly after the Second World War and the memorial garden was built in its place more recently.

9. Go straight across the crossroads into Arthur Street and keep walking gently uphill. On your left you will pass the renowned Bunners, Montgomery’s traditional ironmongers established in 1892. Opposite Bunners is a footpath leading up to the castle. Arthur Street also contains the town library with the bookshop opposite it, the Montgomery Institute, housing Cloverlands Model Car Museum, and The Old Bell Museum. As with much of Montgomery, a lot is packed into a small space!

10. When you reach the Town Hall, turn left to walk down Broad Street. There are plenty of places to eat and drink here, with the Post Office at the far end.

11. Turn right in front of the Post Office and walk down the road to the car park at number 12.

This walk is one that is particularly enjoyed by 1st Montgomery Rangers (Girlguiding members aged 14-18) as it is easily doable during one of their weekly meetings, starting and finishing at the Activity Centre next to the school. It is also ‘Jasper’s Walk’, a dog-friendly walk regularly undertaken by one of the Rangers for the volunteering section of her Duke of Edinburgh award, accompanied by Jasper from Montgomery’s Bunners hardware store.

This walk is one of a series of trails developed by Girlguiding Montgomeryshire as part of a wellbeing initiative to get outdoors and enjoy nature.

The walk promotes our varied and beautiful countryside in peaceful surroundings. Look out for other trails from Girlguiding units around the county.

MONTGOMERY Walk

A circular, scenic walk around Montgomery taking in Lymore Park with wonderful views of Montgomery Vale and its castle

Please keep dogs on leads and leave gates as you find them. More walking trails, including Welsh language versions, can be found at **www.girlguidingmontgomeryshire.org.uk**

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- 2 miles (3.2 km)
- Difficulty: Easy
- Approx 2 hours

DIRECTIONS

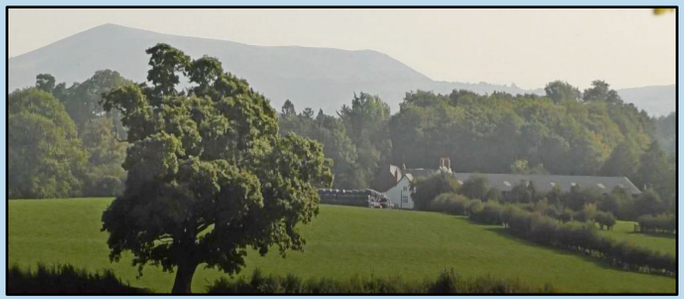
Start/Finish: Postcode SY15 6PR

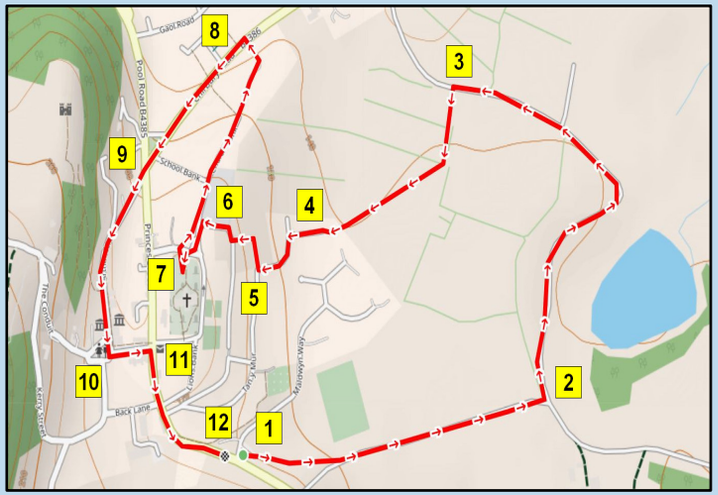
Car park, top of Maldwyn Way (where it meets the B4385).

Toilets: Public toilets to the rear of Montgomery Town Hall.

WALK DESCRIPTION

Montgomery is the former county town of the county of Montgomeryshire. This gentle walk will take you out past our local wildlife site to Lymore Park where you should enjoy wonderful panoramic views of the town and Montgomery Vale. You will then explore some of the local sites closer to the town centre, giving you a flavour of some of the lovely things this thriving town has to offer.





START

1. Leave the car park at the far end to enter Whitegate Pool wildlife area. This has been a popular local spot for years and it packs a lot into its small space. Look out for various wildlife, bug hotels and the picnic table for you to return to at the end of your walk if you like. When you emerge from the reserve, follow the footpath along the edge of the fields until you come to a minor tarmacked road.

2. Turn left here to follow the tarmacked road over a cattle grid, walking past Lower Pool on your right. Towards the end of this stretch, just before a second cattle grid, you should enjoy some lovely views of the County War Memorial, Montgomery Castle and St. Nicholas Church, all on your left. Walk on beyond this second cattle grid for a hundred metres until you reach a green lane on your left.

3. Turn left down the green lane. At the end, strike across the field, heading to a small footbridge – this isn't visible from the start of the field but head for the houses and it should come into view.

The footbridge leads to a gate and then a footpath that winds its way to come out between two houses at the bottom of Lymore View.

4. Walk up Lymore View, turning left at T junction. Continue walking up the road until it bends sharply left (as it turns into Tan y Mur). You should see a gate to the town cemetery on your right.

5. Go through the gates into the cemetery. Take the second set of steps on your left, leading to a gate at the top. Go through the gate, bear right to follow the path uphill. Keep walking up past the allotments on your left to emerge onto Church Bank at the top.

6. Turn left here and walk along the road, bearing right at the grassy triangle. Straight ahead you should see an entrance to the graveyard of St. Nicholas Church. Enter the graveyard.

7. Here you will find our local 'Robber's Grave' well signed on your right. The church itself is also well worth a visit. Dating from the early 13th-century, it is arguably most famous for its outstanding 16th-century canopied Herbert tomb. When you're ready, retrace your steps out of the graveyard the way you came in and back to number 6. Then keep walking straight on past the school on your right. The road will then bend left, but keep straight on onto a footpath which winds its way downhill to emerge onto Chirbury Road.