

# Walk 9 - River walk to Leintwardine (4¾ miles) South Shropshire

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Linear walk - flat, easy route along the rivers Redlake and Teme. Return by bus, or you can walk the same distance back by three possible routes

## Point A – Point C

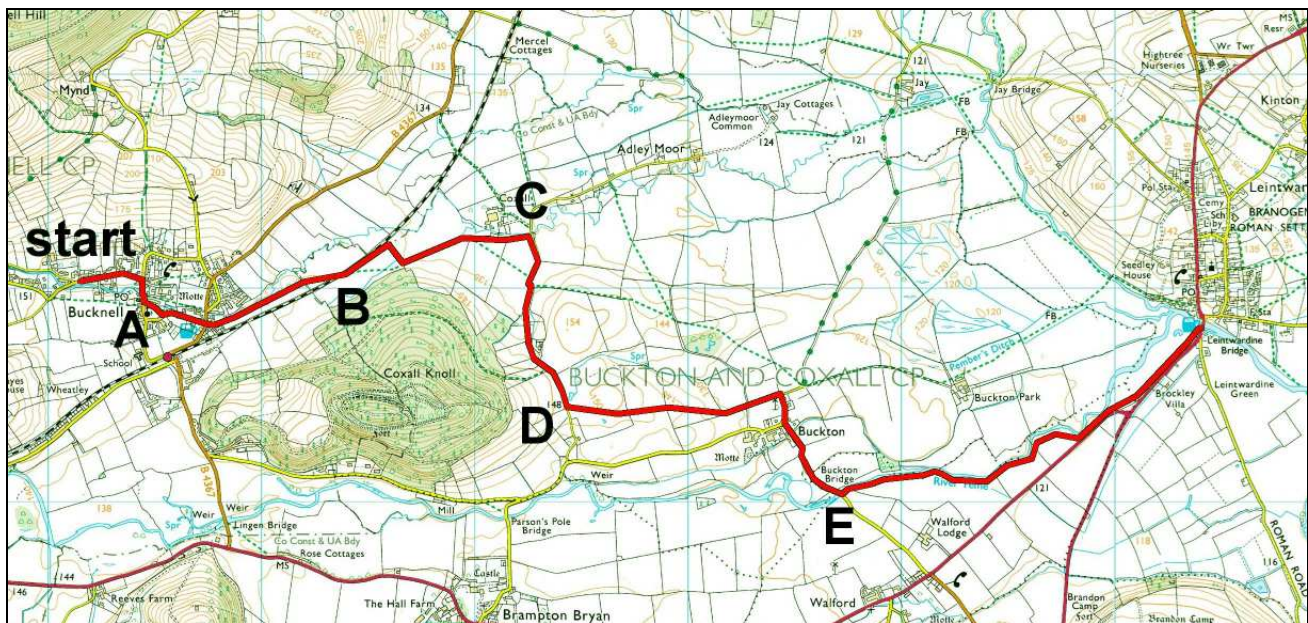
Start as for walk 5a. On reaching point C, walk up the road for about ½ mile.

## Point D

Just past a small wood on your L a fingerpost directs you through a gate, then half R across a field and just to the L of a group of trees. Keep straight on past a waymarked post at a field corner and follow the hedge on your L to a gap. Bear slightly R across the next field, then follow the hedge on your R through two gates to a track.

Turn L and then immediately R through a gate, and cross the field keeping close to the hedge on your R. You exit onto a road (at a bend), where you turn R and walk through the village of Buckton.

Keep L at the fork, cross the leat of an old water mill, and carry on until you reach the river Teme. Cross the bridge and turn L over a stile.



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## Point E

Shortly afterwards you pass through a gate and enter a large field. Keep close to the river bank through this and the next field. The Teme is rich in wildlife including otters, trout and salmon, and many different bird species can also be seen. At a gate bear half R and cut off the next meander of the river – Leintwardine church beckons to your L.

Your route now brings you close to the hedge by the road, which you follow for the remaining ½ mile into Leintwardine. Leave the field by a stile and you will find the bus stop next to a convenient seat on the far side of the bridge.

## Local Information

Bus 740 - leaves for [Bucknell](#) at 1.08, 4.13 and 6.08 p.m., Mon-Sat (check with timetable at bus stop).

**Leintwardine** - is the site of the ancient roman fort of Branogenium. The church is worth a visit in its own right, as well as for the photographic display by the local history society, and to see one of the oldest church clocks in the country (early 16<sup>th</sup> century). It is reached by walking up the main street and taking the first turning on the R.

**Refreshments** - available at the garage shop, Lion Hotel (reopening late 2010) and the Sun Inn.

**The Sun Inn** - is one of only five remaining “classic” pubs in the UK. Unchanged since the 1930s, it was run as a parlour pub by the landlady Flossie Lane for 74 years, until her death in 2009. Licensed to sell beer, not spirits or food, you can enjoy a local pint in the front room or garden whilst eating fish and chips from the shop next door. A real time-warp experience that has been saved for future generations to enjoy.

**Sun Inn opening times** (approximate) - nightly from around 8 p.m. and lunchtimes (12.00-2.30 p.m.) at weekends.

**Fish and Chip shop opening times** - 5.30-8.30 p.m. Tues-Thurs, and 5.00-8.30 p.m. Fri & Sat (tel. 01547 540610)

## Return to Bucknell

You can either catch the bus or walk back by one of three routes (all about 4 miles). Firstly, you can retrace Walk 9 along the rivers Teme and Redlake. If you fancy something different, then walk along Mill Lane (between the garage and the Post Office) for ¼ mile and cross the bridge over the river Clun. You are now at point G on Walk 5b, which you can either reverse or continue.

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