

The Sun Inn - is one of the few remaining "classic" pubs in the UK. It was run as a parlour pub by the landlady Flossie Lane for 74 years, where you could enjoy a local pint of beer in her cosy front room by an open fire, whilst munching fish and chips from the shop next door. Following her death in 2009 it was bought jointly by the owners of Hobson's Brewery and the fish and chip shop and sympathetically extended. The original front parlour with its fish and chip experience has been retained. A real time-warp pub that has been saved for future generations to enjoy. Not to be missed.

Sun Inn opening times – 7 days a week from 11 a.m. (17.30 on Monday).

Fish and Chip shop opening times - closed Sun & Mon; Tues-Thur 12.00-2.00 p.m. & 5.00-9.30 p.m.; Fri & Sat 12.00-2.00 p.m. & 5.30-10.00 p.m. (tel. 01547 540610 or www.fiddlerselbowfishbar.co.uk).

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.

Walk 5b From Point G

(For plenty of reward with very little extra effort, you can cross the bridge and then turn R to follow the track into Leintwardine (under ½ mile), exiting by the Lion hotel and the village shop. Don't forget to reverse your route to continue the walk).

Otherwise, turn L before the bridge and follow the fenced-off path alongside the river Clun, crossing into the main field where directed by a waymarked gate. After about 1 mile you reach the confluence with the river Redlake.

This whole stretch is proper water meadow (south-east England speak for housing estate). If the rivers look docile, try to imagine yourself standing in a foot or so of water, with a lake to your L as far as the eye can see, as happens not infrequently after a heavy storm!

Just past the confluence is a white-painted footbridge over the river Redlake, next to a sign threatening doom to Birmingham anglers. Cross the bridge (see footnote) and immediately turn sharp L and walk along the edge of the field (probably overgrown, but it keeps you close to the river) for about 120 yards, until you meet a lone telegraph pole. Shortly after you will see another flimsy-looking concrete footbridge through the undergrowth, where you cross back precariously over the river (see footnote).

Point H

The waymark on the stile beyond directs you to a gate on the far side of a pasture, just to the R of a line of trees. Depending on the time of year, this field and the next one are wonderful flower meadows, reminiscent of how the countryside used to look before intensive farming.

Once through the gate head towards a stand of tall trees, where you pass through a gate to rejoin walk 5a at **Point E**. Refer now to the description for walk 5a to get back to Bucknell.

Walk 5a From Point E

Aim for the wooden footbridge on the far side of the field. If the construction of the bridge appears over the top, you should see the river when it's in flood! Turn L after the bridge and walk to the gate in the far R corner (by a large oak tree). Once through the gate you are now on Adleymoore Common, with its tussocky grass and gorse bushes.

To your R Jay Cottages enjoy a tranquil setting. Walk ahead to the dirt road, turn L and follow this track across the common. The track soon becomes a metalled road that takes you through the hamlet of Adley Moor. You follow this road for the next ½ mile.

As you leave the houses behind, the road curves to the L and you rejoin the river Redlake. Cross the bridge and immediately climb over the fence on your R. You are now back on familiar territory (**Point C**).

Walk ahead along the field edge, past a brick barn and across a stile, then over the meadow to the stile on the far side. Cross the stile and turn down R, going round the end of the field to reach the railway. Turn L here and walk alongside the railway until you come to a gate across the tracks. Cross the railway here and then turn L to follow the remains of a grassy earthwork to a gate on the far side of the meadow. Pass through the gate and walk alongside the river back to Bucknell.

