



WEST MIDLANDS SHORTLIST



TAME VALLEY

River Tame,
main river,
West Midlands.

Tick when you've visited!

Cycling along the Teme Valley ... quiet country lanes, yellowhammers and goldfinches in the hedgerows, watching the trout in the River Tame as you cross the bridges, fantastic views along the Tame valley towards Wales. No cars! Great places to eat and drink at Leintwardine, like the unique Parlour pub - the Sun Inn and the Lion Hotel. Great teas at Aardvark Books. You can hire a bike from Wheely wonderful Cycling and cycle for 10,



COLEMERE COUNTRY PARK

Ellesmere
SY12 0QW

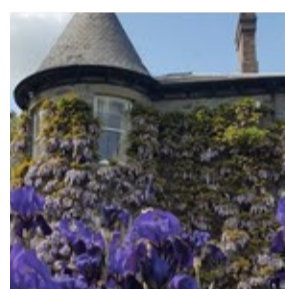
Shropshire's Lake District may be less well known than Cumbria's Lake District but that means it's a lot less crowded! Colemere is the only one of the glacial meres in North Shropshire to have a full circular walk and is almost completely surrounded by mature woodland. A site of specific scientific interest, the area is flat and therefore easy terrain for visitors with walking difficulties and wheelchairs (in good weather). Good picnic areas are available and it's all free!



FLOUNDERS FOLLY

Callow Hill,
Lower Dinchope to Westhope,
SO 457854

It's a fantastic folly - an 80-feet-high tower on the top of a hill in the middle of nowhere with fantastic views of Welsh mountains and rolling south Shropshire countryside. No-one really knows why Benjamin Flounders built it in 1838. Lovely walk up to it through woodland from the Dinchope-Westhope lane. Volunteers open the tower itself on last Sunday of each month, and they fly a St George's flag from its top.



BROBURY HOUSE AND GARDENS

Brobury House,
Brobury,
Herefordshire
HR3 6BS

The stunning gardens and lovely water meadow leading down to the River Wye. The location is stunning in the heart of the Herefordshire countryside. You can stay and wander for as long as you like, take a picnic or simply sit and gaze. Dogs (on leads) welcome too. Wonderful place!



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MUCH WENLOCK

Much Wenlock,
Shropshire,
TF13 6HR

Is the inspirational home of the Modern Olympic Games! They were the brainchild of Dr William Penny Brookes, his lofty aim was to provide the locals with an alternative to one of their favourite pastimes: drinking! The London 2012 mascot Wenlock was named after the town. There is a magnificent Guildhall complete with whipping post (no longer used, we believe!). The town's museum houses an impressive collection of Olympian memorabilia as well as a wide range of exhibits dealing with Wenlock's history, geology and natural environment

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