

- 9 Turn left at the T-junction and follow the sandy bridleway or turn right to retrace your steps to the car park.
- 10 Go left at the Y-junction of tracks and keep going uphill. (Look for the old stone wall on your right).
- 11 At the T-junction of tracks by the hydrant turn left onto the heathland path. Follow the path along the spine of The Cliffe.
- 12 When you get back to the crossroads of tracks, turn left, then right and retrace your steps to the car park.



Kangaroo Facts

☞ Winberries are also called wimberries, bilberries, whortle berries and purple-gob spurters. OK not the last one, but they are used in Yorkshire to make Mucky-Mouth Pie.

☞ The soil on the Cliffe is very acidic. In fact walkers have been known to dissolve, leaving only their false teeth and walking poles in the heather.

☞ Kangaroos may be partial to the odd winberry, especially in pies. They tend not to dissolve because they jump about. I'd try it if I were you.



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FAMILY FRIENDLY WALKS

Nesscliffe Nonsense

The Cliffe



WHAT SORT OF WALK IS IT?

Type of ground – Hilly but not silly, can be muddy in places

How long? – 3 miles / 4.8 km
Short cut 2 miles / 3.2 km.
Allow 1½ or 2½ hours

How easy? – Fairly easy, one or two steepish climbs and descents

Suitable for pushchairs? –
Only the all-terrain sort

A stroll over the Cliffe could do wonders for you. But watch out for dissolving walkers and short-sighted berry pickers.

If you see Sid, tell 'im...

Finding the start

The walk starts from the **Pine car park** (Grid ref SJ389199). From Shrewsbury, go right off the A5 signposted Nesscliffe. Take the next right to Great Ness turning left in the village. Follow the lane up the hill. The car park is on the right after half a mile.

Start

- 1 From the car park follow the track away from the road.
- 2 Look for the signpost towards the Cliffe and turn right off the main track along a path through woodland.
- 3 Where the track merges with a bridleway, turn left towards the Cliffe.
- 4 Turn right at the road.
- 5 After a short distance turn left up a stone track towards the Cliffe.
- 6 At the top of the rise leave the main track and turn left up a sandy track signposted 'Viewpoint'.

The Cliffe is a 'lowland heath', which is daft because it's on top of a hill. It's called this because of the types of plant that grow here. In late summer you'll find whinberries. These plump purple berries are a bit sour to eat on their own but are yummy in pies.

- 7 To get to the viewpoint follow the track round the back of the reservoir. Otherwise keep to the track as it narrows between trees to emerge at a crossroad of tracks.

The round thing at the viewpoint is a toposcope. It points out the hills you can see on a good day. It's rubbish on a foggy day though 'cos you can't see nuffin.

It's said that World War II pilots would eat whinberries to help them see in the dark; so come up here at night, munch on some berries and see if you can see Snowdon!

- 8 Turn right.

