

- 8 Bear left to go through a wicket gate onto an open hillside. Go left up the hill following either path. Head on up towards the white house.
- 9 Go through the gate and past Coppice Gate Cottage to return to the start.



The old lane passing the front of Lyth Hill is called the 'Salter's Way'. In Roman times salt was more valuable than gold. People were paid in salt. It's where the word 'celery' comes from. No that's daft. I meant 'salary'.

Pack horses carefully guarded by Roman soldiers, would have used the old road to take salt to pay the miners at the lead mines a few miles south.



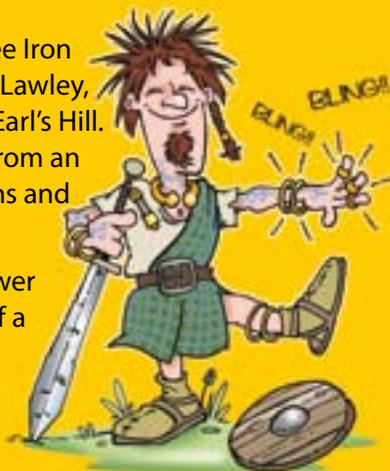
## Kangaroo Facts

From Lyth Hill you can see Iron Age Hill Forts on the Wrekin, Lawley, Caer Caradoc, Brown Clee & Earl's Hill. Caer Caradoc gets its name from an

ancient British warrior who fought the Romans and was taken to Rome in chains of gold.

Ironbridge Cloud Factory is actually a power station. It runs on coal. When there are a lot of a clouds rising from the big chimneys, it means that lots of people are using electricity.

Kangaroos love celery but were never used by the Romans to carry salt.



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# FAMILY FRIENDLY WALKS

## Ropey Old Lyth Hill



Explore a land of rope, Romans and really old rocks. There's a great view too!

What makes a rope walk?

### WHAT SORT OF WALK IS IT?

**Type of ground** – Flattish to start then gets hilly but not silly. Can be muddy in places

**How long?** – Just under 2 miles / 3.2 km.  
Allow 1½-2 hours

**How easy?** – Easy peasy!

**Suitable for pushchairs** – All but Spring Coppice

## Finding the start

Take the A49 to Bayston Hill. Turn onto Lyth Hill Road. Follow Lyth Hill Road for a mile to reach **Lyth Hill Countryside Heritage site**.

## Start

- 1 Go through the gate and up the field as it gently climbs to the viewpoint. Exploring the down slope side of the field is fun. The gorse is a great place for hide and seek and you can often see rabbits.

There are an awful lot of hills in the view. The furthest bump to your left is the **Wrekin**, thought to have been dumped by a tired giant. To the right of that is **Ironbridge Cloud Factory** - often seen pumping fresh clouds into the sky.

Further south the wooded **Wenlock Edge**, once the home of robbers & outlaws, runs all the way to **Craven Arms**. In front of that are the **Lawley** and **Caer Caradoc** with their ancient hillforts.

The long, low bump ahead is the **Long Mynd**, made of some of **Shropshire's oldest rock**. The gap between it and **Caradoc** was caused by the **Church Stretton Fault** - a still active rip in the Earth's crust.

The rocky cliff at the edge of the viewpoint car park is just as old. Some say it looks like a pile of dumped concrete!

- 2 Go through the gate to the viewpoint car park.

The bumpy old lane on the right is called the '**Rope Walk**'. Three hundred years ago flax and hemp rope made was made here and sold for ships, mines and farms all over the world. They'd stretch and twist the rope in long lines down the lane. They even had a windmill to help, but it's gone now. It would have made a cool zip-slide!



- 3 Go straight on through the next gate and follow the broad path gently downhill. After some way, go through the kissing gate on the right. (Go right to return to the viewpoint).
- 4 Turn left along the lane between Coppice Gate Cottage and house, bearing right to a gate into Spring Coppice. (The exit from the wood is not suitable for pushchairs. Instead go straight on through the gate in the lane to enjoy the view).
- 5 Take the broad right hand path and keep to it.
- 6 Go straight on at the junction curving left into the heart of the wood. Stay on the broad path.
- 7 Go right at the next junction between two holly bushes. The path is narrow becoming many criss-crossing braids. Keep going, don't turn off the main path.