

Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre



Name of Viewpoint: Onny Meadows Trail/ Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Address: Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre

Market Street

Craven Arms

Shropshire SY7 9RS

Website: [Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre](https://www.shropshirehillsdiscoverycentre.co.uk/)

What3Words car park: [///solves.intestine.bravo](https://www.what3words.com/solves.intestine.bravo)

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Nearest Town: Craven Arms (0.55 miles / 0.8 kilometres)

Geotag: LAT: 52.437663, LON: -2.832716

Transport

Parking: Open air car park/surface in front of the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre. Free Parking.

Accessible Parking: There are 3 designated Blue Badge parking bays available.

Electric Vehicle Charging Points: There are 2 electric vehicle charging points. The charging points require an app or contactless payment. There are no electric vehicle charging points designated for Blue Badge holders.

Surface Type of Car Park: Tarmac Surface.

Bus Stops: Within 50m.

Train Stations: Nearest Train Station is in Craven Arms.

Distance from Car Park to Viewpoint: Within 50 metres.

Buildings

Café: The Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Cafe is open 7 days a week and provide hot and cold beverages and food.



Shop: There is a gift shop inside the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre.



Nearest Medical Centre: Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, Mytton Oak Road, Shrewsbury SY3 8XQ
(Tel: 01743 261000). Open 24 hours, 7 days a week

Nearest Emergency Facilities: A defibrillator and First Aid are available at the the Discovery Centre.

Routes and Trails

Level routes/Trails: A half mile (approx. 700m) of surfaced circuit around Onny Meadows, including Kingfisher Corner and wildflower meadow loops, is generally level and accessible for pushchairs and wheelchairs. Some woodland and meadow side trails are unsurfaced,



likely more challenging in wet conditions.

Route Width: Varying widths, some narrow sections, generally 180cm wide and 100cm in certain sections.



Ramped Routes: Initial path from the car park gently slopes toward the meadows. Mostly manageable but slightly challenging in wet conditions.

Gradient: Path gradients are mild to moderate. The route remains largely level, though gentle inclines appear near meadow banks and woodland edges.

Surface Type: Mostly compacted earth, some fine loose chippings on top with some areas that have larger chippings.

Viewing Platforms: A wheelchair accessible pond-dipping platform offers viewing over one of the ponds. Seating benches and picnic tables are spaced near Kingfisher corner, orchard, and along the pond-edge route.

Rest Stops

Seating: Multiple benches are placed at key locations such as Kingfisher Corner, alongside the oxbow pools, and within the community garden.

Picnic Area: Picnic tables are available in several spots.

Accessible Picnic Area: Available by the accessible pond platform and in the community garden.

Level Access to Seating: Level access to seating is provided.

Wayfinding

Finger Posts: Route is marked as a bridleway in some sections.



Pictorial Information: Partially provided on interpretation boards near key features.

Directional Arrows: Partially provided at junctions and on main surfaced paths, but not consistently throughout secondary meadow trails.



Interpretation

Information Boards Available: An information board is in the car park.

WC and Changing Facilities

General WC Provision: General WC is available at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre.

Accessible WC Provision: Accessible WC is available at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre.



Changing Places: Changing facilities are provided at the Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre.

