

Battlefield Heritage Site

This is the site of a famously bloody battle waged in 1403 between King Henry IV and Sir Henry 'Harry Hotspur' Percy, 1st Earl of Northumberland. Surfaced paths and gentle gradients make it an easy place to explore although it is challenging for unassisted wheelchair users. Information panels around the site describe the battle as it unfolded.

Path Information

The Hotspur Trail is a 1.5 mile (2.5km) circuit of the battlefield on narrow, mostly hard-packed, surfaced paths. The surface can be soft or loose in places. The gradients are gentle but for prolonged distances of up to 250 metres.

The Royal Trail is a shorter circuit of 1.2 miles (2km). Both trails pass St Mary Magdalene's Church and fishponds crossing a sloping wooden boardwalk.

Both trails are most easily completed in an anti-clockwise direction.

There is a surfaced car park but no defined disability spaces. Disabled only parking is available at St Mary Magdalene's Church, but access from the churchyard to the path network is unsurfaced. The main access to the site is through a narrow kissing gate. It is not suitable for mobility scooters.

Visitor Information

- Open dawn to dusk
- Free car parking for 20+ vehicles on tarmac surface
- Additional disability parking at Church
- Church opens Sunday afternoons May – September
- Gated access points at key places around trails
- Bench seating available at main viewpoints
- Well controlled dogs are welcome (dog bins provided)
- Nearest toilets – Battlefield Roundabout Services (0.7 miles 1.1 km N52° 44' 53.06" W2° 43' 1.06")
- A history guide and family friendly guide are available online (www.shropshire.gov.uk)



Location



Getting there

Battlefield Heritage Site is located north of Shrewsbury off the roundabout on the A5124 link road between the A49 Shrewsbury to Whitchurch and A528 Ellesmere Road.

