

Luston is a linear village with many attractive and historic buildings. Eye Church is well worth a visit and can be found about one mile along Eye Lane. About two miles along the same lane is the National Trust property of Berrington Hall.



'The Balance Inn' is, we believe, the only remaining public house with this name. It marks the earlier site of the wool weighing scales (or 'balance') and reflects the historic local importance of the wool trade. The Balance is open every evening and for lunch on Saturdays & Sundays.

Local bus No. 492 (Hereford-Leominster-Ludlow) stops at The Balance Inn

This walk takes us out of Luston Village into the beautiful surrounding countryside. It is mainly through fields, a short stretch along the edge of Oaker Wood (3) and a short section takes us along Croft Lane (4). There are wonderful views from Lustonfields (2) across to Bircher Common, Croft Woods and beyond to High Vinnals in Mortimer Forest and Titterstone Clee. Please do allow some time to linger and enjoy them.

Note: If conditions are poor the first part of this walk can be bypassed: On entering Townsend Park, turn right, walk up to end of road, go through gate, turn right and follow the hedge round to a stile at top of field. Cross the stile, turn left and walk up Yarpole Lane to the 2nd left turn (at a sharp bend) to 'Lustonfields' (2). Pick up the trail from here.

And finally,
do please remember

The Countryside Code

- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals; take litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

at all times

Walks around Luston Group Parishes

Eyton, Luston,
Moreton Eye & Ashton

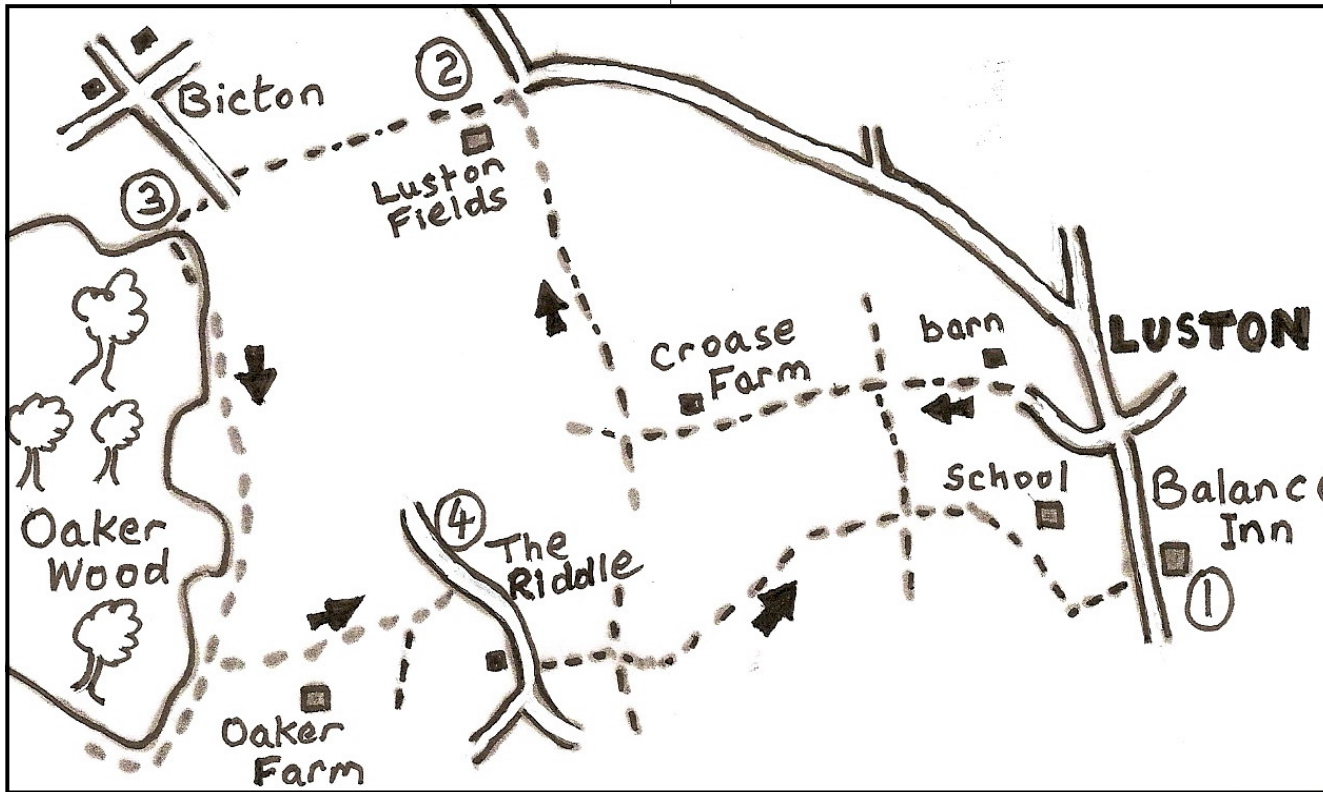


1: A circular walk via
Oaker Wood from
The Balance Inn,
Luston

OS Map: Explorer 203
3.75 miles (6 km), Mainly flat
Bus: 492, Stop: The Balance Inn



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Start from Balance Inn (1.) Turn right and walk along main road to 2nd turning on the left. Turn into Townsend Park and walk straight to end of road and through the gate. Follow hedge on right past the old barn, continue to the end of the field. Cross over the stile in corner and continue straight ahead along the hedge on right. At corner continue ahead across the open field towards the gap in hedge. Go through the gap and continue across next field to the far edge. Go through gateway on right into field with overhead wires, take the stile on the right into a small field, with

Croase Farm on the right. Cross the field to the stile in the hedge, walk up the slope bearing slightly right towards a prominent hedgerow tree on far side of field. Cross the stile and follow the hedge on right to the stile in the field corner. Cross stile and turn left, walking past dwelling 'Lustonfields' (2) on left to the stile in the corner of the field. Cross the stile and bearing slightly right, continue across field to the next stile. Cross this stile and continue down the slope to meet Croft Lane at the bottom of the field. At the stile take the road and walk down the slope to the cross roads.

Turn left and after 100 yds take the footpath sign to the left back towards the edge of Oaker Wood. (3) Go over the stile into the wood and follow path to the end. Cross the stile out of the wood and turn right walking with the wood on right to corner. Continue in the same direction across the open field to meet the wood again at the corner of the field. Cross stile in an enclosure, behind the hut. (You may find it easier to use gate further to the left). Cross the field bearing slightly right to the stile by end of wood but **don't cross**. Turn left and follow boundary on right, go past the farm house on right. At end of the field cross the stile in the corner and walk with the hedge on the left through a small field, go through a gateway and a further small field, keeping the hedge on left to the end. Cross the stile and continue down the steps into Croft Lane (4) and turn right. Follow lane and shortly after first house on right, turn left on Riddle Common down a green lane. At end cross the stile and bear half right to footbridge in the corner of the field. Cross and turn left, following the field edge to the gate. Cross and continue along the edge of a very large field. At the end continue along shady green lane. Go past the school and past the Westland View turn, pass the backs of the houses all on left. Go over a footbridge and on to end of the path, through the gate and across road to The Balance Inn for a well earned drink.