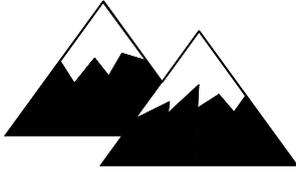


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Friday-Sunday
16/17 February '18

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75 mls from Hinckley (1hr 45 min). A5/M54 to Shrewsbury. Turn left onto A49 travel for 12mls to All Stretton. Turn right onto B5477 into All Stretton. 300m on right going up **Batch Valley bridleway** (off the B5477, and a mile north of Church Stretton. (Probably a sign for YHA)



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Walking: Easy access to the Long Mynd of course, but the Shropshire countryside to the east of All Stretton contains a fine selection of hills, which are made more interesting by the occasional rocky outcrops. Quieter than the Long Mynd, these hills provide a number of walks including Caer Caradoc & Hope Bowder Hill.

Another route goes up the well known Carding Mill Valley on to a superb ridgetop walk with magnificent views on all sides, passing the highest point on the Long Mynd before descending to Little Stretton.

Climbing: OK. It's cold. It's February, and whilst many will be on the wall, (or playing on social-media) Gear Stone on Hope Bowder hill above Church Stretton - is great for kids, and obviously been climbed on for years. If the weather is kind, Pontesford is a rurally idyllic location, but not much above VS. Wenlock Edge is nice, but again limited. You could always bring your walking boots.

MTB: Minton Batch is regularly featured in MBR and What Mountain Bike magazine as one of the best single track descents in the UK, and its only minutes away from where we are staying. Pole Bank, the highest point of Long Mynd is 516 metres above sea level and on a good day Snowdon, Cadair Idris and the Brecon Beacons can easily be seen as can the Malvern hills to the south. There are many excellent trails to explore and there are trails to suit everyone and every ability.

Cycling: If off-road is not your scene, cycling to the Stiperstones is pretty good, around Comdon and some nice pubs in Bishops Castle, from where you can cycle over the Kerry Ridgeway depending on how far you want to go, it will be deserted and has pretty epic views but is proper hilly. Its pretty good cycling all around here and if you stay off the main roads you can't go far wrong.

BEDS: 3 rooms. Comfortable self-catering accommodation with underfloor heating. Well equipped kitchen has cooker, microwave, toaster, kettle and fridge. There is a shower, two toilets and a tumble dryer, and don't forget your other food for both Fri/Sat Bedding supplied.

STUFF you need to know: £40 for the weekend This is a new hut for us, and in a different area from our usual haunts. No sleeping bags required.

BEST PUB : 10 min walk to the local - *The Yew Tree*. "Good old traditional pub which serves v/good down to earth food by really pleasant staff" said one punter whilst another said "the air can be a little blue in this place but as long as that isn't an issue for you, it's got everything you need from a pub. Open fire, fine ales, great hosts and a good bit of banter. Had a good old chat with the owners and they are top folks! We shall investigate these rumours of course.

