

4-Night Shropshire Hills Self-Catering Break

Tour Style: Self-Guided Walking

Destinations: Shropshire Hills & England

Trip code: CSPOB-4



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Enjoy a self-catering short break in Shropshire with the walking experts; we have all the ingredients for your perfect self-catering break. Our beautiful lodges sit in the grounds of our country house, Longmynd House. Nestled on the slopes of the Long Mynd, they are located in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and are geared to the needs of walkers and outdoor enthusiasts. Explore the local countryside and hills on foot as part of a self-guided walking break, taking in the Long Mynd, Caer Caradoc and others. Alternatively, take the time to discover sites such as Ironbridge Gorge, Attingham Park and Powis Castle, while the towns and villages of Ludlow, Shrewsbury and Much Wenlock are also close by. Please note: minimum occupancy of lodges is two people. If you want more space or are travelling with up to four people from the same 'household bubble' sharing a lodge, call our Reservations Team to book our larger, 2 bedroom lodges. Dogs welcome (£10 per night).

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- En-suite accommodation at our lodges
- Self-catering set up and facilities

- Linen and towels
- The flexibility and freedom to explore as you please

HOLIDAYS HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the Shropshire Hills on a self-catering, self-guided walking break
- Option to join a guided day walk and walk from your lodge to explore the local area with an expert leader. We are offering 5 different guided day walks; choose from [the Townbrook and Cardingmill Valley Day Walk](#); [All Stretton and the Long Mynd Day Walk](#); [Ragleth, Hope Bowdler and Caer Caradoc Day Walk](#); [the Grand Long Mynd Circuit](#) or the [gentle Carding Mill Water Cycle Day Walk](#). Day walks are bookable via Eventbrite
- Admire panoramic sloping countryside, river views and stunning villages wherever you walk
- Visit charming Shropshire towns and villages
- Look out for wildlife, find secret corners and learn about the rich history in this region
- Discover what makes the Shropshire Hills so special
- Stay in a self-contained rural retreat of your own, fully equipped and furnished for the perfect self-catered stay

ITINERARY

Day 1 - 5: Guided Day Walks

Our sociable small group Day Walks are a superb way of exploring the countryside while we wait to be able to operate our standard walking holidays again. There are a wide range of walks on offer, with options for different levels of ability. Simply choose a walk that suits you, and let our experienced walk leader show you the countryside. There's no membership requirement or hidden fees, just book on the walk that takes your fancy. All walks start from Longmynd House and end here again, with the option to buy a drink or snack after from the house bar. Terms and Conditions apply, see all details online when you click through to learn more & book.

Guided Day Walks from Longmynd House in April & May 2021

19 April, 30 April, 10 May

Church Stretton to the Carding Mill Water Cycle

(Easy, 4.5 miles, 5 hours)

[Learn more & book >](#)

12 April, 22 April, 04 May, 12 May

Townbrook & Carding Mill Valley Day Walk

(Easy, 6.5 miles, 5.5 hours)

[Learn more & book >](#)

14 April, 24 April, 28 April, 14 May

All Stretton & Long Mynd Day Walk

(Medium, 7 miles, 6 hours)

[Learn more & book >](#)

16 April, 26 April, 06 May, 16 May

Ragleth, Hope Bowdler & Caer Caradoc Day Walk

(Hard, 11 miles, 7-7.5 hours)

[Learn more & book >](#)

18 April, 02 May, 08 May

Grand Long Mynd Circuit Day Walk

(Challenging, 17 miles, 7-8 hours)

[Learn more & book >](#)

ACCOMMODATION

Longmynd House Lodges

Hidden in plain sight, there's a well-kept countryside secret in the heart of England that might just surprise you with its wonderful upland walking, trails, history and heritage. Discover the heart of Shropshire from the lodges within the grounds of Longmynd House, stood on a wooded hillside above Church Stretton, on the border of England and Wales. Use these self-catering bases to gear up for a great day in the hills on walks full of rich variety. Stride out on the Long Mynd itself, a dramatic, isolated whaleback hill with an expanse of heather wilderness and deeply cut valleys, explore the Stiperstones and climb to the Iron Age fort on top of Caer Caradoc, or surround yourself with historic castles, market towns and trails of all kinds.

Accommodation Info

Rooms

These are delightful one and two bed lodges in a picturesque location, within walking distance of the Long Mynd and some of Shropshire's most attractive hills. Set within the grounds of Longmynd House, these red brick bungalows offer great accommodation, with off road parking and a small deck area, for people looking to explore this beautiful part of the country.

The front door of the lodge enters into a lovely open plan large lounge, dining room and kitchen. Comfortable soft furnishings make this the ideal place to sink into after a day exploring. In the lounge there's a flat screen TV and DVD player for relaxing in front of. This light space is further improved when the sliding doors are opened onto the small, private wooden deck that overlooks the gardens and woods of Longmynd House; sit out here at the end of the day, or stroll the woodland trail in the grounds that picks its way between animal sculptures.

The kitchen is well-equipped with a cooker, microwave, kettle and toaster. There is an under-counter fridge and freezer box to store food. Cooking utensils, crockery, cutlery and glassware are provided, and there is a dining table and chairs to eat around. Lodge 2 has a washing machine. Lodges 4, 5, 6 and 8 have a dishwasher.

Off the hallway are comfortable bedrooms. Lodges 2, 4 and 6 have a good-sized double bed. Lodge 5 can be converted from a double to a twin room as needed. Lodge 8 is the largest property, with two bedrooms; one with a double bed, one with twin beds. Each lodge has a clean, bright bathroom, with shower fitted above the bath. All bed linen and towels are provided.

Off-road parking is available in front of the lodges. There is free Wi-Fi throughout.

TRAVEL DETAILS

Our address is: Longmynd House, Cunnery Road, Church Stretton, Shropshire SY6 6AG
Tel: [01694 722244](tel:01694722244)

By Train:

The nearest train station is Church Stretton, which is less than a mile from Longmynd House. However the house and lodges are at the top of a steep hill (it has great views!) so a taxi is recommended.

For train times and route planning by train visit www.nationalrail.co.uk or phone 03457 48 49 50.

By Taxi:

It is possible to pre-book a taxi. The journey from Church Stretton railway station takes approximately 15 minutes. You can pre-book a taxi from our recommended taxi company, Alan's Cab. As a guide price, it cost £17 per 4-seat taxi in 2019. 8-seat taxis are also available at a higher rate. Please pre-book your taxi at least 7 days in advance by contacting:

Alan's Cab*

Tel: +44 (0) 7970 683126

Email: alanbrough207@btinternet.com

The return taxi journey can be arranged on your behalf by the Longmynd House Manager.

*Alan's Cab is not owned or managed by HF Holidays

IMPORTANT NOTE: All taxi companies in Church Stretton are booked for school runs between 2pm and 4:30pm.

By Car:

Follow the A49 to Church Stretton. At the traffic lights turn off the A49 into the town. At the first T junction turn left into the High Street. Go straight over the mini-roundabout, and then take the next right into Cunnery Road. Follow the road up a steep hill and around a hairpin bend. Longmynd House is at the top of the hill on the left hand side. Look out for our sign. The lodges are on the right just before the main house. A car park is available in the grounds with free parking.

LOCAL AREA

The attractive small town of Church Stretton is around 10 minutes' walk downhill from Longmynd House. After the arrival of the railway, the town grew in the Victorian and Edwardian eras and became known as 'Little Switzerland' due to the dramatic hills on both sides of the valley. Today the town retains its bygone charm and has a range of facilities including a variety of small shops, banks, cafés, pubs and a supermarket.

During your stay at Longmynd House you may enjoy visiting the following places of interest, either in your free time, during a self-guided walking holiday or on your journey to and from Shropshire:

Ludlow

Easily reached by train, or around 20 minutes' drive away, Ludlow is a particularly attractive market town. The historic centre retains many of its medieval buildings, and is towered over by its [well-preserved castle](#). In recent years the town has developed as something of a gastronomic centre, being home to celebrated Michelin-starred restaurants and many acclaimed local food producers.

Ironbridge Gorge

A little further afield, about 45 minutes' drive from Church Stretton, are the many excellent museums of [Ironbridge Gorge](#). Known as the 'birthplace of the Industrial Revolution' it was here that Abraham Darby perfected the manufacture of cast iron which was later used to build the area's iconic iron bridge across the River Severn. Today there are 10 museums in the gorge including the Museum of Iron, the Coleport China Museum and the excellent Blists Hill Victorian town.

Severn Valley Railway

The [Severn Valley Railway](#) is one of Britain's premier steam railways. This lovingly recreated Great Western Railway branch line is now run largely by volunteers and is home to an impressive collection of locomotives. As its name suggests, the line follows the rural valley of the River Severn from Bridgnorth to Kidderminster. The nearest station at Bridgnorth is about 40 minutes' drive from Church Stretton.

Acton Scott Working Farm

Situated just 10 minutes' drive from Church Stretton, the [Acton Scott Working Farm Museum](#) is a living museum based around a restored Victorian farm. In recent years this has featured in the BBC2 series Victorian Farm and Escape in Time.

Shrewsbury

Also easily reached by train, or a 30-minute drive, Shrewsbury is the county town of Shropshire. The town centre is particularly attractive, featuring many black and white timber houses dating from the 15th and 16th centuries.

Much Wenlock

The small town of Much Wenlock, about 30 minutes' drive from Church Stretton, is particularly attractive with many black and white timbered houses. Despite its small size, the town can claim to be the birthplace of the modern Olympic Games.

Hereford

The cathedral city of Hereford, is just under an hour's drive away, and can also be reached by direct train from Church Stretton. [Hereford Cathedral](#) houses a chained library and the famous Mappa Mundi, a 13th century map of the world.

Attingham Park

[Attingham Park](#) is a grand 18th century house surrounded by an extensive deer park, located outside Shrewsbury, around 25 minutes' drive away. Now managed by the National Trust you can visit the ornate rooms and explore the walled garden and grounds.

Powis Castle

This former medieval fortress has been re-modelled over more than 400 years – each generation adding to the magnificent collection of paintings, sculpture, furniture and tapestries. The world-famous garden is overhung with clipped yews, and shelters rare and tender plants. [Powis Castle](#) is owned by the National Trust and is located near Welshpool, about 45 minutes' drive from Church Stretton.

Chirk Castle

Just under an hour's drive north of Church Stretton, [Chirk Castle](#) is a fine medieval fortress completed in 1310. As well as military displays, the castle was also a domestic home for many centuries, and is surrounded by excellent gardens.

USEFUL HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Essential Information

Essential Equipment

- Rucksack with a waterproof liner
 - Thermos flask for hot drink
 - Water bottle (at least 1 litre)
 - Spare high-energy food such as a chocolate bar
 - Small torch
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- First aid kit – your leader's first aid kit doesn't contain any medication or blister kits (such as Compeed).

Optional Equipment

- Walking poles are useful, particularly for descents
- Insect repellent
- Sun hat
- Sunglasses
- Sun cream
- Camera

HOW TO BOOK

When you're ready to book, you can choose to **book online** or book **over the phone**. Our website offers secure online booking for our holidays, is available 24/7, and offers more in-depth information about all our holidays. If you prefer to call us, our experienced and knowledgeable team are available to answer any specific questions you have and can offer guidance as to which holiday is best suited to your needs.

Our office is open: Monday to Friday: 9am – 7pm Saturday: 9am – 1pm Sunday & Bank Holiday Monday: closed

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YOUR FINAL BALANCE

The balance is due 10 weeks before departure. As with paying your deposit, you can pay your final balance by debit or credit card, make an online BACS payment directly into HF's bank account or pay by cheque.

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In booking this trip you should be confident in your ability to participate in all activities described in these Trip Notes. If you have any doubt about your suitability you should call HF Holidays and ask to speak to one of the team about this itinerary.

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