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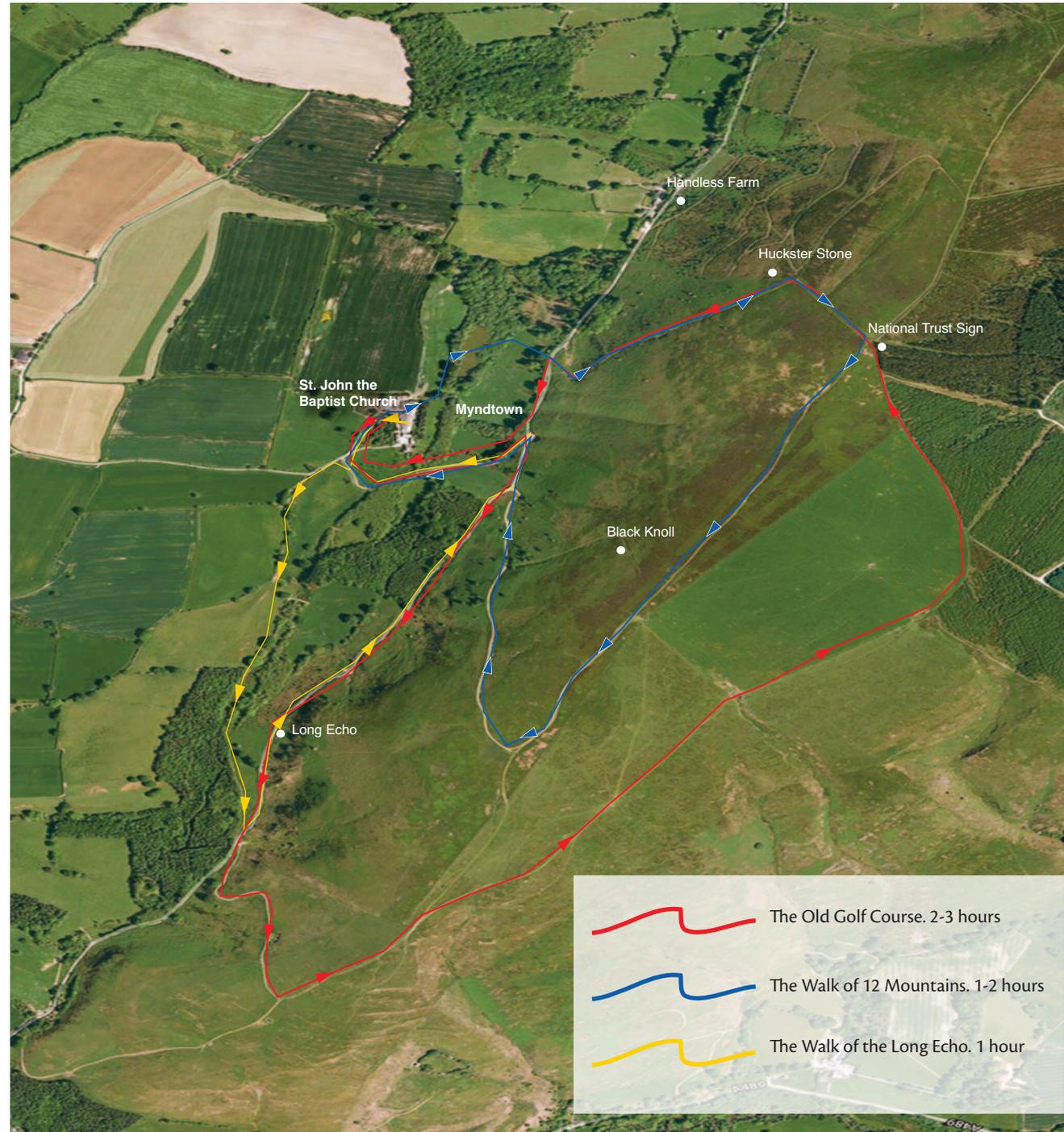


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-  The Walk of the Long Echo. 1 hour

Long Mynd Walks

3 beautiful walks around Myndtown and the Long Mynd



Long Mynd Walks

1 The Walk of the Long Echo (1 hour)

Start: St John the Baptist Church, Myndtown

1. After parking tidily beside the road below the church, walk back along the road downhill, turning left down the track in about 100 metres.
2. Walk down the field to a gate at the bottom, go through the gate and then bear left onto the track after the next gate. This field is a conservation area, farmed extensively to encourage a wide variety of wildlife.
3. Stay on the track, go through the next gate and up onto the tarmac road.
4. Turn left and proceed along the road, with the steep slope of the Long Mynd on your right.
5. In about 100 metres, try calling to the west and see if you can hear the echos ... keep trying for the next 200 metres and see if you can beat the local record of 4 echos!
6. Proceed along the road, past woodland on your left, until you reach the quarry on your right.
7. At this point, turn left down the stony track and follow this down into the dip and up the other side, back to Myndtown, taking care to close any gates that you open on your way.

2 The Walk of 12 Mountains (1-2 hours)

Start: St John the Baptist Church, Myndtown

1. After parking tidily beside the road below the church, walk up the road towards Myndtown Hall Farm, turning left into the farmyard and following the track to the left of the farm buildings and then straight through between more farm buildings.
2. Bear right around the end of the last farm building and go through the middle of three gates into a grass field.
3. Proceed down the field and through the gate at the bottom of a short dip, and then climb up the next grass field to the gate above you to your left, to join a tarmac road.
4. Cross the road and take your time climbing the steep grass track traversing up the side of the Long Mynd.
5. You will reach the Huckster Stone just before the wicket gate – a good spot to catch your breath and take in the views across to the Welsh Mountains to the west.
6. Bear right (don't go through the wicket gate) and follow the

track with the fence on your left until you reach a T-junction in the track, with a gate on your left – you have reached the Portway.

7. Turn right onto the Portway (southerly direction), following the track through the heather. When you reach the highest point of the track, take a break and see if you can spot the Clee Hills, the Malverns and the Bredon Hills to the south east; the Sugarloaf near Abergavenny (south); the Brecon Beacons and Black Mountains (south / south west); Plynlimon, Cader Idris and Snowdon (west); and the Berwyns, Stiperstones and Corndon Hill (northwest). If you are lucky and know your geography, you might just spot all 12.

8. Continue along the Portway, past Black Knoll, and then in about 150 metres follow the track around to the right as you begin to descend.

9. Descend off the Long Mynd on this stony track until you reach the tarmac road.

10. Turn right onto the road and continue for about 150 metres until you reach the quarry on your right. At this point, turn left down the stony track and follow this down into the dip and up the other side, back to Myndtown, taking care to close any gates that you open on your way.

3 The Old Golf Course Walk (2-3 hours)

Start: St John the Baptist Church, Myndtown

1. After parking tidily beside the road below the church, take the stony track (on your left as you face away from the church back down the road).
2. Proceed along this track, down into a dip and up the other side, taking care to close any gates that you open on your way.
3. When you reach the tarmac road, turn right and proceed along the road for about one mile, when you will reach a small car park on your left, with a track traversing up the side of the Long Mynd ahead of you.



After about a mile along the road you will see the track ascending the Long Mynd ahead.

4. Take this track, going through a gate at the bottom (take care to close after you), and follow this winding route up until you pass through another gate onto a large sloping field. This field was once the site of the Plowden Golf Course, so see if you can spot any of the old tees and greens.

5. Bear left up the track and through another gate into the next field.

6. Once through the gate, bear right following the grass track across the field until you reach the next gate (you will see a fence



line and a gate up to your left, but stay lower on the grass track).

7. Once through the gate, proceed straight ahead, following the grass track across the field.

Proceed through the gate and follow the green track directly ahead and cross the field.



8. The green track will lead to a pair of gates in the fence line ahead. Go through the bottom (right hand) gate into the next field and proceed along the edge of the field, keeping the fence on your left.

9. Once you reach the field corner you will see sheep pens and a stile to the right; take the stile into the forestry and follow the track between the fence line on your left and the plantation.



Take the lower (right hand) gate.

10. You will eventually reach a junction of stiles and gates at the corner of the plantation, on the Portway. Go through the small gate (onto the Portway), and then turn left through the large gate, and then turn immediately right (don't follow the Portway) down a green track with the fence line on your right.

11. Descend off the Long Mynd on the grass track, turning left at the Huckster stone (ignore the wicket gate on your right).

Descend off the Long Mynd using the green track.

12. When you reach the road, turn left and proceed until you



meet the stony track that first brought you up from Myndtown.

13. Retrace your steps along this track back to the church.

