Begin the walk from the centre of Ewyas Harold, (look for the native black poplar near the fish and chip shop) and head north east along School Road, past the primary school and turn left at the T-junction at the end of the road.

Climb along a surfaced road, ignoring all turnings until you reach a cattle grid and gate (point 1). Follow the bend round to the left after this and climb the track ahead.

At the first fork take the right hand branch and ascend this path to join a vehicle track. Turn left along this, pass a bench and look out for a path branching off on the right as the track begins to bend left. Take the path, which emerges onto open land at point 2. Keep straight ahead (bearing 335 degrees if you have a compass), climbing the gently rising crest of the ridge upon which Ewyas Harold Common lies. Superb views of the Black Mountains open up on your left.

Pass slightly to the right of the knoll with benches and trees to reach point 3, where a house with a conservatory comes into view ahead. Aim for this house along a grass path, with fine views of Gilberts Hill Wood and beyond to your right.

Sweep gently to the left as you approach the house (point 4) and pass through a section where the trees close in before emerging onto open common land again. Turn right to meet a vehicle track by a cottage near a large willow tree.

Climb this concrete track. It soon turns into concrete sleepers laid during WW2 to provide access for lorries carrying waste from a nearby munitions site to a disposal site known as the Burning Ground. Keep climbing the curving track, passing a tree, bench and marker post on your left. If you turn to look behind you there are great views of Orcop, Garway, Saddlebow and Graig hills.

Leave the Common at its highest point (point 5), via a cattle grid. Follow the
surfaced lane ahead to a junction, where you should turn left along the ridge top. Immediately before Cwm Hill Cottage you should take the footpath off the road (point 6), across a stile and into a field. As you cross the field, a gap and stile appear in the hedge ahead. From this elevated position you have a good view of the Skirrid hill to your left.

Turn left along the lane until you reach Dulas churchyard (point 11). This is managed as flower-rich grassland and has an interpretation board where you can find out more.

Turn right out of the churchyard and continue 300 metres along the lane to a footpath on your left (point 12). Follow the fingerpost through the gate and aim left to another small gate that you should pass through to descend a path to ford the brook again. *(If the brook is in spate you will have to retrace your steps and follow the lane into Ewyas Harold).*

Keep the next hedge close on your right, with playing fields beyond it. After crossing two stiles, emerge among the closes of bungalows of the Priors Field development.

Keep straight ahead, follow the bend to the right then turn left round number 1A. Turn right at the T-junction and return past the school and back to the start.

**The Parks**

The Parks’ wide sweep of grassland is the perfect site, in spring and summer, to brush up on your botany and spot many beautiful butterflies. Look out for:

**Wildflowers**

- bluebell
- primrose
- cowslip
- wood anemone
- pignut
- meadow vetchling
- tormentil
- common bird’s-foot trefoil
- common spotted orchid
- heath spotted orchid
- bugle
- wild daffodil
- sneezewort
- meadow saxifrage
- devil’s bit scabious
- meadow cranesbill

**Butterflies**

- brimstone
- orange tip
- meadow brown
- ringlet
- small skipper
- large skipper
- marbled white

The marbled white can be seen at The Parks in summer