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**A gentle stroll along the side of the River Onny at Craven Arms, using field paths and a lane to form an attractive little circuit, level throughout.**

**Start/car parking:** Secret Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms, GR 437825. From Upper Norton drive to Craven Arms. Turn left along A49 at the roundabout. Turn left again in a short distance at a 'Secret Hills Discovery Centre' sign.

**Refreshments:** Secret Hills Discovery Centre in Craven Arms

### WALK

Behind the Discovery Centre is a large map and a signpost. Follow 'Riverside Ramble' along a surfaced path passing the 'Mammoth Tusks' and then soon turn left on a smaller path. Go through a waymarked little gate to reach a lane, passing a house on the left with historic motoring signs over its garage. Keep straight on past attractive timber-framed houses to a gated metal footbridge over the River Onny.

1. Cross the bridge and turn slightly left following 'Riverside Ramble' sign passing to the right of a corner of a wood. Walk towards a red brick house, and go through a metal kissing gate to reach the B4368 Craven Arms to Much Wenlock road.
2. Turn left to cross the road bridge over the river, then turn right at once, over a stile, and go down steps and through a little gate to resume the path along the side of the river. After passing a beautifully renovated mill building, with water wheel, Halford village is in view, across the river, with its church prominent on a knoll. The weir which provided the head of water for the mill is most impressive after heavy rain. Continue along the river bank, passing many old willows and alder.
3. Go through a kissing gate, pass a memorial seat and turn right to cross the river again on a footbridge. Go through another kissing gate and cross a former water meadow on a surfaced path. Pass another seat and go through a kissing gate to join an unsurfaced lane

4. Turn right, soon passing a former school house. There is a 'Riverside Ramble' sign as the lane becomes hard surfaced before Halford village is reached. Pass St. Thomas's church, which has a south doorway dating from Norman times. The views from this slightly elevated position are quite extensive, including Hopesay Hill on the far side of Craven Arms. Pass above Halford Mill and pass a waymarked road junction before reaching the B4368 main road. Turn right for 50m. to reach point 2 of the outward route. Turn left to return to the Discovery Centre.

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