

FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND MUCH MARCLE



MARCLE RIDGE COUNTRY

Another good reason to come to the Big Apple is simply to enjoy this wonderful stretch of countryside. Hopyards, pasture and soft fruit fields mix with the orchards and woodland to create a lovely farming patchwork. The slopes of the Marcle Ridge offer splendid views across to the Malvern Hills to the east, while Woolhope, to the west, is within the Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

HOW TO FIND US

Much Marcle lies 5 miles from Ledbury on the A449 road to Ross-on-Wye, beyond the point where it crosses the road from Leominster to Newent at the Preston Cross roundabout. We are just 15 minutes from the M50 motorway, 2½ hours from London and 1¼ hours from South Wales and the West Midlands.



A harvestime celebration of English apples and cider in the Herefordshire parishes of the Marcle Ridge

HARVESTIME

8th & 9th October 2011



Enjoy this collection of rural events to enable you to share with us in our tradition of apple growing and cidermaking.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIG APPLE

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For an afternoon, a day or a full weekend – the Big Apple is a special opportunity to enjoy the autumn countryside in the Herefordshire parishes on the Marcle Ridge. The local orchards are famous for their cider fruit and their excellent eating apples. In our twenty-third year, the award-winning communities of these tiny parishes have put together a collection of small rural events based in and around Much Marcle, to enable you to share with us in our tradition of apple growing and cidermaking.

The Common Core

- available throughout the weekend.

Apple sales:

Take home some quality English apples – Reddingend, Much Marcle 9am to 6pm
Roots at Little Verzons, Munsley 10am to 5pm

Cider tasting and sales:

Much Marcle:
Lyne Down Cider, 10am to 5pm
Gregg's Pit Perry and Cider, 10.30am to 6pm
Westons Cider, 10am to 4pm
Much Marcle Village Shop,
Sat 7:30am-6pm, Sun 8:45am-12.30pm

Putley:

Once Upon A Tree, 10am to 3pm

Coffee shop:

Bottle Museum Tearoom, Westons, 10am to 4pm

Lunches and suppers:

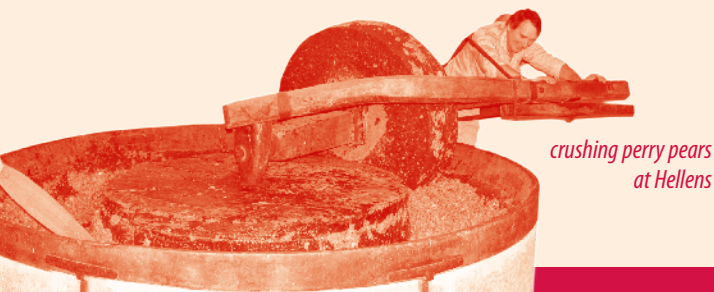
Our local pubs and restaurants will be serving dishes using apple and cider recipes. Booking advisable.

In Much Marcle:

Royal Oak	01531 660300
Scrumpy House (not open Sunday evening)	01531 660626
Slip Tavern	01531 660246
Walwyn Arms	01531 660601

Nearby:

Butchers Arms, Woolhope	01432 860281
Crown Inn, Woolhope	01432 860468
Trumpet Inn, Pixley	01531 670277
Roots at Little Verzons (10am - 4pm)	01531 670816



The Venues

– special openings both days in Much Marcle

Much Marcle Memorial Hall (GR658330)

Coffee: 10am -12 noon; **lunch** (soup & rolls) to 1:30pm

Apple teas – delicious! 2 - 5pm

Orchard paintings by local artist Eric Bottomley

Hellens (GR661333) (HR8 2LY)

A Feast of Apples – displays of apples, cider fruit and perry pears; tastings of dessert and culinary fruit; apple identification by Marcher Apple Network (£2 a variety on the day where possible; otherwise collected and retained for investigation); sales of apple juice, cider, tools. **Apple market** selling less usual varieties. Traditional **pressing** of perry pears. Tours of the house (£6, concessions) at 2pm and 3.30pm. **Various talks** – see special events.

Entry £2.00 (children free). 12 noon to 4.45pm.

Gregg's Pit (GR662323) (HR8 2NL)

Open day – small scale artisan perry/cider-making in a traditional orchard. Ploughman's lunches by Truffles Delicatessen. 10.30am - 6pm

Awnells Farm (GR658319) (HR8 2NW) Guided walks through the orchards. Meet the traditional Hereford cattle. Craft activities for accompanied children, 11am – 1pm. Donations welcome. 11am - 5pm

Westons Cider (GR648331) (HR8 2NQ)

Guided tours (£7.50/£4.00) 11am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm.

Self-guided orchard walk.

Shire horse dray rides (£3.50/£2.50). 10am - 4pm

Avenue Cottage (GR649321) (HR8 2NU) **New venue!**

Cottage perrymaking, an abundance of traditional fruit and nut trees, new and old, and an edible hedge. Watch the family pressing throughout the weekend – recent beginners with bags of enthusiasm. 10am - 5pm

Lyne Down Cider (GR646312) (HR8 2NT)

Open day – demonstrations of traditional cidermaking; refreshments; live jazz (pm). 10am - 5pm

St Bartholomew's Church (GR657327)

Harvest church open, produce sale, tours of the bell tower (children must be accompanied by an adult). Donations welcome. 11am - 5pm

Special events

Saturday 8th October

Bus walk Bus from Hereford to Woolhope, then guided walk with Hereford Ramblers via Three Choirs Way to Much Marcle. 3 hours to enjoy Big Apple events, before walk back to Woolhope to catch late afternoon return bus. Total 10 miles moderate walking. Phone Philip (01981 500398) to confirm bus times.

Our edible garden – guided tours of newly planted fruit and nut groves. Avenue Cottage, Much Marcle. 11am and 2.30pm

Press your own apples with Little Cider Press Company. Booking essential (01531 670713). Walwyn Arms, Much Marcle, from 11am

Leominster Morris at Westons (11.30am), Gregg's Pit (12.30pm), Hellens (3pm).

Mistletoe: conservation, management and a new survey.

A talk by Jonathan Briggs of Mistletoe Matters.

Haywain, Hellens*, 12.30pm

Single variety tasting. An expert introduction to a selection of apples, their juice and their qualities as single variety ciders. With Gabe Cook/Jean Nowell
Haywain, Hellens*, £1.50. 2pm

Craft Cidermaking – Beyond the Basics. A talk by Andrew Lea, cidermaking guru and author. Haywain, Hellens*, 3.30pm

Sunday 9th October

Big Apple Bike Ride. Market House, Ledbury at 10am, leave 10.30. Follow quiet country lanes, visiting cider producers and orchards. BYO picnic and explore Big Apple, returning pm to Ledbury. Information 01531 635432.

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'..And Slices of Quince' – a cookery demonstration by Fran Robinson, using this deceptive, fragrant orchard fruit. Haywain, Hellens*, 1.30pm

The Mystery and History of the Perry Pear – a talk by Jim Chapman, Hartpury National Collection of Perry Pears. Donations to Hartpury Trust. Haywain, Hellens*, 3pm

*Please note that unless otherwise stated an entry charge of £2 will cover events on the Hellens site