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Stapeley Common

Heritage Site

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Shropshire is an ancient county rich in myth and folklore, Stapeley Common is a site with legends of its own. Part of a volcanic landscape, the hill and common are parts of a ridge running from Bromlow Callow to Corndon. Panoramic views to the east and west from the top of Stapeley Hill draw walkers up to the Bronze Age cairns found there. Mitchell's Fold Stone Circle is located in the south, a Bronze Age landmark shrouded in legend. We won't spoil the tale, but it features a witch, a cow and the devil!

Stapeley Common is very exposed to the elements, with few trees the landscape is open and weather can change rapidly. Grazed by cattle and sheep, the site has been agriculturally improved and drained over the past century. Some areas remain boggy, but the extent of waterlogged ground once present across the common has been vastly reduced. A site popular with ground nesting birds Skylarks, Stonechat and Meadow Pipits are abundant on Stapeley. This is a good site in spring to see migrating birds such as Wheatear. It is also a place to see or hear Curlew in spring and summer. Several butterfly species can be seen across the common through the summer.

Location:
Between Black Marsh and Rorrington

Size:
200 acres

Parking:
near Mitchell's Fold

Accessibility: ☆☆☆
Not too hilly, uneven moorland tracks

Likely to see:
Butterflies, skylarks



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