

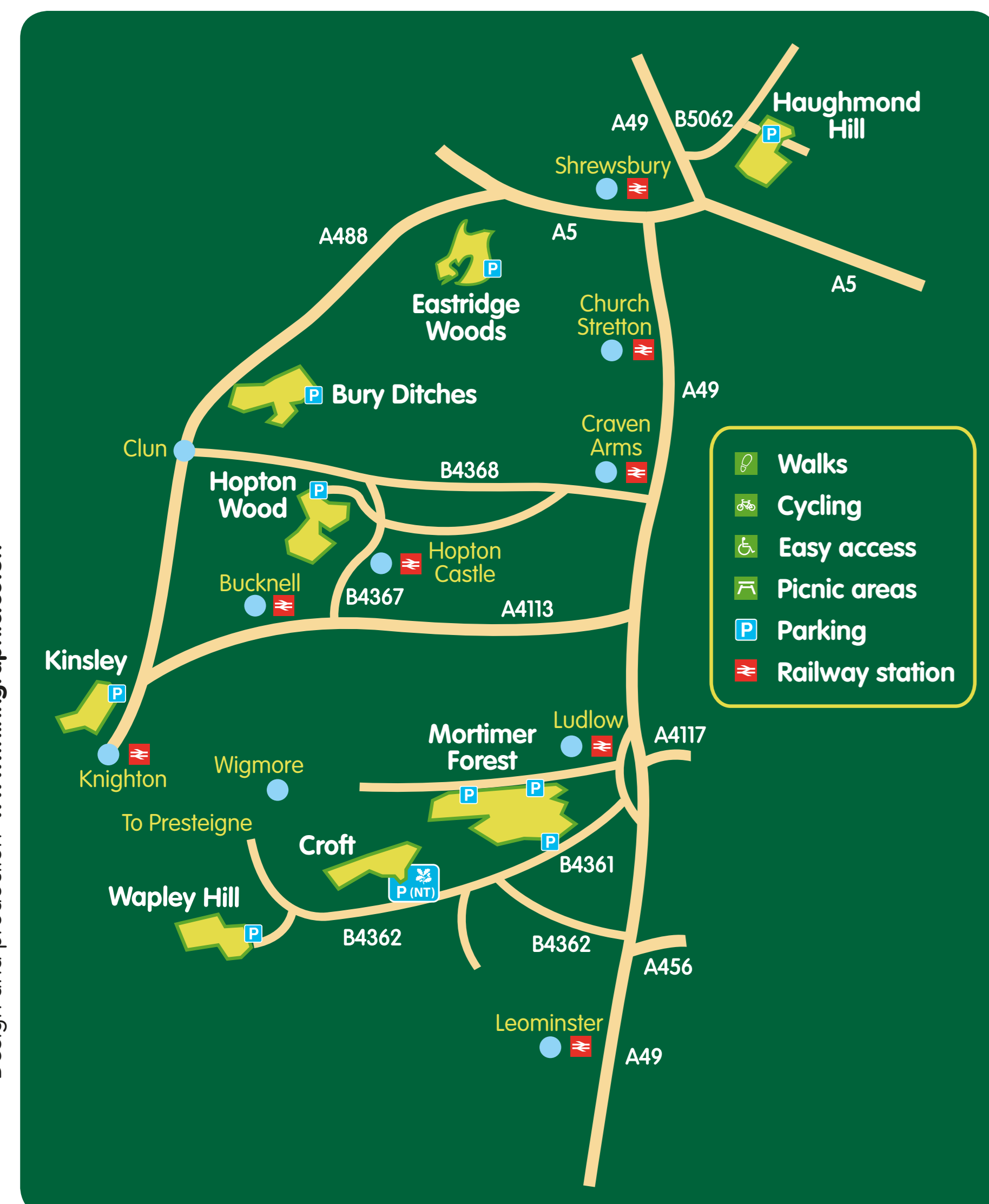


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## Emergency Information

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**SOS** You are in HOPTON WOODS, Near HOPTON CASTLE  
The nearest postcode is SY7 0QF  
The grid reference for this sign is SO 348 778

**H** The closest Accident & Emergency Department is the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital (45 mins drive)

Directions to this site – Turn off the B4385 (Purslow to Bucknell road) to the village of Hopton Castle, continue through the village (west) the turning to the woods is on the left, the car park is at the end of the forest road.

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## Find the right trail for you

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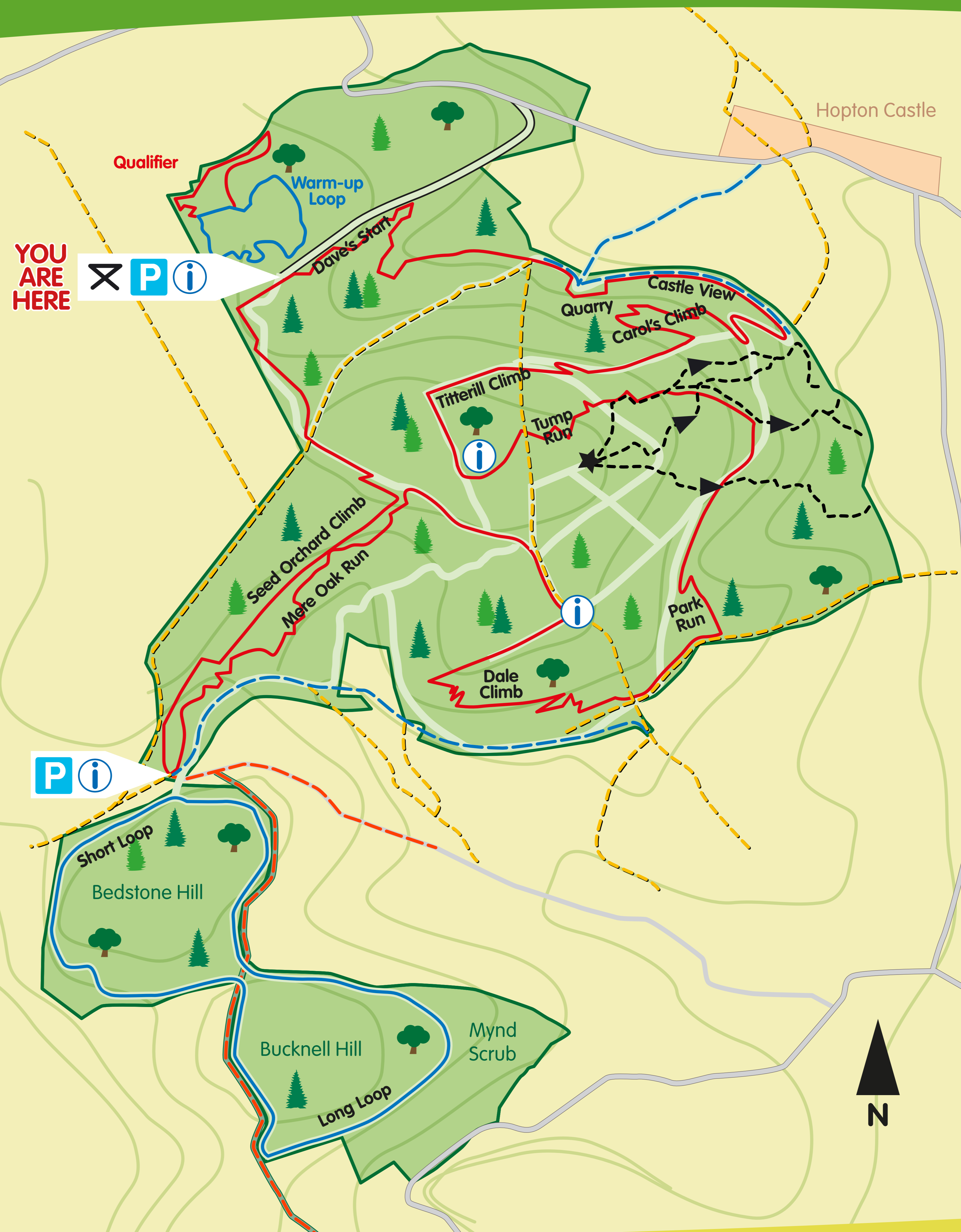
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## The Trails

### Warm-up Loop (moderate) 1.1km

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★ Downhill Start

P Parking

i Information post

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For further information about mountain biking in the Marches:

Forestry Commission, Whitcliffe, Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 2HD 01584 813827

[www.forestry.gov.uk/marches](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/marches)

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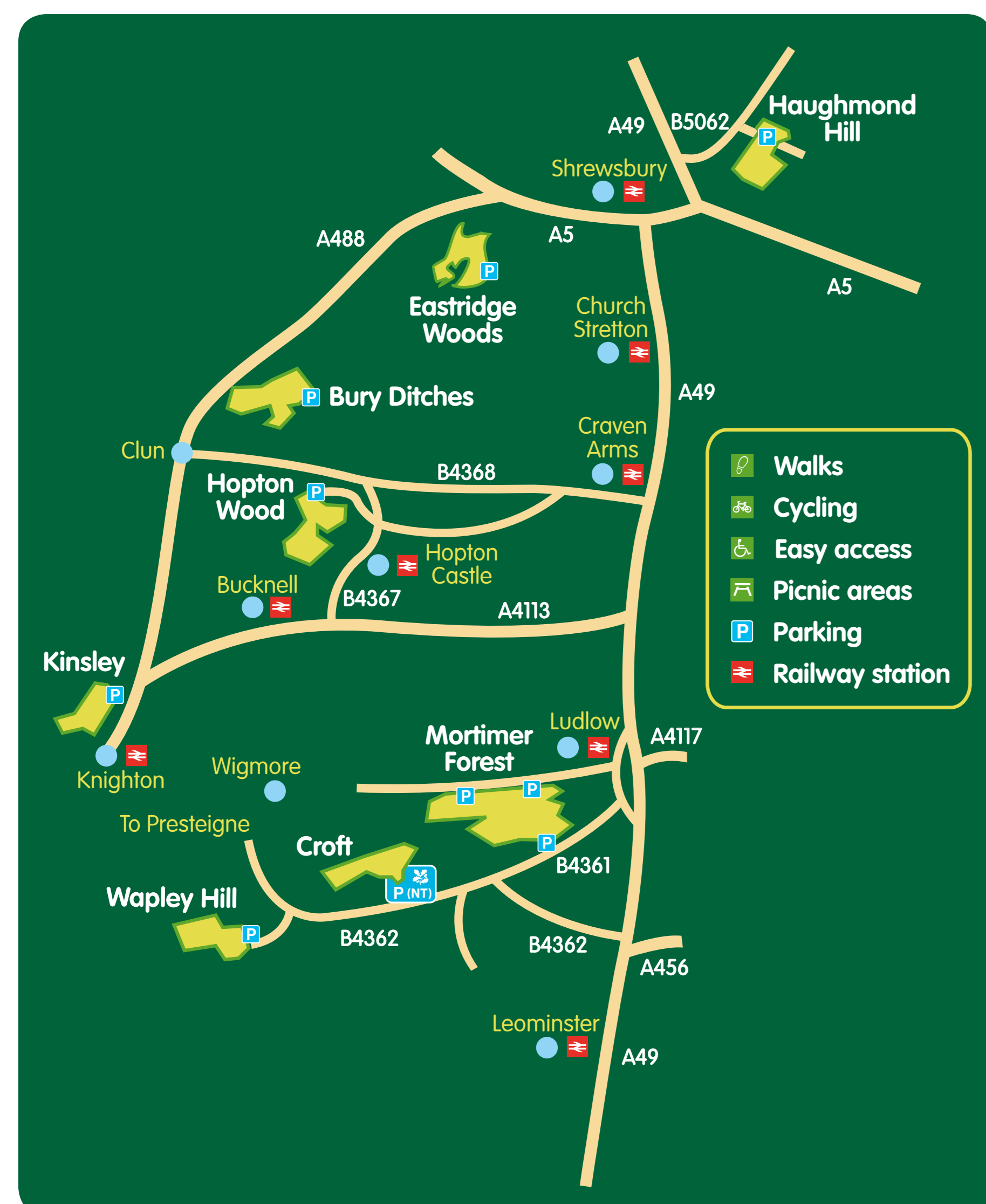


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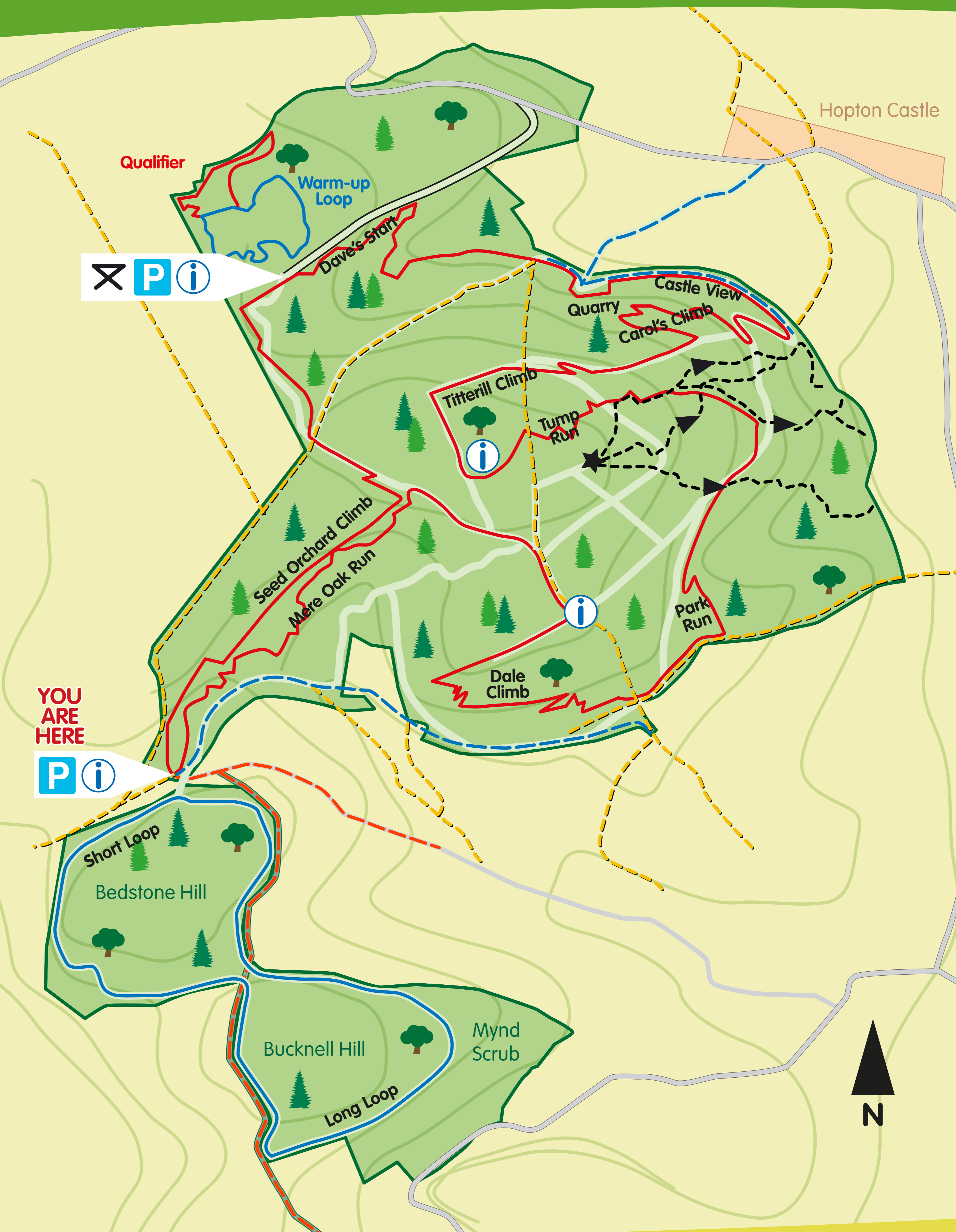


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