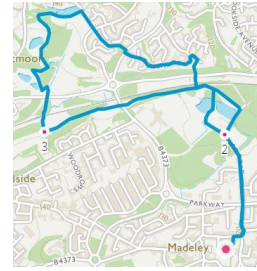




Friends of the Telford T50 50 MILE TRAIL

CIRCULAR WALKS Based on the Trail

MADELEY, AQUEDUCT AND LITTLE DAWLEY POOLS LOOP



Distance 4 miles, 3.5 miles or 3 miles. Altitude difference negligible. Not suitable for a pushchair owing to the stile by the railway line.

There are at least five possible starting points, Madeley Tesco car park, the car park between Madeley Lidl and Subway, Castlefields Way and also Majestic Way in Aqueduct and the car park at Castle Pools Little Dawley. Both the Madeley Car Parks are easily accessible by bus. The Castle Pools car park is about a quarter of a mile from the bus stop on Hollies Road. Castlefields Way and Majestic Way in Aqueduct are both accessible by bus but are mainly included for local people.

Madeley Tesco Car Park Route (4 miles)

OS Route <https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/route/6869021/-Circular-Routes-Telford-T50-Madeley-Court-and-Little-Dawley>

RunGo route <https://routes.rungoapp.com/route/fJcs0WBktC>

1. From Madeley Tesco's car park (TF7 5AB) walk to the supermarket entrance and then turn left between Tesco's on the left and a number of small shops on the right. On reaching the road cross using the pedestrian crossing by the Anstice and turn right. Continue past the bus stop turning left at the junction.
2. After a couple of hundred yards you reach a main road with traffic lights. Cross the road and continue straight. After another couple of hundred yards you pass Court Street Medical Practice (this is where you join the alternative start from the rear of Lidl).
3. Continue straight past some houses on the left and the dry ski slope. (Snowboard Ski Centre). Go straight on ignoring a footpath on the right and the first footpath on the left. Take the next footpath on the left as the road bends, the magenta coloured Telford T50 50 mile Trail signs start from here, *** you will follow the Trail for the next two miles or so.
4. Walk up and over the mound reaching the Madeley Court Hotel access road. Go straight across and keep on straight for a short distance, veering right when you see a metal bridge. Cross the bridge and walk between the two balancing pools to reach another footpath junction. Turn left and walk for about 150 yards to reach another footpath junction, turn right under the bridge (the A442). This section can also be a little muddy. You very soon reach houses, turn left and almost immediately left again into Gittens Drive which you follow for about 500 yards until you reach a main road (Castlefields Way). Cross the road using the central island.
5. Carry straight on, crossing Majestic Way. You will soon reach the Dawley Castle Pools area. *Take the second left turn, the first left turn is signposted "Ironbridge Way". Follow the footpath with Wide Waters (one of the Dawley pools) on your right, there may be fishermen along this stretch. At the end of the pool, shortly after passing a bridge on your right, turn left at a low level waymark into the woods (as at November 2020 we were still waiting for a short post to be located here).
6. Follow the path through the woods which is well -signposted . (There is a left turn and then a track with a large pool to your right, which bends right, and then another left turn and another right.) After about 700 yards in the wood you reach another pool area with a board crossing on your right.

Carry straight on, the path then joins another with a left turn and then very quickly turn right at the next junction. Follow the path under a bridge to reach a railway line. This is the line which runs into the now closed Ironbridge Power Station site. As at November 2020 there were no plans to re-use the railway line but exercise caution nevertheless. Cross the stile and then the railway line with another stile on the other side. Walk on for about one hundred yards to reach a footpath junction with a bench. This area can also be muddy after rain. You are now leaving the Trail.

7. Turn left and you have a pleasant woodland walk for about 2/3 of a mile until you reach your outward route. Carry straight on, passing the gate from your outward route, and 230 yards later pass through a swing gate and turn right ** and walk back past the dry ski slope into Madeley.

Facilities in Madeley

There are toilets in Tesco, the Anstice Hall and at Lidl. Coffee and hot drinks are served in the Anstice, and in a coffee bar in the corner of the car park immediately behind the Anstice and at Subway opposite the rear of Lidl. The Subway makes a convenient sandwich stop at the end of the walk, snacks are also available in the Anstice and from Gregg's alongside Tesco's.

Buses No 1, 2 and 4 provide frequent services to Madeley.

Alternative Start- Lidl Car Park , Madeley (3.5 miles)

OS Route <https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/route/6869021/-Circular-Routes-Telford-T50-Madeley-Court-and-Little-Dawley>

RunGo Route <https://routes.rungoapp.com/route/ezFCqajCqI>

Park at the rear of the Lidl Supermarket opposite Subway, or use one of the busses into Madeley which stop outside Lidl. One advantage of this is you can get a snack at Subway when you get back.

1. From the car park walk away from Lidl in a north westerly direction towards Court Street Medical practice walking through the car park and turning left onto the pavement – join the main walk description at point 3.

Alternative Start – Castle Pools (3 miles)

OS Route <https://osmaps.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/route/6869879/Circular-Routes-Telford-T50-Little-Dawley-and-Madeley-Court>

RunGo route <https://routes.rungoapp.com/route/bK9V5g7NRV>

Join in at * at point 5 above, taking the path alongside Wide Waters.

At ** in point 7 continue past the buildings of the Madeley Court Hotel then turn immediately right picking up the T50 waymarks, you are now at *** in point 3. Finish at * in point 5.

To visit Madeley (adds 1 mile) continue to the end of 7, then restart at 1.

Alternative Starts in Aqueduct (3 miles)

As the Castle Pools directions above, except your start /finish is the end of point 4 (Castlefields Way) or the crossing of Majestic Way at the start of 5. In both cases you are looking for a tarmac path which you follow in the Little Dawley direction.