

This stage is well served by the No 5 bus service Telford Bus Station via Oakengates, Muxton, Donnington (5A), Lilleshall. Buses continue to Church Aston, Newport and Stafford. St Georges and Priorslee also have frequent buses to the Town Centre. Buses run every few minutes between the bus and rail stations. There are a number of car parks surrounding Telford Town Centre (pay on exit).

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MAP Stage 7 Lilleshall to Telford Town Park

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TELFORD T50 50 MILE TRAIL STAGE 7: Lilleshall to Telford Town Park 8 miles

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This stage takes you from the lovely viewpoint of Lilleshall Hill, across fields, through Granville Country Park full of historic remnants of local industry, round the lake in Priorslee (The Flash) and into the Town Park in the centre of Telford. The No 5 bus connects Telford Centre bus station with Lilleshall.

1 Lilleshall to Granville Country Park 1.9 miles

If you're at the **Lilleshall Monument** walk around it and then towards the white trig point. (If you've arrived by bus follow the instructions in the paragraph below from **Church Rd**). Continue down the hill by the wide obvious path. Once you reach the small turning-area bear hard right along the tarmac lane. Look out for a footpath on your left just beyond a large white-painted house on the right (**Rock Cottage**). Take this path, over the stile and through the small field keeping to the fence on the right-hand side. Another stile brings you onto **Church Rd**.

Turn right and follow **Church Rd** all the way to the T-junction at the end. (If you have already completed Stage 6 you will now be re-tracing your steps for a while). Turn left (**Lilyhurst Rd**) and after a short distance turn right, by a gate, to join a signed footpath across the field. Keep straight ahead, cross an area of concrete hardstanding, then cross a stream. At the next stile, you depart from the stage 6 route, bear half-left diagonally across the final field towards the centre of a thick bank of trees. This part of the trail is a public footpath but may not be clear on the ground. A good stile takes you onto **Muxton Ln**. Turn left onto the lane and continue to follow it for a while, past the golf-centre car park on the left, until you reach a small car park on the right at the entrance to **Granville Country Park**.

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2 Through Granville Country Park 1.7 miles

Walk to the far end of the car park into the Nature Reserve. Follow the path, don't go up the steps but keep right and continue past a large derelict building (the **old winding house**). Continue to follow the main path until you reach a double gate. Go straight on past the information board for **Granville Country Park**. Just beyond the board turn left up some steps. At the top of the steps keep right. From the top of the hill you can see the Berwyn Hills on a fine day.



Continue straight ahead and drop down, via steps, to the car park. Emerge onto a road, cross it and turn right for a short distance, then turn left through the gate at the **Granville LNR** information board. Walk along the main path past the **owl sculpture** and then turn left to view the **canal basin**. Continue to follow the path beside the canal basin to re-join the main path. Turn right and immediately left down a narrow footpath to see the **Old Lodge Furnaces**. Walk past the information board and carry on, to re-join the main path again. Turn right and continue to follow the main path passing a pool on your right. Carry straight on and pass through a kissing gate. On reaching an open area you need to bear right: either follow a well-trodden narrow path through the grass and trees or join the concrete track which runs from left to right in front of you along the edge of the reserve. This area can get wet and muddy at times hence the options. When you reach a junction of paths keep to the right, following the main straight track through a cutting (muddy at times) for about 400 yards. Then take a narrow footpath that bears left through birch trees. You emerge onto a major track. Walk across it and up through the grass to turn left on the raised tarmac path on the far side.



3 From Granville Country Park to Priorslee Lake 1.5 miles

Follow this tarmac path, up steps and across the bridge over the road. More steps take you up to a more open area. Walk straight ahead, down steps at the far end, then up some broad shallow steps. Carry straight on with a sports pitch on your left. There are good views back to Lilleshall Hill from here. At the corner of the sports pitch you will emerge into an open area for car parking. Turn right here along a wide obvious footpath. Take the first left turn through a kissing gate. Follow this path, pass through a second kissing gate onto a wider track. Turn left onto a lane and immediately left again, at the **Cottage Spring** pub, onto the main road (**Church St**).

Continue down **Church St** and turn right, just before the church, onto **Snow Hill**. Continue straight at the crossroads into **Ashley Rd**. As this road bends to the right, bear left onto a footpath and go down the steps through the underpass towards **Priorslee Lake**.

4 Priorslee Lake to Telford Town Park via Randlay Wood 2.9 miles

Ahead of you is **Priorslee Lake (The Flash)**. Bear left where the paths fork. Carry on keeping the lake on your right, past green picnic tables, across two long bridges and then turn left on a path just before the steps. Follow this path through trees until you reach the rear of a school. Continue bearing round slightly to the right and eventually emerge onto a main road (**Priorslee Ave**). Cross the road and turn right. Stay on this road until you reach a **clocktower**. Turn left along a road called **Priorslee Village** and follow it through the **old village of Priorslee**, eventually reaching a main road (**Shifnal Rd**).

Cross Shifnal Rd and turn right. After a short while turn left down a well-marked footpath following the **NCN55**. Follow this path over the motorway. Continue straight until you reach a fork in the path, keep left, crossing over a road, a railway line and another road. Bear right across the grassy open area (just before the underpass) and arrive at the junction of **Dinchope Drive** and a main road (**Dale Acre Way**). Turn right onto the main road and follow it until you reach **Downemead** on the left. Follow Downemead to the end bearing slightly left to walk in front of the shops. Continue to the main road, cross at the pedestrian crossing and turn left. Then bear right to follow the tarmac path alongside **Hollinswood School**.

Continue to follow the tarmac path, with the school on your right and a playing field on your left, go through the underpass into **Randlay Wood**. After a few yards the path splits, take the right fork. At a second split, by a metal picnic bench, again take the right fork. Continue through an open area, then woods, go through the underpass and into **Telford Town Park**. As you go through the Park gates, take the path on the immediate right. Continue straight ahead keeping a pool on your left. Ignore a footpath joining from your right. Turn right at a T-junction, pass the entrance to **Wonderland** on the left. Turn left when you reach the open grassy area and pass an adventure play area on the left to reach picnic tables in front of the remains of a ruined **Norman chapel**. **This is the end of the T50 50 Mile Trail**. There are toilets in the **Information Centre** behind the chapel. The **shopping centre**, **bus station** and **railway station** are signed and can all be reached easily from here.

