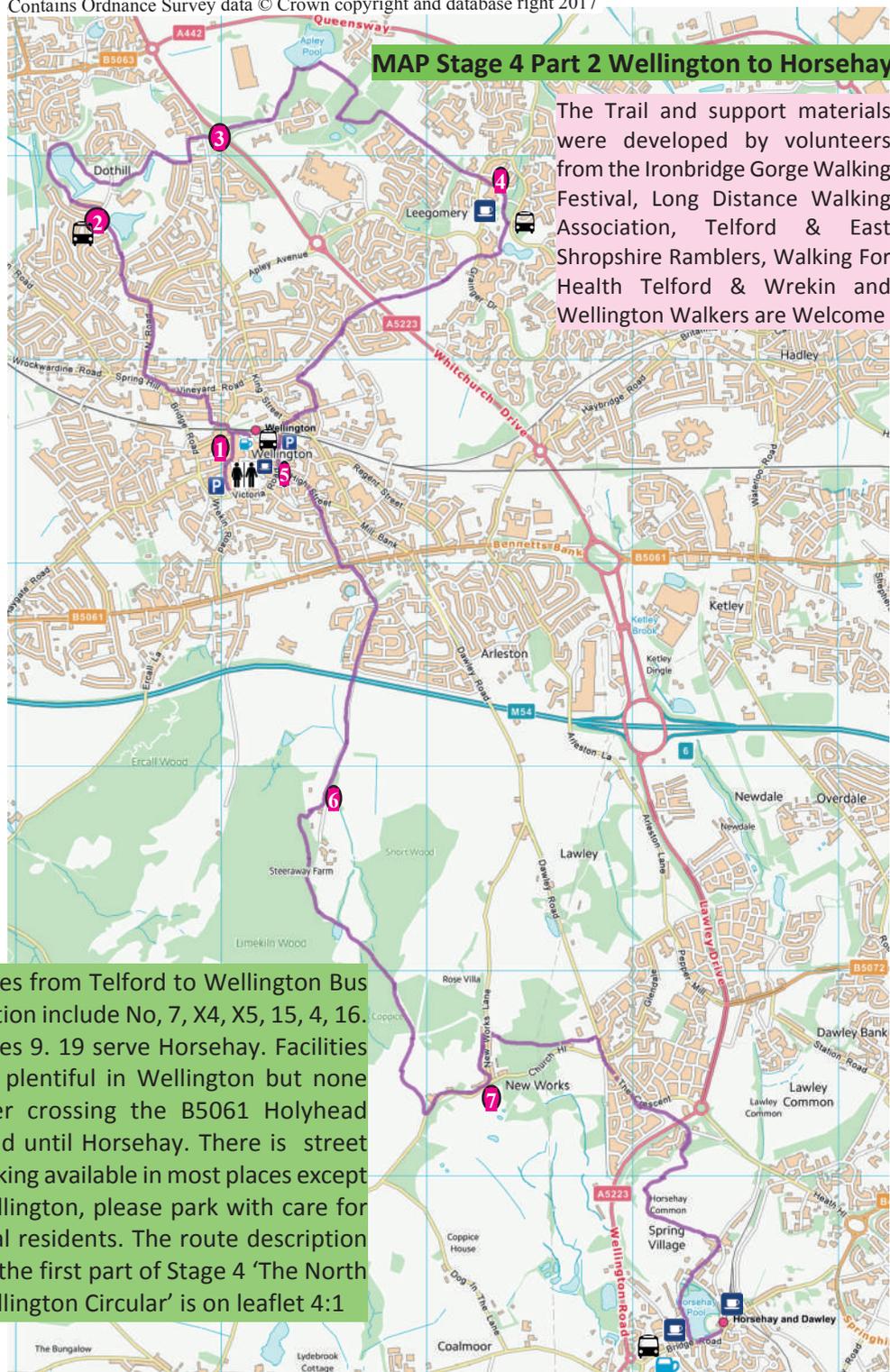


### MAP Stage 4 Part 2 Wellington to Horsehay

The Trail and support materials were developed by volunteers from the Ironbridge Gorge Walking Festival, Long Distance Walking Association, Telford & East Shropshire Ramblers, Walking For Health Telford & Wrekin and Wellington Walkers are Welcome



Buses from Telford to Wellington Bus Station include No, 7, X4, X5, 15, 4, 16. Buses 9, 19 serve Horsehay. Facilities are plentiful in Wellington but none after crossing the B5061 Holyhead Road until Horsehay. There is street parking available in most places except Wellington, please park with care for local residents. The route description for the first part of Stage 4 'The North Wellington Circular' is on leaflet 4:1

### STAGE 4: Wellington to Horsehay 9 miles



#### STAGE 4 Part 2: Wellington to Horsehay 4.6 Miles

The long Stage 4 is divided into 2 walks of almost equal length.

# 4:2

*This very varied walk starts in the busy market town of Wellington with excellent rail and bus transport links, good facilities and many car parks. There are fascinating green spaces adjacent to residential areas, delightful rambles by pools, through woods and wide open spaces with panoramic views, former mining areas returned to nature and even a golf course near Horsehay Steam Railway. A good stage for spotting birds and deer.*

#### 5 High Street to The White Cottage at the end of Limekiln Lane 1.2 miles

There is easy access from the train and bus stations. If starting this section of the stage from the rail station cross the railway bridge and exit on the bus station side into **Victoria Road** and turn right. Continue up hill along **Victoria Rd** passing **Wellington Medical Practice** on the left. Turn left into **High Street** at the old **Chad Valley Toy Factory** building where Part 2 starts. Look for the CV in the decorative work on the front of the building. Starting at the **Old Chad Valley Toy Factory** walk along **High Street**, away from Wellington town centre and at the roundabout cross over, past the shops on your right, to walk along **New Church Road**, passing a blue plaque to mark the birthplace of the painter Cecil Lawson on the left. Continue straight on past the entrance to **Christ Church** to meet **Holyhead Road** (the old Roman Road, **Watling Street**). Turn left and cross at the pedestrian crossing. Turn right and immediately left into **Limekiln Lane**. Walk down Limekiln Lane past **Short Wood Sports and Outdoor Centre** on the left. Continue straight past the walking and cycling sign. Continue up Limekiln Lane, **under the M54** towards **Steeraway**. 30 yards after the **Steeraway sign** turn right at the stile, which is just before **The White Cottage**.

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For downloadable map & gpx files go to: [www.telfordt5050miletrail.org.uk](http://www.telfordt5050miletrail.org.uk)

## 6 New Works via Limekiln Wood & Short Wood 1.2 miles

Follow the path to the T junction at the top and turn right to join the path that marks the edge of **Limekiln Wood**. 25 yards along, turn left uphill onto another path. Continue along this path, at the grassy clearing you can find spotted orchids in June. On the left there is an open shaft of one of the **lime kilns** that give the wood its name. Turn right where a metal barrier crosses the path. After 20 yards take the left fork. Continue until you reach a stile. Cross the stile and continue on the path through the field and pass **Limekiln Pool** which will be on your right. Here you can clearly see that you are walking on an old tramway.



Keep alert and move quietly and you may glimpse the deer herd that wanders freely through the woods and over open ground in this section. Continue along the path across the next field. Cross the stile into **Short Wood**. Keep straight on then walk across the forest track, continue straight up over the stile and follow the path, which ascends steeply. Cross the next stile. Take the right fork after the stile. Stay on the path as it



bends first to the left and then to the right. At the end of the path turn right onto a wide stone path, created through the area where the recent open-cast mining took place. Follow this stone path for about half a mile passing three information boards. The stone path continues between wooden railings. At the T junction turn left and continue to the end to turn left through a gate onto a lane.



Walk along the lane to reach New Works, passing the entrance to **Smalley Hill Nature Reserve** on the right.

## 7 New Works to Horsehay 2.2 miles

Turn left into **New Works Lane** towards Wellington. Continue along the Lane and at the last bungalow on the left, turn right down the multi-user trail, the **Trundle**. Walk down the **Trundle**, at the end turn right and continue along the busy **Dawley Road**, ignoring all roads to the right. Just after the **children's play area**, bear right onto the cycle and footpath. Continue straight ahead and cross the footbridge. Cross the road and take the bridleway straight ahead. Continue on this as it turns left after the houses and follow the fence along the edge of the wood until it turns left. Here keep straight on to ascend the bank.



Cross in front of the **tee off** (be mindful of golfers) and turn right onto the gravel path passing a bench on your left. Follow the path and turn left at the low post. Continue straight down the gravel path. At the junction of paths, take the descending gravel path and continue along the foot of the slope to where the path comes to an end. Bear left on a grassy path, past a litter bin, towards a house to reach a kissing gate and turn left onto the lane. Continue on the road, turn right at the crossroads and walk down the lane designated 'unsuitable for HGVs' passing the houses of **Spring Village**.



At the bottom of the lane, cross the little road and take the public footpath straight ahead. There are picnic tables here. At the end of the footpath turn left. Horsehay Pool is on your left and on your right rows of cottages up, built for the iron workers of the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. The fish and chip shop **Cod Father** is on the right as you join the main road. Turn left here to reach the **Telford Steam Railway**. (**Railway cafe** open Sundays April/ Oct) and continue on Stage 5 and turn right for the bus stop.

**Note:- There are buses from Horsehay to Telford via Lawley. Turn right at the main road to get to the bus stop, which is close to the roundabout near the Village Hall. The buses run at hourly intervals Monday to Saturday, services No 9 and 19.**