

A TRAIL FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY

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Discover great days out with,

- 15 Local Nature Reserves, 5 Sites of Special Scientific Interest, famous for their butterflies, birds, fungi, wildflowers and geology.
- panoramic views across 17 counties and into Wales from a number of viewpoints.
- two thousand years of history and heritage, World Heritage Site of the Ironbridge Gorge and other important historic places.
- delightful pubs and cafes on the route where you can meet with friends or take a breather.
- your own personal challenge! Everyone who completes it can ask for a free certificate, no matter how long they take to finish the Trail.

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



A grant from Telford's 50th Anniversary Legacy Fund and from EnviroGrant which is run by Veolia working in partnership with Telford & Wrekin Council, as part of the Pride in our Community programme, enabled the route to be waymarked, supported by leaflets and a website. The Trail and website is now supported by sales of the guidebook.



WELCOME TO THE TELFORD T50 50 MILE TRAIL

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The Telford T50 50 Mile Trail was created in 2018 to celebrate Telford's 50th anniversary as a new town.

This enjoyable walking route showcases beautiful parks, nature reserves, woods, pools, lakes and the River Severn. It explores the fascinating history and rich industrial heritage that makes Telford special.

Starting from the Trail Information Board in the Town Park, it uses footpaths, tracks and quiet roads to link all of Telford's open green spaces and communities together, to form one continuous circular walking route.

Since 2018 it's hosted challenge relays, many charity events and raised thousands of pounds in sponsored walks for local causes.

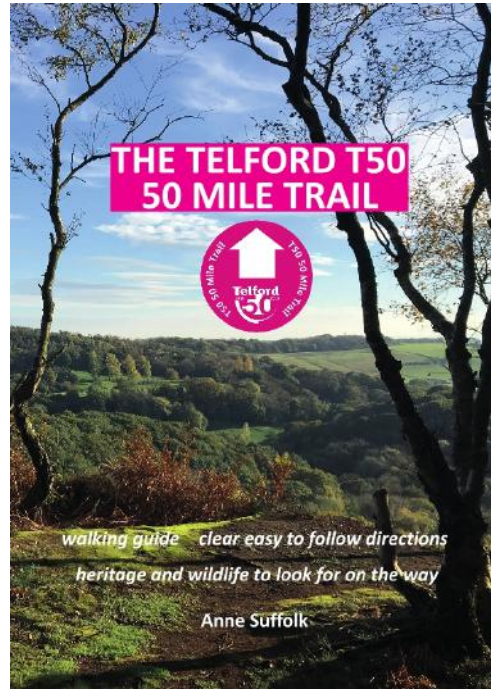


THE TRAIL IS SIGNED AND SUPPORTED: YOU SHOULD NOT GET LOST

The Trail is signposted and waymarked in both clockwise and anticlockwise directions.

Illustrated leaflets for each stage of the Trail and gpx files, plus some short circular walks, can all be viewed and downloaded for free from the Trail's website. The stage leaflets include detailed written directions between easy to spot local landmarks one to three miles apart, with maps, information about bus stops, railway stations, toilets, cafes and pubs. You can choose how far to go from a short stroll to a whole day's walk. Trail news is updated regularly on the website.

A lightweight guidebook, which can fit into a trouser or cagoule pocket, is available. It also tells you about some of the heritage and wildlife you might spot on the way.



You can buy the guidebook in local shops, at the Town Park Information Centre start point or from the website (£5 + £2p&p). The cover is a view from The Ercall on Stage 3.

"Fantastic route, takes you places I never knew existed. Stopped off a few times to take in the scenery and wildlife; deer, badgers, bats, foxes!" Matthew A.

"Brilliant. The bright pink waymarkers are easy to spot & you can dip in & out of the Trail at certain points." Emma S.



You may spot wild orchids, buzzards, deer, even nationally rare dingy skippers!



The trail links Telford's new and old towns, including Wellington which has buildings and streets dating from medieval to modern times.

THE TRAIL IS A CIRCULAR ROUTE

Linking Communities and Green Spaces

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The Trail is divided into seven stages, which can all be walked at your own pace to suit you.

Stage 1 - Town Park to Ironbridge 10 miles

Stage 2 - Ironbridge to Little Wenlock 4 miles

Stage 3 - Little Wenlock to Wellington 8 miles

Stage 4 - Wellington to Horsehay 9 miles

Stage 5 - Horsehay to Oakengates 5 miles

Stage 6 - Oakengates to Lilleshall 6 miles

Stage 7 - Lilleshall to Town Park 8 miles

The route begins at the Trail Information Board in Telford Town Park, descends to the River Severn and the World Heritage Site of Coalport and Ironbridge, then on through Little Wenlock village to The Wrekin, that marvellous Shropshire landmark of myth and legend. It continues over The Ercall nature reserve to Wellington, Horsehay, Oakengates and Lilleshall where you can walk to Newport via The Hutchison Way. It ends with more areas of important industrial heritage in Granville Country Park, St Georges and Priorslee. You can also start this wonderful route from the green space closest to your home.

The stages between Ironbridge and Wellington may each take a full day if all the views, museums, historic places and attractions are to be fully enjoyed.

There are buses to all stage points, and many places in between, except for Little Wenlock. Coalbrookdale is an alternative stage point for bus users. Trains run from Wellington via Oakengates to Telford Central. For visitors there is ample hotel, bed and breakfast and youth hostel accommodation.