

Directions from the North

The new Main Route from Isombridge Farm to Ercall Wood

1. From Rodington, carry straight on past the road junction ignoring the field entrance on the L and bear sl R staying on the outer access road of **Isombridge Farm**. Turn L towards the river passing through 2 large gates and following the field margin fence. Turn R and follow the bridleway south to **Allscott Mill**.
2. Cross the footbridge and carry on to the road keeping to the L of the driveway. Turn L onto Rushmoor Lane then R through a kissing gate in the hedge. Cross the field to another kissing gate at the far side and turn L past the Water Treatment Plant. Follow the field margin paths to Cheshire Coppice Lane then turn R towards Admaston.
3. Near the end of the lane turn R through wooden gates, immediately L and then R again through a 2nd set of gates leading to a narrow footpath with a low wooden fence to the L. Follow this path as it turns L to Elmsdale Crescent.

4. Carry straight on then follow the road round to the R and up to the main junction. Turn L, cross the road when convenient, and take the descending footpath on the R to join the **Silkin Way** heading South.

5. At the next junction of paths take the rising path to the L (still the Silkin Way) and then turn L into **Dothill Local Nature Reserve**. Follow the Silkin Way as it winds its way through the LNR passing Beanhill Brook and Tee Lake and then crossing a road outside a school. Carry straight on for a few yards then turn left and follow the path until you reach a turning on your R. (Note the Silkin Way carries straight on at this point towards Apley Woods).

6. Turn R to leave the Silkin Way and follow the winding path uphill ignoring all side paths until reaching the exit from the reserve on Severn Drive opposite Cound Close. Cross the road into Cound Close then turn L into Barnet Close. At the end carry straight on into Deer Park Road heading to the R and on to the junction with North Road. Turn R, cross at the school crossing, then continue down North Road until the T-junction with Spring Hill.

7. Turn L and immediately take the rising footpath on the L which bends round the corner into Vineyard Road. Carry on this path until it descends to pavement level then continue to the junction with Church Street on the R. Cross the road and follow Church Street as it bends round the church on the L, passes Station Road and enters the pedestrian area around Market Square which is the end of Stage 10 and the start point of Stage 9.

8. Continue heading straight on (keeping to the L of the Black & White building) towards Tan Bank which starts to rise uphill as it leaves the town centre. At the crossroads (Victoria Avenue) cross the road and continue on Tan Bank until you reach a narrow path on the R which leads to a crossing point with Roseway. Continue straight over the road and up the rising path to its end on Holyhead Road. Note: The entrance to **Sunnycroft** (National Trust) is a short distance away on the L.

9. Cross the road at the lights and continue ahead on Golf Links Lane until you pass under the M54 bridge. Immediately after the bridge turn R into Ercall Wood.



Dothill Local Nature Reserve

Directions from the South

The new Main Route from Ercall Wood to Isombridge Farm

1. Exit Ercall Woods onto Golf Links Lane and turn L under the M54 bridge. Follow the road downhill to the T-junction and cross via the lights to the R. Note: The entrance to **Sunnycroft** (National Trust) is a short distance away on the R.
2. Take the narrow footpath immediately to the left of the crossing and follow it downhill to the end where it meets Roseway. Cross the road and take the path bearing sl R between buildings to Tan Bank and then L to the main road ahead (Victoria Avenue). Cross the road and continue to follow Tan Bank downhill to the town centre. Keeping slightly L, continue through the pedestrian area into Market Square which is the end of Stage 9 and the start point of Stage 10.
3. From Market Square, continue straight on passing Station Road on the R and into Church Street. Follow the road past the church and on to the T junction with Vineyard Road. Cross the road and turn L then, after crossing Vineyard Drive, continue on this path as it bends round into Spring Hill and then descends to the junction with North Road.
4. Turn R and follow North Road past schools on either side before crossing and taking the next turn L into Deer Park Road. As the road bends round to the R, cross the open area into Barnet Close. At the end, turn R into Cound Close and follow this to the end at Severn Drive and the start of **Dothill Local Nature Reserve**.
5. Cross the road and follow the path downhill to the R which then bends round to the L before reaching a T-junction with the **Silkin Way**. (Note that turning R will take you to Apley Woods situated a short distance to the east). Turn L and follow the path as it branches R and crosses the road ahead. Continue on the Silkin Way as it winds its way through the LNR passing Tee Lake and Beanhill Brook before turning R down a slope northwards.

6. Just before the next bridge, take the rising path on the R to the road and turn L onto Shawbirch Road. Cross the road when convenient and then turn R at the crossroads into Elmsdale Crescent. Follow this road round to the L and, at the next bend, go straight on using a narrow fenced pathway which turns R then L before exiting through wooden gates onto Cheshire Coppice Lane.

7. Turn L and follow the lane until it reaches a Private Road sign. Turn L and follow the field margin paths past the Water Treatment Plant on the outskirts of Allscott.

8. Turn R at the wooden kissing gates and cross the field to a further gate which leads onto Rushmoor Lane. Turn L along the road then R towards **Allscott Mill** keeping to the R of the driveway. Having crossed Allscott Mill bridge bear R and follow the riverbank path as it bends round to the NE of **Isombridge Farm**. Note that the route shown on OS Maps is in the process of being changed to the way-marked bridleway (there is no Public Right of Way through the inner farmyard).

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OTHER FREE WALKING GUIDES AVAILABLE

*** Wellington 360 : Exploring New Works ***
(Available during Summer 2018)

Wellington 360 : Northern Walks

Wellington 360 : Wrockwardine Walks

Wellington & The Wrekin Forest Walks**
(** covering Limekiln Woods, The Ercall and The Wrekin)

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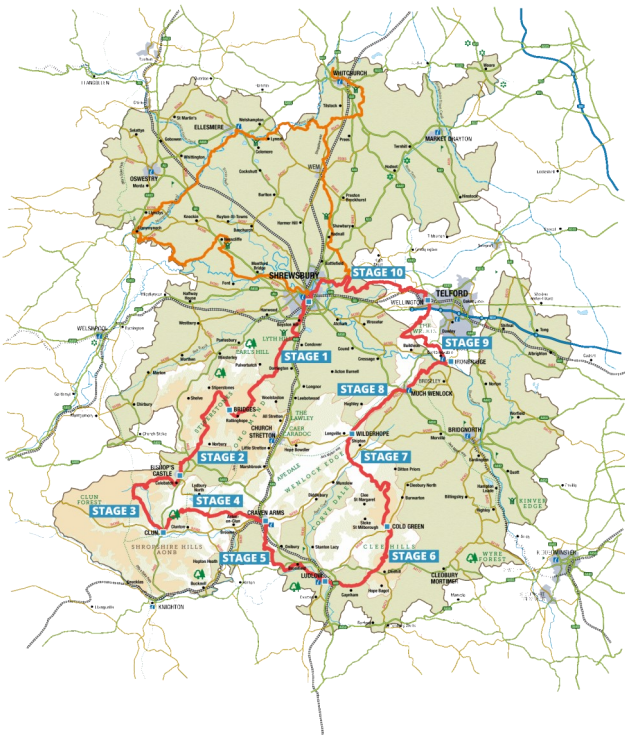


Ercall Woods

Map of the North and South Loops of the Shropshire Way Main Route

Full details of the entire Main Route of the Shropshire Way can be found on the Association's website at:-

www.shropshireway.org.uk



The Shropshire Way is a long distance path of 190 miles which is now waymarked with distinctive orange Buzzard discs. It was amended by the Shropshire Way Association in September 2017 to re-establish a Main Route as distinct from the many circular routes that had developed during recent years.

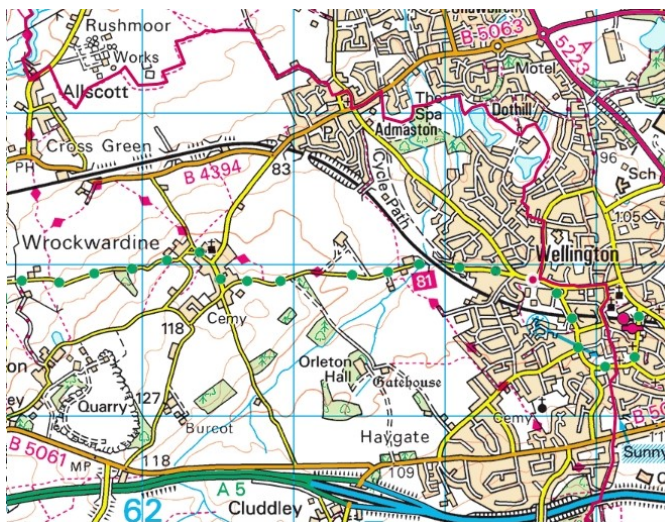
In addition, the Shropshire Way now takes a more easterly route through Wellington enabling it to:-

Visit **Dothill Local Nature Reserve**

Link directly to the **Silkin Way**

and to pass through the centre of the town on its way to & from The Wrekin Forest and the iconic Wrekin Hill.

The new & old routes can be seen on the OS Map below.



Wellington 360 THE SHROPSHIRE WAY

An introduction to the new Main Route of the Shropshire Way as it passes through **WELLINGTON.**



WELLINGTON WALKING FESTIVAL

Held annually throughout the 2nd Week of September

Events will normally include a wide range of approximately 25 FREE walks and events in and around Wellington.

There will be a mixture of short, medium and long walks to cater for all levels of fitness. Full details of the next festival can be found on our website.



Shropshire
Wildlife Trust



TESCO

Bags of Help

With its centrally located Railway & Bus Stations and choice of Free Long & Short Stay Parking, Wellington provides an ideal gateway for walkers to explore the area.

More details about the town, including a list of local accommodation providers, can be found on our website.

www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk

About Wellington WAW

Regular Walks: We meet outside the Civic and Leisure Centre (marked as the Swimming Pool on the Car Parking Map) at 2pm on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of every month. We usually walk from there but occasionally will drive a short distance in shared cars. The walks last 1.5 to 2 hours. All are welcome. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring waterproofs in wet weather.

Walking Festival: We run an annual Walking Festival in the 2nd week of September each year. Programmes are available in the town and on-line from May onwards - see www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk/Festival.html.

Path Maintenance: We have an active group which liaises with Telford and Wrekin Council to assist in making our local paths pleasant to walk.

Aims & Objectives: We aim to promote the interests of local walkers in Wellington, and to promote Wellington to walkers elsewhere.

Getting to Wellington

By Train: Wellington Railway Station is in the centre of town. To reach the Market Square exit from Platform 2 (the Shrewsbury side), walk up Station Rd to Church St, turn L and the square is ahead of you.

By Road: Wellington is just off the M54 motorway. There is free parking in all town centre short & long stay car parks (see the Parking map to the right)

By Cycle : National Route 81, from Birmingham to Aberystwyth passes through Wellington.

By Bus: There are frequent buses to & from the bus station which is next door to the Railway Station. From the bus station follow the alley to L of the Tin House Restaurant into New St., turn R to reach the square.

On Foot: The Shropshire Way passes through the centre of the town. The Silkin Way starts at Bratton and goes to Coalport via Telford Town Centre and Madeley. The Hutchison Way runs from Newport to Wellington via Telford Town Centre.

FREE circular walks from outside

Wellington Leisure Centre (TF1 1LX)

1st & 3rd SUNDAY of each month

Approx duration 90-120 minutes (run by Walkers Are Welcome)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Range of walks up to 90 minutes (run by Walking for Health—Telford & Wrekin)

All walks begin promptly at 2pm and are led by experienced leaders.

See our website for more more details.

Map of Car Parks in Wellington

All parking is free as at April 2018

FREE LONG STAY SPACES - 496 (Orange)		FREE SHORT STAY SPACES - 461 (Blue)	
Victoria Road South (68)	TF1 1PZ	Swimming Pool West (111)	TF1 1LX
Tan Bank (122)	TF1 1HJ	Swimming Pool East (57)	TF1 1LX
Wrekin Road (144)	TF1 1RH	Nailors Row (57)	TF1 1PY
Railway Station (118)	TF1 1BY	Victoria Road North (106)	TF1 1PZ
Ten Tree Croft (44)	TF1 1EG	Market Street (130)	TF1 1DT



WELLINGTON FRIENDS of the SHROPSHIRE WAY are a group of volunteers who regularly litter pick sections of the new Main Route between Little Wenlock to Rodington. They also report fly tipping and other problems they encounter along the route. Latest news of the group's activities can be found on their Facebook page.