

SHROPSHIRE WAY

SOUTH SECTION



About
12.5 miles

Stage 8: Wilderhope to Ironbridge



Early purple orchids

Wenlock Edge

The route from Wilderhope goes for about six miles along Wenlock Edge made famous by A.E Housman and Vaughan Williams. For the first half there is a variant, see below and use an OS map. The second half is more interesting with wild flowers including orchids in spring time.

Alternative route:

Head North-eastwards from Wilderhope to Pilgrim Cottage. Turn right and continue to SO556936 and take the forest track across Mogg Forest. (*The path by Lutwyche Hall is not recommended*). There is a hidden hillfort with well-defined ramparts for those with time to explore. Otherwise follow the footpath signs and look for a stile at SO563946 to exit the wood and cross a field.



The Guildhall & High Street, Much Wenlock

On reaching a stream turn right and continue beside small lakes to reach Easthope village. From here you can ascend to Wenlock Edge and the Shropshire Way once more.

Much Wenlock

It is worth allowing time to enjoy this pretty market town with fine timbered buildings, an ancient Guildhall and a Priory, to mention just a few of its attractions. There is a small museum with information on William Penny Brookes who founded the Wenlock Olympian Society, the forerunner of the modern Olympic Games. Leave Much Wenlock walking alongside the Priory.

Ironbridge

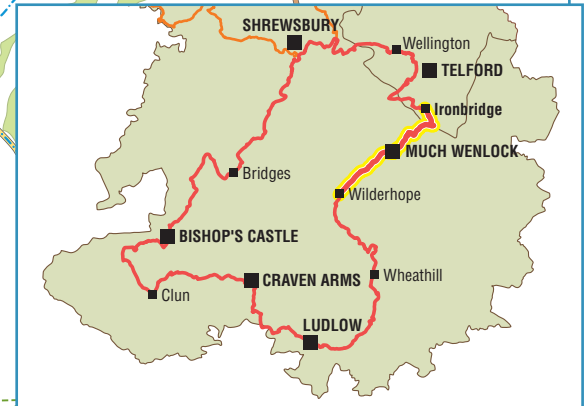
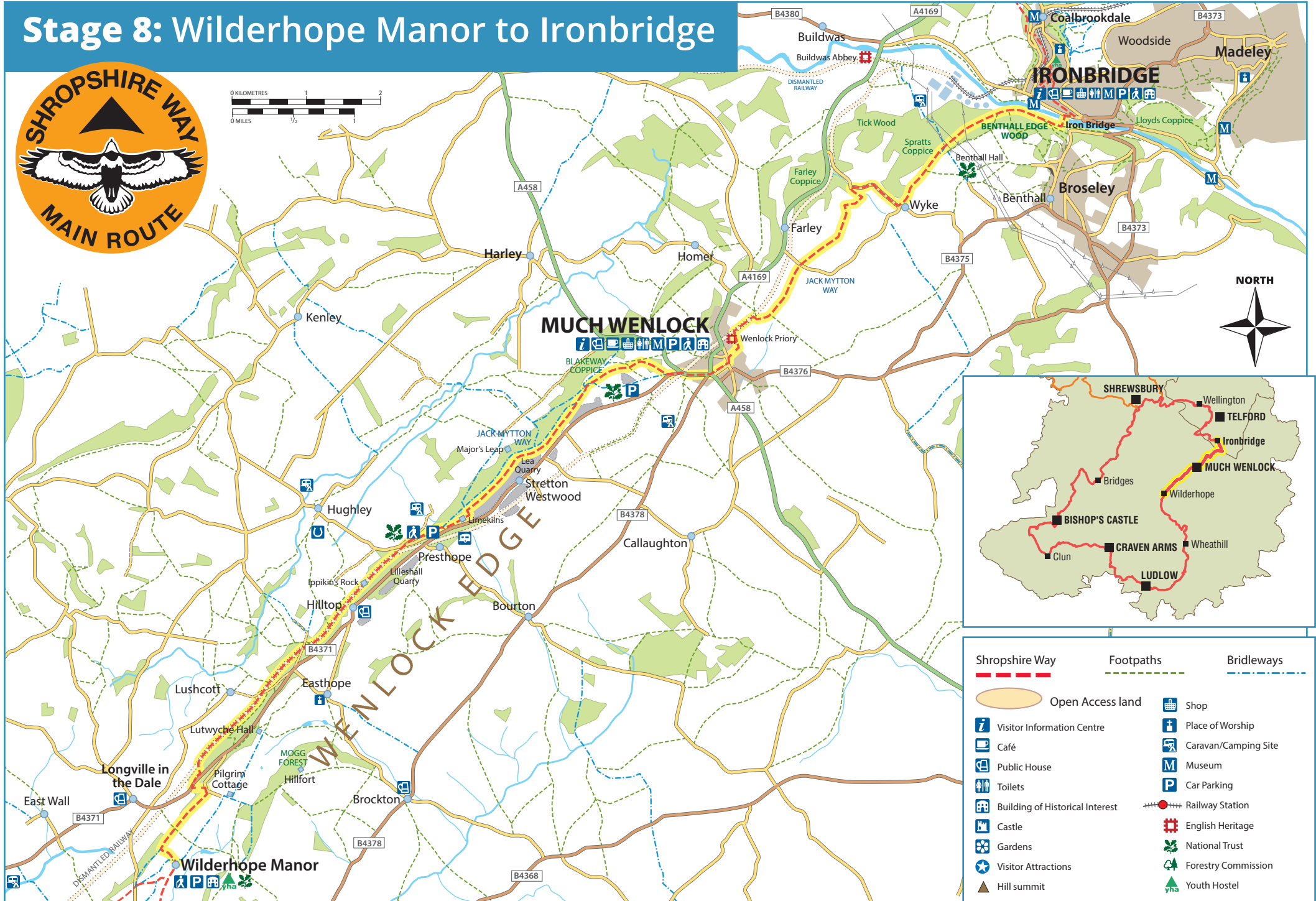
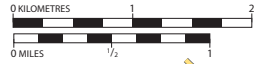
The power station that you pass on the steep descent into Ironbridge is now redundant and becoming a vestige of the industrial past of the Gorge. It may or may not still have four massive cooling towers that have been such a feature of the landscape in recent years.

After a riverside walk past old lime kilns you will enter the town across the famous Ironbridge to reach many tourist attractions including cafes, shops and museums. There is still a Merrythought Teddy Bear shop.



Ironbridge viewed from it's world famous bridge

Stage 8: Wilderhope Manor to Ironbridge



Shropshire Way	Footpaths	Bridleways
	Open Access land	
	Visitor Information Centre	
	Café	
	Public House	
	Toilets	
	Building of Historical Interest	
	Castle	
	Gardens	
	Visitor Attractions	
	Hill summit	