

# WELCOME TO THE TELFORD T50 50 MILE TRAIL



This new 50 mile circular walking route was created in 2018 to celebrate Telford's 50th anniversary as a New Town. It uses existing footpaths, tracks and quiet roads to form one continuous trail through the many different communities, beautiful green spaces and heritage sites that make Telford special.

## A 50 MILE TRAIL FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY

Fifty years ago, Telford's Development Plan set out to preserve a precious legacy of green networks and heritage sites and allow old industrial areas to be reclaimed by wild nature. This walk celebrates that vision of interesting and very special places left for everyone to enjoy. 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 & East Shropshire Ramblers.

[www.telfordt5050miletrail.org.uk](http://www.telfordt5050miletrail.org.uk)

The Telford T50 50 Mile Trail showcases many local parks, nature reserves, woods, pools and open spaces. It features our history and rich industrial heritage. We expect people will want to explore this wonderful new route by starting from the green space closest to where they live.

The route is waymarked throughout with a magenta 'Telford 50th Anniversary' logo.

The Trail begins in Telford Town Park, goes down to Coalport and Ironbridge then on through Little Wenlock to The Wrekin, that marvellous Shropshire landmark. It then continues over The Ercall nature reserve through Wellington, Horsehay and Oakengates to Lilleshall, where you can walk to Newport via The Hutchison Way. After Lilleshall it goes through more areas of important industrial heritage, Granville Country Park and back to The Town Centre.



*A lesser known path in Horsehay (above) and a world famous path in Ironbridge (left)*



## PLANNING YOUR TELFORD T50 50 MILE TRAIL WALK

The walk has been divided into seven stages, all of which can be walked at a pace to suit you. The stages between Ironbridge and Wellington may each take a full day if the views, museums, historic places and other attractions are to be fully enjoyed.

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

**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 is fully waymarked throughout. Initial waymarking has been carried out in a CLOCKWISE direction. We intend to waymark the opposite direction in the future, given sufficient funds.

We suggest that you walk the various stages in the clockwise direction.

Full directions with measured distances, supporting maps and gpx files, plus links to public transport timetables, facilities on the route and other information are all available from our website.

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## THE TELFORD T50 50 MILE TRAIL

### Linking Communities and Green Spaces



A grant from Telford Council's 50<sup>th</sup> 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, has enabled the route to be waymarked and supported by leaflets and a website.

