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- Start Locations
- A Apley Farm Shop
 - Benthall Hall NT Car Park
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 - Blists Hill Victorian Town Car Park.
 - Coalbrookdale Community Centre (free car park) Darby Road.
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 - Coalport YHA Café, Parking Pay & Display
 - Dale End Car Park, Pay & Display
 - Forest Glen Car Park, The Wrekin.
 - Green Wood Centre, Station Rd.
 - Maws Craft Centre, Jackfield.
 - Telford Ski Centre, Court Street, Madeley
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 - Buildwas Abbey

13th Annual Ironbridge Gorge Walking Festival

Welcome to the 13th Annual Ironbridge Gorge Walking Festival for 2018: nine days of free, varied and rewarding walks in and around this unique World Heritage Site!

The programme is colour coded to show those walks starting at different parts of the day and for the grading.

Perhaps you just want to appreciate the views from around the Gorge, we have something for all; from extended all day hikes for the brave hearted, to family friendly trails and short informative walks, this year's Festival promises to have something to whet the appetite of all ages and abilities.

Take a walk through the town and discover how it had been a centre for tourism for over 200 years. Visit Broseley and see the sculptures long hidden in the Power Station, or Madeley and one of Thomas Telford's octagonal churches. Further afield walk along Wenlock Edge and the wonder at the views of most of our beautiful county.

Following the success of previous years, we are offering a range of different walks to give you the opportunity to cover 50/100 miles in nine days. If this commitment is too much we have the opportunity to cover 60 miles over the Bank Holiday weekend (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) or the 100 over the 2 weekends, including Bank Holiday Monday. For more information about these contact info@ironbridgewalking.co.uk

For more information contact 01952 433424 or visit the website, <http://www.ironbridgewalking.co.uk>

Don't forget all walks are free of charge, all we ask is that you let us know that you are joining us by phoning 01952 433424 or emailing tic@ironbridge.org.uk

HOW TO PRE-BOOK:
 All the walks are free but have a maximum capacity of 12 to 20 people (according to route). All walks must be pre-booked to guarantee a place by email tic@ironbridge.org.uk or telephone 01952 433424



The organisers of the Festival reserve the right to alter the programme without prior notice. The details in this programme are believed to be correct at the time of going to press.

- STARTING POINTS:**
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- The Sat Nav details are approximate, please ensure you leave enough time locate suitable parking before the start of your walk.*

Health & Safety

It is the responsibility of all walkers to ensure that they are physically fit enough to take part in the walks that they have selected and that they have appropriate clothing and equipment.

- For all walks, walking boots/shoes are essential
 - Carry sufficient water for the length of the walk
 - Carry both sun protection and wet weather protection
 - Take high energy snacks or, for longer walks, more substantial meals.
- The walk leaders will exercise their right to refuse to take ill-equipped walkers.

Please arrive at the meeting point at least 10 minutes before the start of each walk. Walks will commence at the given time, whether all participants have arrived or not.

Disclaimer
 The organisers give no warranties, either express or implied, regarding the availability, suitability or safety of the walks described in this leaflet. Participation in the walks will be entirely at the individuals own risk.

dogs

Due to the amount of livestock in the Gorge and surrounding areas dogs are NOT permitted on walks unless specifically marked with the symbol shown. The walk leader may restrict the number at the start of the walk, if they consider it to be appropriate for the safety of other walkers.

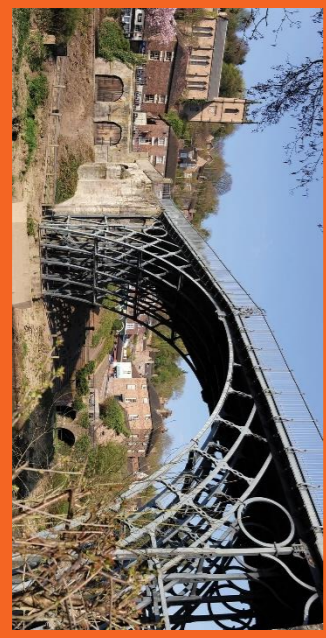


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05 – 13 May 2018
A wonderful variety of FREE walks to suit all ages
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Saturday 5th May

Walk No 1 08:00 'Thankful' Harley and Wenlock Edge

A 21 mile walk to the 'Thankful' village of Harley including Arlescott Medieval Village, Much Wenlock Olympic field, Wenlock Edge and Buildwas Abbey.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 8 – 9 hours **Length** 21 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲▲▲

Walk Leader Neil Cartman **Start Point** L

Walk No 2a 09:30 Money side

A walk going south of the river looking at the Jitties and round Benthall Hall returning to the Toll House. There will then be a break at the Green Wood Café for lunch before walk 2B

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 2½ – 3 hours **Length** 5 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Graham Burgess **Start Point** L

Walk No 2b 13:30 Sunny side

A walk round the north of the river to see some special trees and follow the Sabbath Walks.

Depart Green Wood Café. Station Road Coalbrookdale

Duration 2½ – 3 hours **Length** 5 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Graham Burgess **Start Point** I

Walk No 3 10:00 Steam Trains and views

A walk to meet the Telford Steam Railway and the opportunity to travel back in time

Depart Dale End Car Park, Pay & Display

Duration 5 – 6 hours **Length** 8 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Jane Warman **Start Point** G

Walk No 4 10:30 Ironbridge through tourist eyes: 200 years of tourism in the Gorge

A 4 mile walk around the Ironbridge area from a tourism perspective

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 2 – 3 hours **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲

Walk Leader Coralie Acheson **Start Point** L

Walk No 5 10:30 A tour of the Ironbridge Museums

A walk around the sites of the 9 museums that make up the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust to celebrate the work they carry out maintaining the Gorge and its artefacts.

Depart Blists Hill Victorian Town Car Park.

Duration 5 – 6 hours **Length** 12 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Dag Saunders **Start Point** C

Walk No 6 14:00 The Gorge's Transport History

A guided tour of the waterways, roads and railways between Coalbrookdale and Coalport

Depart Dale End Car Park, Pay & Display

Duration 3 – 3½ hours **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲

Walk Leader Neil Clarke **Start Point** G

Thursday 10th May

Walk No 31 08:30 Gorge-ous Landscapes

A 16 mile walk visiting 10 of the best viewpoints of and from the Gorge.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 7 – 8 hours **Length** 16 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲▲▲

Walk Leader Pat Talbott **Start Point** L

Walk No 32 09:30 Grindlforge and Kemberton Mill

A tranquil 12 mile walk to the east of the Ironbridge Gorge along some more obscure footpaths.

Depart Coalport YHA Café, Parking Pay & Display

Duration 5½ – 6½ hours **Length** 12 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲▲

Walk Leader Neil Cartman **Start Point** F

Walk No 33 10:00 Benthall Edge

The importance of being Benthall (max 12 walkers)

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 3 hours **Length** 3 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Bob Thomas **Start Point** L

Walk No 34 13:30 Round Coalbrookdale

A 6 mile around the outskirts of this important part of the Industrial Revolution, including some of the water courses so important to Iron production in Coalbrookdale.

Depart Coalbrookdale Community Centre (free car park) Darby Road.

Duration 2½ – 3 hours **Length** 6 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Graham Burgess **Start Point** E

Walk No 35 14:00 Sutton Wood

Exploring a little known woodland.

Depart Coalport YHA Café, Parking Pay & Display

Duration 2 hours **Length** 3 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Cadi Price **Start Point** F

Walk No 36 18:00 Getting to know Broseley and Gerry Foxall

A walk around the town of Broseley, using paths, roads and Jitties to view the sculptures by Gerry Foxhall on the way.

Depart Broseley Library

Duration 2 hrs **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲

Walk Leader Irene Gilmore **Start Point** D

Sunday 6th May

Walk No 7 08:00 Industrial Wenlock (Edge)

A 20 mile walk out to Wenlock Edge and returning via the Railway Line

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 8 – 9 hours **Length** 20 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲▲▲

Walk Leader Neil Cartman **Start Point** L

Walk No 8 09:15 Telford Town Park

A 15 mile walk seeking out paths and trails which link the towns of Telford's urban landscape.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 6 – 7 hours **Length** 15 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲▲

Walk Leader Pat Talbott **Start Point** L

Walk No 9 10:00 Circular Tour of 'The Jitties' Broseley

A walk around all 18 Jitties, Broseley's ancient pathways, many dating back to the 17th century and originally used by the squatters.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 2 hours **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Derek Armstrong **Start Point** L

Walk No 10 10:00 The Birds of the Wrekin

A walk around the ancient woodlands around the Wrekin, looking for upland oak species pied flycatcher, wood warbler, redstart, tree pipit plus others.

Depart Forest Glen Car Park, The Wrekin.

Duration 4 - 4½ hours **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Glenn Bishton **Start Point** H

Walk No 11 10:30 Family Walk (Coalbrookdale)

A 4 mile walk around Coalbrookdale including Loamhole Dingle and the Tramway

Depart Coalbrookdale Community Centre (free car park) Darby Road.

Duration 3 hours **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Dag Saunders **Start Point** E

Walk No 12 14:00 Catch them while you can!

A walk with excellent views over the gorge, a last chance to see the cooling towers.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 3 – 4 hours **Length** 6 miles **Grade** ▲▲

Walk Leader Graham Burgess **Start Point** L

Friday 11th May

Walk No 37 08:30 China Man, Green Man and Wyldwoods

A 15 mile walk through the site of the Caughley tile works and the lesser known paths round the town of Broseley via Linley Green.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 5 – 6 hours **Length** 15 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲▲▲

Walk Leader Neil Cartman **Start Point** L

Walk No 38 10:00 Views from the north side of the Gorge

Coalbrookdale 's viewpoints including Rough Park and the Beeches

Depart Coalbrookdale Community Centre (free car park) Darby Road.

Duration 3 – 4 hours **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Jackie Belcher **Start Point** E

Walk No 39 10:30 The Geology and Mining Legacy of the Gorge

A fascinating insight into the problems of dealing with subsidence in the area.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 3 hours **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲

Walk Leader Colin Pitcher **Start Point** L

Walk No 40 13:30 Pools and a Medieval Manor

A walk through Lloyd's Coppice to Madeley, around the pools of Madeley Court and Dawley and return using the Ironbridge Way.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 3 – 4 hours **Length** 7 miles **Grade** ▲▲

Walk Leader Graham Burgess **Start Point** L

Walk No 41 18:00 Tour of Brewing at All Nations

A walk through Lloyds coppice, cross the river and return to Madeley, via the old railway, the memorial bridge and the Silkin Way.

Depart Blists Hill Victorian Town Car Park.

Duration 2 hrs **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲

Walk Leader Irene Gilmore **Start Point** C

Monday 7th May

Walk No 13 08:00 South West of the Severn

A 20 mile walk to the south and west of the town that follows paths through farmland with good views of Wenlock Edge and the Wrekin.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 8 – 9 hours **Length** 20 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲▲

Walk Leader Tracey Carter / Ian Kelsey **Start Point** L

Walk No 14 08:30 Forgotten Stations and Furnaces

A 15 mile walk along the river to Linley and then back to Ironbridge using the part of the Jack Myton Way.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 7 – 8 hours **Length** 15 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲▲

Walk Leader Pat Talbott **Start Point** L

Walk No 15 10:00 Limekilns New Works

An opportunity to visit the historic town of Broseley and see the residences of some of the great (if less well known) industrialists of the Ironbridge Gorge.

Depart Maws Craft Centre, Jackfield.

Duration 2 – 3 hours **Length** 5 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Steve Dewhurst **Start Point** J

Walk No 16 10:30 Broseley Heritage

An opportunity to visit the historic town of Broseley and see the residences of some of the great (if less well known) industrialists of the Ironbridge Gorge.

Depart Maws Craft Centre, Jackfield.

Duration 2 – 3 hours **Length** 5 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Jane Warman **Start Point** E

Walk No 17 14:00 Family Walk (Ironbridge)

A photo trail in the woods around Madeley

Depart Coalport YHA Café, Parking Pay & Display

Duration 3 hours **Length** 4.5 miles **Grade** ▲▲

Walk Leader Linda Birtwhistle **Start Point** F

Walk No 18 18:00 Pub Walk

A tour of six historic hostelryes in and around the Gorge.

Depart Blists Hill Victorian Town Car Park.

Duration 2 hours **Length** 3 miles **Grade** ▲▲

Walk Leader Dag Saunders **Start Point** C

Legend

Morning Start



Afternoon Start



Evening Start



Grading

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Walks for experienced country walkers with an above average fitness level. May include hills and rough country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

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Walks for people with country walking experience and a good level of fitness. May include some steep paths and open country, and may be at a brisk pace. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are essential.

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Walks for reasonably fit people with at least a little country walking experience. May include unsurfaced rural paths and steps. Walking boots and warm, waterproof clothing are recommended.

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Walks for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty, a specific health problem or is seriously unfit. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.

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Walks for everyone, including people with conventional wheelchairs and pushchairs, using easy access paths. Comfortable shoes or trainers can be worn.

SELF GUIDED WALKS

During both weekends the may also be 3 short self-guided walks available, of approximately 2 miles.

The first is wheelchair and pushchair accessible from the Maws Craft Centre (Point J on map) and leads you to 18 tiles scattered around the Jackfield Stabilisation Works. (wheelchair and pushchair users will need to follow the road after tile 14 to avoid a flight of steps)

The second is the opportunity to wander around the 12 ducks that have been placed around the town and to see the Gorge from different places. Most of this is accessible with pushchairs and Wheelchairs starting from Dale End Car Park (Point G on the map)

The last is a Treasure Hunt from the Green Wood Café in Coach Road in Coalbrookdale (Point I on map). This route is more challenging and is better suited for those comfortable walking in woodland.

Tuesday 8th May

Walk No 19 09:30 The New Shropshire Way through the Gorge

A walk through Wyke, and the medieval village of Arlescott, to Much Wenlock. Returning via Homer, Sheinwood, and Benthall Edge.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 6 – 7 hours **Length** 14 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲▲

Walk Leader Graham Burgess **Start Point** L

Walk No 20 10:00 Banghams Wood

A circular trail exploring Benthall and Banghams Wood

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 4 hours **Length** 5 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Lisa Sherwood **Start Point** L

Walk No 21 10:00 Lloyds Coppice and beyond

A 6 mile walk taking in Lloyds Coppice; Blists Hill and Coalport

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 2½ – 3 hours **Length** 6 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Neil Cartman **Start Point** L

Walk No 22 14:30 Buildwas and Little Wenlock

An 8 mile walk to Little Wenlock with wonderful views of the Wrekin.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 3½ – 4½ hours **Length** 8 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Neil Cartman **Start Point** L

Walk No 23 18:00 The Geology and Mining Legacy of the Gorge

A fascinating insight into the problems of dealing with subsidence in the area.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 2½ hours **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲

Walk Leader Colin Pitcher **Start Point** L

Walk No 24 18:00 Spectacular views of Ironbridge.

A walk around Ironbridge, taking in some of the buildings, open spaces and viewpoints.

Depart Tollhouse, Ironbridge. Parking at Bridge Car Park, Pay & Display.

Duration 2 hrs **Length** 4 miles **Grade** ▲▲▲

Walk Leader Irene Gilmore **Start Point** L

Saturday 12th May

Walk No 42 08:00 The Gorge by Rail? (08:07 from Shifnal)

A 20 mile walk linear