

084 YHA Ironbridge Coalport Coalport and Ironbridge

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River, town and country walk

Distance: 4.4 miles (7.1km) **Ascent:** 76m (249ft)

Time: Allow 1h 45m to 3h



Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (242) Telford, Ironbridge & The Wrekin

Start/Finish: OS Locate SJ 696 024 **what3words** ///delved.haystack.tamed

This walk passes through lovely countryside and highlights the industrial history of the area. It follows forest tracks to Ironbridge and returns alongside the road. From the hostel turn right onto Coalport High Street, left into Riverside Avenue and immediately left and uphill to reach the Silkin Way. Turn right, follow the path to cross Coalport Bridge. Follow the Severn Way through Jackfield and on to Ironbridge. Cross the bridge, turn right, head through the town to Waterloo Street, follow this road to Coalport. When approaching Coalport keep to the path and follow the canal to the hostel.

a large kissing gate. A few roads to cross and sections without pavement at Jackfield. The pavement alongside the road from Ironbridge to Coalport is less than a metre in places and requires small sections on the road.

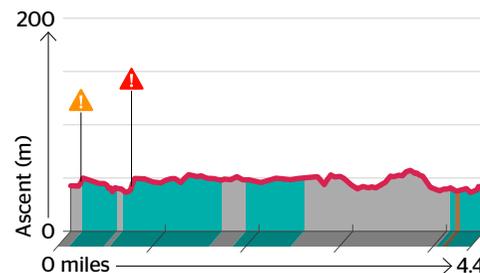
Navigation

Once on the Silkin Way navigating is straightforward as the route follows the river, although not always visible, and the bridges are obvious.

Terrain

Mostly paved and good paths made of small crushed stone. Occasional small patches of mud which will be worse after heavy rain.

● Paved ● Unpaved (flat) ● Mud

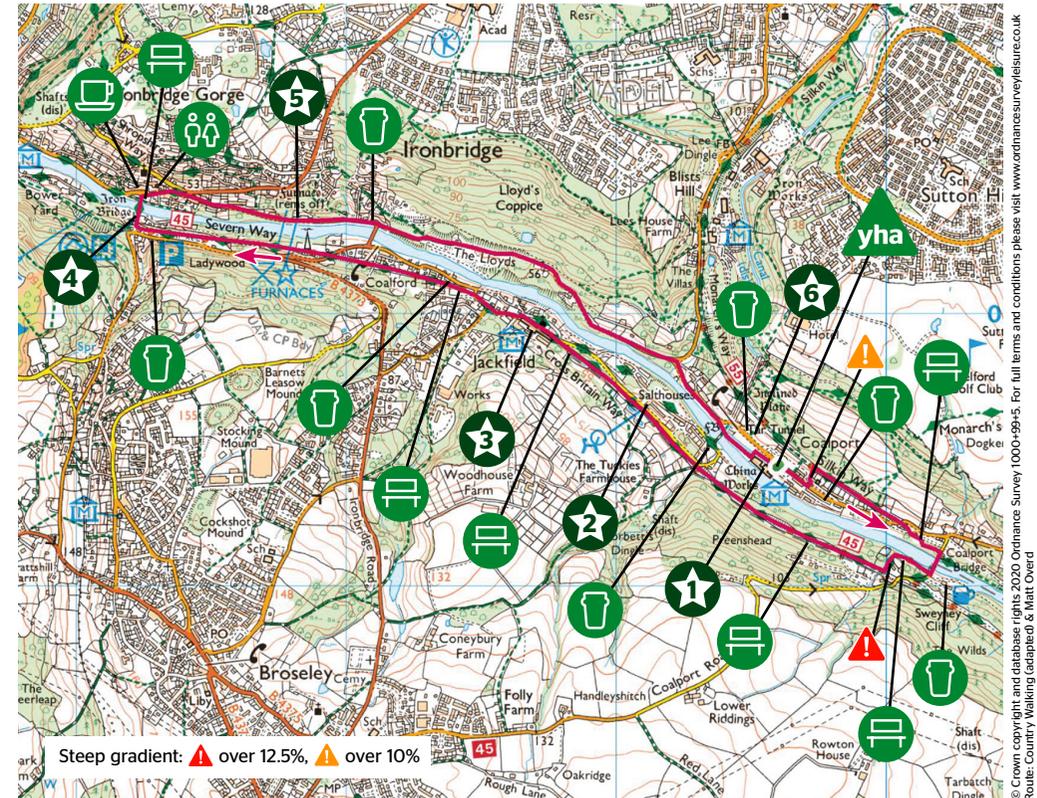


Hazards

Watch out for cyclists on the woodland paths. Some roads to cross at Jackfield. Ironbridge to Coalport has a pavement but narrow in places, with short sections on the road required.

Accessibility

The route has no stiles and no steps, other than kerbs. All gates are wider than one metre. Forest tracks are wide and flat. Coalport Bridge pavements are narrow. The Severn Way after Coalport Bridge is accessed by



★ Points of interest (see map)

The whole area is of historical interest, information boards are located on route. **1** China Museum, **2** craft centre, **3** Tile Museum, **4** Iron Bridge, **5** Bedlam Furnaces, **6** The Tar Tunnel.

🚻🍽️🪑 Facilities (see map)

Toilets, shops, food and drink are available in Ironbridge. Many pubs along the route.

🪑 Seats on the way to Ironbridge, none on the way back (see map)

Not fully wheelchair accessible

Not a touch free route

Pushchair accessible

Stile free

This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.

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Route: Country Walking (adapted) & Matt Overd



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Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes (tidetimes.org.uk).
- Get the right clothing, footwear and kit for the route and weather.
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the route before dark.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Contact 999 by SMS text (must pre register by texting 'register' to 999) (relayuk.bt.com/emercysms).
- For further information on how to stay safe visit adventuresmart.uk

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Countryside Code

Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.
- Be nice, say hello, share the space.
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

Hazards

- Take extra care and stay alert where a right of way crosses a railway line.
- When walking on a road without a pavement keep to the right-hand side, so that you can see oncoming traffic. Keep close to the side of the road, and walk in single file if necessary. It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.
- Give wild animals, livestock and horses plenty of space.

Protect the environment

- Take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit.
- Do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can.
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do.
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance.

Enjoy the outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions.
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do.
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.

What to wear

- Comfortable clothing suitable for the conditions.
- Use several layers, so you can add and remove clothing to regulate your temperature.
- Extra warm clothes in case it gets colder.
- Hat, gloves and scarf.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning comfy socks.
- Comfortable well fitting trainers, walking shoes or boots.

Kit

- Map and compass.
- Water, lunch and snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Torch and spare batteries.
- Rucksack, with waterproof cover or a dry bag or plastic bag inside.
- Medicines or toiletries you would usually use.

You might also want to take

- Picnic blanket.
- Waterproof baseball cap, if you wear glasses.
- Walking poles.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.