

# 085 YHA Ironbridge Coalport Much Wenlock

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## River, countryside and town walk

**Distance:** 16 miles (25.8km) **Ascent:** 513m (1,683ft) **Time:** Allow 7h 15m to 8h 15m (caution slow walkers, over 11h)

**Map:** OS Explorer 1:25k (242) Telford, Ironbridge & The Wrekin and OS Explorer 1:25k (217) The Long Mynd & Wenlock Edge

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



Along the picturesque River Severn to Much Wenlock, returning through Shropshire countryside. From the hostel café turn right along the canal and cross the River Severn. Turn right to follow the river and cross The Ironbridge. Turn left and cross the river again on Much Wenlock Road. Pass Buildwas Abbey, turn right, pass Mill Farm and continue to the road by Hilltop Farm. Turn right then first left and head through the woods to Homer. Go straight ahead onto Cope Hill Lane and bear left to Vineyard Road. Take the footpath straight ahead, pass through the woods and turn sharp right alongside Edge Wood, then left and into Much Wenlock. Head along Bridge Road, turn right onto Smithfield Road, left onto High Street, left onto Wilmore Street and right onto Bull Ring. Pass the priory and continue to the road by Bradley Farm. Turn right along the road to Wyke. Follow the track through The Vineyards Farm then turn right towards Benthall Hall. Walk along The Avenue, turn left and follow Benthall Lane into Broseley. Turn left onto Dark Lane and then right onto the bridleway to Haycop Nature Reserve. At Ironbridge Road turn right, then first left. Follow the track to Ferry Road. Cross the footbridge, turn right and follow the canal to the hostel.

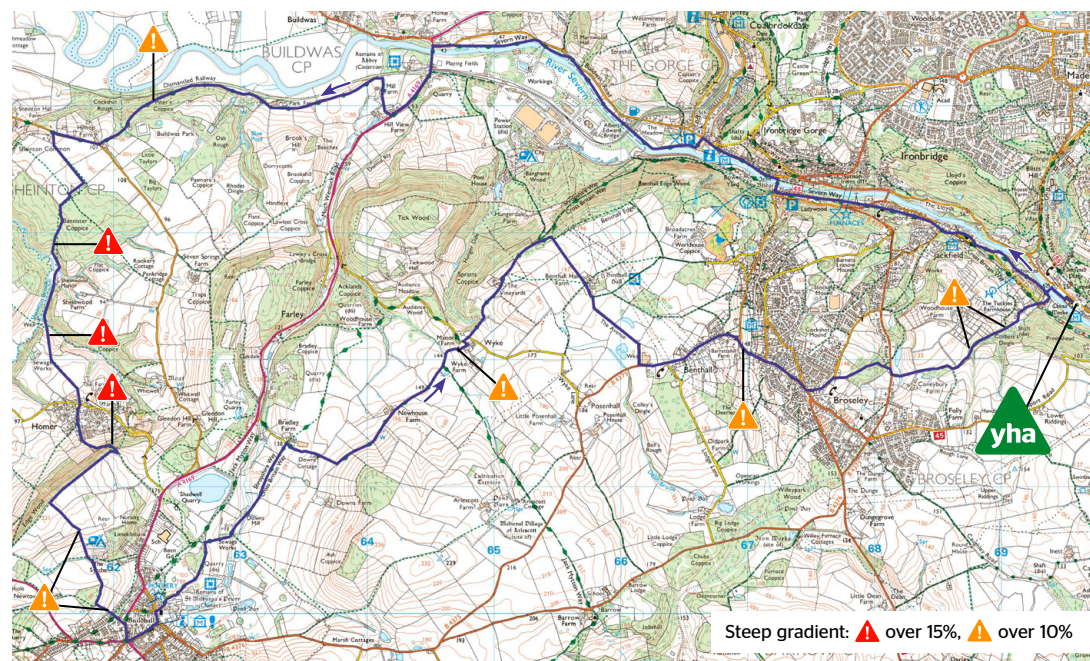
## Hazards

Caution required on the road sections, many with no footpath. 500m section of the busy A4169 has no footpath past Buildwas Abbey – the road has a small grass verge. Take care along the river paths.

## Accessibility

There are stiles and steps on the route. There are gates and paths less than one metre wide. The route has a varied terrain – paved roads, good tracks and sections of rough ground with ruts or stones bigger than 10cm. Bus runs from Much Wenlock to Jackfield, check times before leaving.

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.



## Points of interest

A walk along the beautiful banks of the River Severn and through historic towns and villages. Inclined plane above the canal and many museums between Coalport and Ironbridge. The Iron Bridge is an amazing feat of engineering. Buildwas Abbey remains. Much Wenlock museum, ancient Guildhall and priory. 16th Century Benthall Hall. All Saint's Church in Broseley. Haycop Nature Reserve. Flood height markers on The Boat Inn in Jackfield.

## Facilities

Toilets, pubs, food and drink in Ironbridge, Much Wenlock and Broseley. Pubs also in Coalport and Jackfield.



Thank you for choosing to walk from our hostel.  
We hope you have a great time.

Walking in the national landscapes of England and Wales is part of YHA's heritage. With hostels on National Trails, in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, YHA plays a unique role in the nation's walking community.

To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks – an easy, moderate, and more challenging option. They have all been graded – the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

### Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast ([metoffice.gov.uk](http://metoffice.gov.uk)).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes ([tidetimes.org.uk](http://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/emergencysms](http://relayuk.bt.com/emergencysms)).
- Plan your walk by completing the YHA route notification card it helps Emergency Services if you get into difficulties or fail to return from your walk when anticipated ([yha.org.uk/route-card](http://yha.org.uk/route-card)).
- Ensure your entire group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.
- For further information on how to stay safe visit [adventuresmart.uk](http://adventuresmart.uk)

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to [yha.org.uk/walks](http://yha.org.uk/walks)

If you encounter problems with this route contact [walking@yha.org.uk](mailto:walking@yha.org.uk)



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## What to wear

- Base layer and mid layer.
- Walking trousers.
- Warm jacket(s).
- Take extra layer(s).
- Hat, gloves and neck gaiter.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning walking socks.
- Walking shoes or boots.

## Kit

- Map, compass and GPS device or OS Map app on your phone.
- Water, lunch and high energy snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Head torch, spare batteries.
- Watch.
- Whistle and survival bag.
- 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

- Spare socks, hat, gloves.
- Balaclava.
- Leg gaiters.
- Waterproof baseball cap (handy if you wear glasses).
- Walking poles.

- Bivi bag or group shelter.
- Spare food and hot drink.
- Duct tape (handy for fixing things).
- Penknife or multitool.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.
- Plastic bags to take away your rubbish or dog poo.

## In case of emergency

- Call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and ask for the Police.
- Use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.
- If you need to attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash your torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location (grid reference), number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.
- Help could be some time coming so whilst waiting make the casualty comfortable.
- Keep the casualty warm and dry using spare clothing. Use coats or rucksacks to insulate them from the ground.
- Remember the rest of the group could be getting cold whilst waiting. Use an emergency shelter or find a sheltered location.