

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 6 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. 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.



The Guildhall & High Street, Much Wenlock

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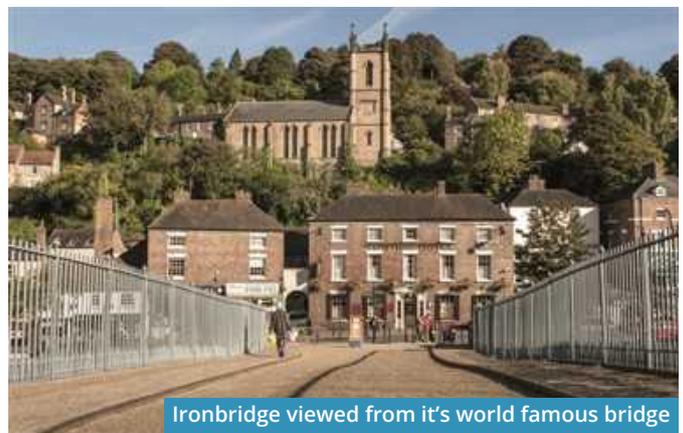
It is worth allowing time to enjoy this pretty market town with fine timbered buildings, an ancient Guildhall and a Priory, to mention a few of its attractions. There is a small museum with information on William Penny Brookes who founded the Wenlock Olympian Society, the forerunner of the modern Olympic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

Benthall Hall

This is a National Trust property dating back to around 1580, although there were earlier dwellings on the site mentioned in the Domesday Book. It was a garrison during the Civil War and has been occupied by members of the same family for 400 years. The route passes this Hall and descends the edge of historic Broseley to the famous Ironbridge.

Ironbridge

Descending from Broseley, Jackfield Tile Museum is nearby where many beautiful tile designs are displayed. Maws tiles adorned 19th century English houses. Walk across the bridge into Ironbridge, a World Heritage Site where there are several museums featuring the industrial revolution. Other attractions are a Merrythought Teddy Bear shop and Eley's renowned pork pie shop.

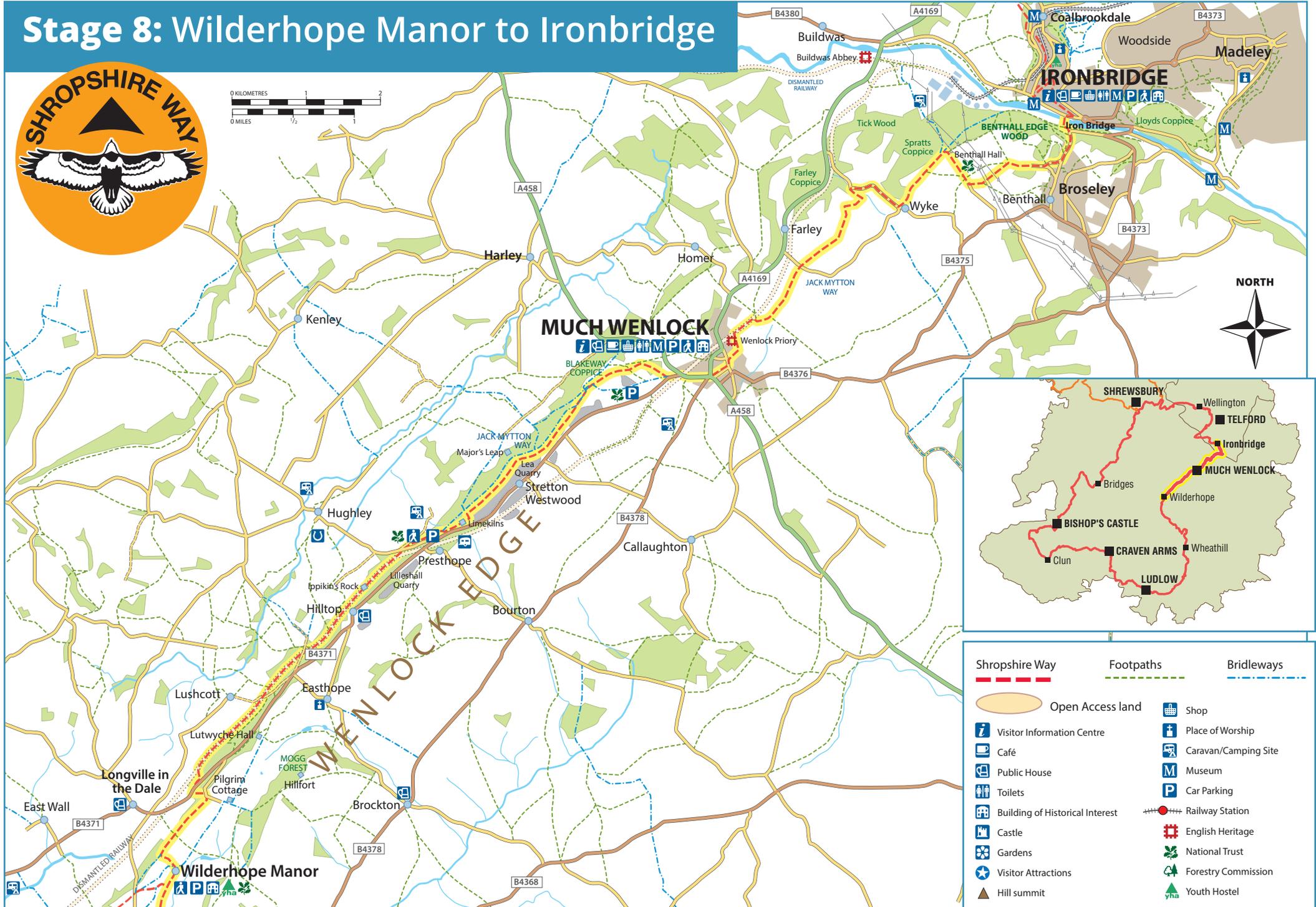
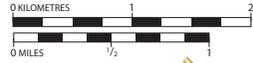


Ironbridge viewed from it's world famous bridge



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Stage 8: Wilderhope Manor to Ironbridge



Shropshire Way	Footpaths	Bridleways
	Open Access land	
		Shop
		Place of Worship
		Caravan/Camping Site
		Museum
		Car Parking
		Railway Station
		English Heritage
		National Trust
		Forestry Commission
		Youth Hostel