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.

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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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