

1 Lloyds Coppice -----
Woodland and Industrial heritage
 Across the road and left onto the Silklin Way to the tunnel entrance. Do not enter but turn across the car park and road into Lloyds Coppice. Look for the remains of Madeley Wood Hall and a Pumping Engine.
Distance 4 km • Time 2 hours

2 The Silklin Way -----
A walk along the old railway track to the River Severn
 Walk across the road and left down hill on to The Silklin Way, through the tunnel and down to the Riverbank. Take a look at the China Museum complex on the way back.
Distance 6 km • Time 2 hours

3 Hay Inclined Plane -----
Industrial History tour
 Across the road and left to Blists Hill Victorian Town. Again down hill to start then around the back of the Blists Hill Museum site to the Hay Inclined Plane. This was used for lifting small barges from the canal at the bottom up to the higher level. Return down the side of the Inclined Plane and then right back along the Silklin Way.
Distance 4 km • Time 1 1/2 hrs

4 Ironbridge Riverside
Ironbridge houses and lanes
 Turn right along The Wharfrage and then quickly right up Severn Bank. Working your way up and around the hillside you will get a real feel for the buildings and views of historic Ironbridge. Descend to The Wharfrage by Lincoln Hill, then left to the Iron Bridge itself.
Distance 2 km • Time 1 hour

5 The Golden Ball
Ironbridge houses and Bedlam Furnaces
 From the car park turn left along High St, into Waterloo St., then turn left up the steps at the side of the car park. Go right on Madeley Road to the Golden Ball pub. Turn right down through Madeley Wood and to the remains of the Bedlam Furnaces. Turn right back along the riverbank.
Distance 1.5 km • Time 3/4 hours

6 Ironbridge Back lanes
A steep climb around the town
 From the square go up the long flight of steps in the rear corner, through St Luke's Church and out in to the lanes of Ironbridge. Work your way around to the left, then go uphill through one of the alleyways and turn right along Hodge Bower. Then back downhill round to the church before returning down Severn Bank.
Distance 2 km • Time 1 hour

7 Severn Valley Way -----
A flat route following the track of the old Severn Valley Railway
 From the Iron Bridge walk back through the car park and along the track –signed Severn Valley Way and Route 45. Keep right through Jackfield, look for old railway sidings, a section on the road and the Tile Museum. The route here is subject to landslip and the road is quite a roller coaster. Past Maws Craft Centre turn left down to the river and the Boat Inn, then turn left back up the side of the craft centre and back to Ironbridge.
Distance 5 km • Time 1 1/2 hours

8 Benthall Woods -----
A hillside walk, can be muddy
 Walk west away from the car park parallel to the river along the old railway track. Turn left up into the woods and continue right up to the crest. You will see the work that the Severn Gorge Countryside Trust is doing to maintain the woods. At the top turn left and return on the high level. There is much evidence of the mining that went on in this whole area for hundreds of years. Return downhill by a convenient path and turn right back to the bridge.
Distance 6 km • Time 2 hours

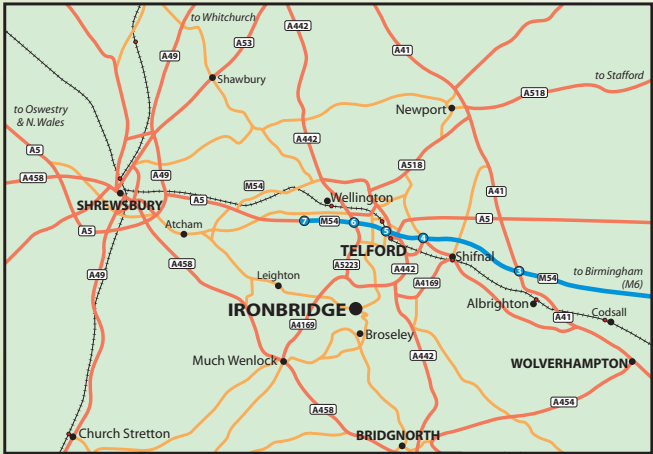


WALK THE GORGE

The Ironbridge Gorge Museums

While in the Gorge try to visit some of the Ironbridge Gorge museums. The Museum Passport ticket is the most cost effective way to see as many of them as you wish.

There is something for everyone to enjoy. Most museums are within walking distance of each other or are served by the **WH1** Gorge Connect bus service during weekends and Bank Holiday Mondays from April to October.



For more Information on other bus times and public transport please contact Traveline:



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Severn Gorge COUNTRYSIDE Trust



Walk & Cycle the Gorge



Why not park your car and explore the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site by foot or bicycle?

This leaflet describes a variety of walks and cycle rides from each of the main car parks in the Gorge.

There are of course many other footpaths, bridleways and roads in the area. Look out particularly for the marked routes, such as the South Telford Way, which will allow you to search out both the industrial heritage of the area and the modern countryside areas.

Why not hop on the **Gorge Connect bus**! Operating every weekend and Bank Holiday Monday from the beginning of April to the end of October, the bus serves the Ironbridge Gorge area as well as Telford town centre and Telford Central Railway Station.

Bus timetables and further tourist information can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre in the **Tollhouse** at the southern end of the Iron Bridge.



WALKING & CYCLING ROUTE MAP

Walk the Gorge



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WALKS FROM DALE END

9 Dale End Park

A flat riverside walk

From the rear of the car park turn right and walk along the riverside to the Edward Albert Bridge, turn and walk back through the park.

Distance 1.2 km • Time ½ hour

10 Shropshire Hills View

A longer walk through Coalbrookdale

From the car park cross the Buildwas Road turn left and the take the first right into Station Road. Walk through to Coalbrookdale – site of the Museum of Iron, Enginuity and the Darby Houses. Turn left uphill and left again into the Arboretum, keep through Cinder Hill woods to cross a minor road and walk around the edge of Strehill Lodge. Here there are excellent views of the south Shropshire Hills. Return downhill along the route of an old tramway, across the railway and down to the Buildwas Road to complete the walk.

Distance 4 km • Time 2 hours

11 Lincoln Hill and the Rotunda

Woodland walk with a steep descent of 209 steps

Turn right out of the car park onto Buildwas Road. Take the second road on the left (Paradise) alongside the shop. Keep to the right and walk on paths up to the top of Lincoln Hill. The brick base here is the remains of the Rotunda. The view over the fence down to the Ironbridge is magnificent in all seasons. Descend back to the road and car park via the 209 steps from the back of the viewing platform.

Distance 2 km • Time 1 hour

WALKS FROM THE WHARFAGE

12 River bank & Dale End Park

A flat walk through the park

Take the path to the side of the public toilets at the back of the car park, then walk through the park.

Distance 2 km • Time ½ hour

13 Dale Coppice and Lincoln Hill

An excellent view but lots of steps down

Walk to the road and turn left. Take the first right into Paradise, immediately before the shop. Walk up the road, taking the right fork into the woods. Walk right through Dale Coppice and at Church Road take a right then left into the area of The Sabbath Walks. Turn right up the bank to the top and then turn right back across the road and continue to the Rotunda. After admiring the view of Ironbridge descend the 209 steps and return to The Wharfage.

Distance 3.5 km • Time 1½ hours

14 The Iron Bridge

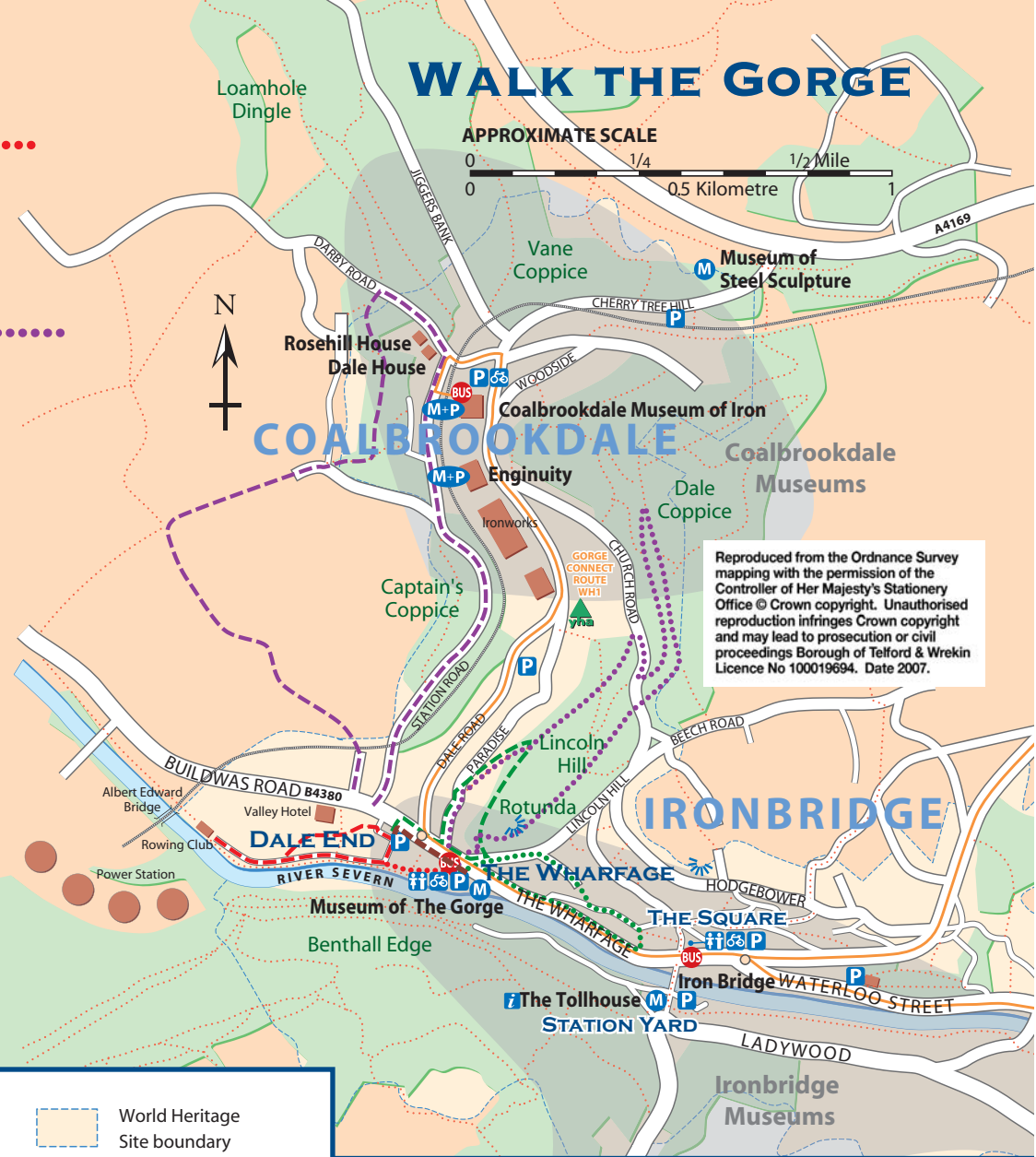
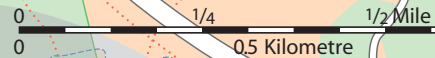
The Iron Bridge and part of the town

Walk to the road and turn right along The Wharfage, as far as the Iron Bridge. Walk back 40m and turn up Severn Bank. Continue to walk upwards and take a convenient alley to explore the hillside. There are many interesting houses and fine views, take your time and explore. Return down Lincoln Hill to The Wharfage.

Distance 2 km • Time 1 hour

WALK THE GORGE

APPROXIMATE SCALE



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KEY TO MAPS

.....	Footpaths		World Heritage Site boundary
M	Museum	CC	Craft Centre
P	Car park		Viewpoint
	Cycle parking	BUS	Gorge Connect route WH1 with Bus Stop
	Toilets		Woodland
M+P	Car park for museum patrons only		Museum Clusters

CYCLE FROM LEGGES WAY

15 Silkin Way and Ironbridge

A gentle gradient down into the Gorge and along the riverbanks

Cross the road from the car park and turn left onto the Silkin Way Cycle route (NCN route 55). Follow the Silkin Way to its end at Coalport Bridge. Over the bridge and walk down steps onto the Severn Valley Way (NCN Route 45). Ride on to the Iron Bridge passing the Maws Craft Centre and the Tile Museum. Walk over the Iron Bridge and turn right on the road keeping alongside the river (do not go over the new Jackfield Bridge). Just before the China Museum turn left on a ramp taking you up onto the Silkin Way. Turn left and pedal back uphill to the car park.

Distance 12 km • Time 2 hours

CYCLE FROM THE OLD STATION YARD

16 Severn Valley Way (NCN route 45) and 15, 17 & 18

A circular tour of both banks of the river

Ride through the car park, away from the Iron Bridge and along the Severn Valley Way. Keep on NCN Route 45 until you have to walk up some steps and reach the Coalport Bridge, turn left over the bridge, then left again on NCN Route 55. Ride straight ahead to come out on the road by the Brewery Inn. Ride past the pub and continue past the China Museum complex keeping left at the next fork and back to Ironbridge. Walk over the bridge to the start point.

Distance 8 km • Time 1 hour

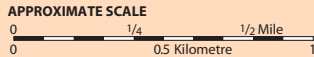
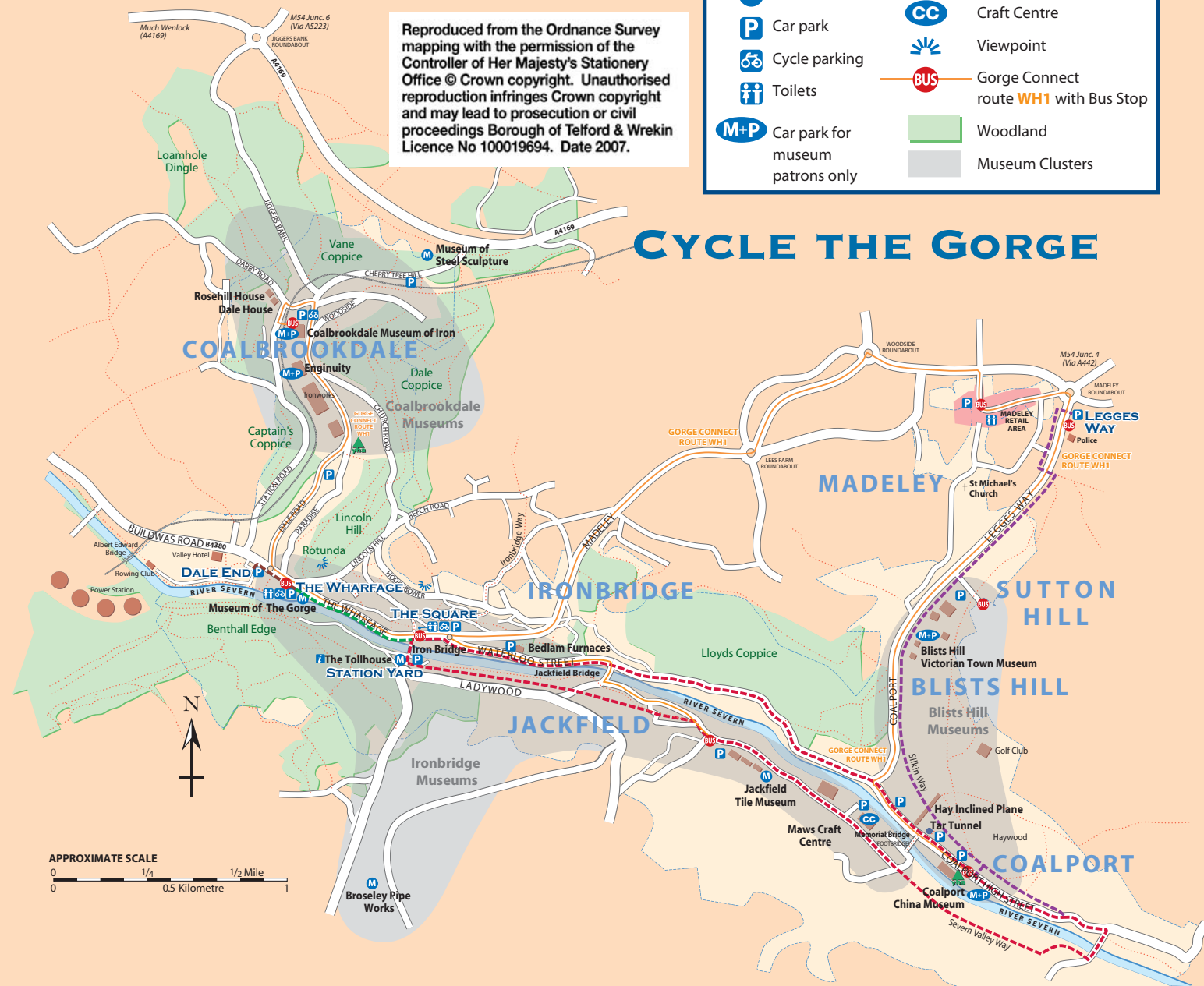
CYCLE FROM THE WHARFAGE AND DALE END

Turn right out of the car park into Ironbridge. Cross the Iron Bridge and turn left through the car park. The ride along the Severn Valley Way can then be followed from ride 16.

17 Distance 10 km • Time 2 hours

18 Distance 11 km • Time 2 hours

CYCLE THE GORGE



ACCOMMODATION

Bridge House Guest House
Buildwas, Nr Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432105

Bridge View B&B
10 Tontine Hill, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432541

Calcutts House
Calcutts Road, Jackfield
Tel: 01952 882631

The Library House
11 Severn Bank, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432299

The Malthouse
The Wharfage, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433712

Post Office House B&B
6 The Square, Ironbridge
(above Post Office)
Tel: 01952 433201

The Shakespeare Inn

High St, Coalport
Tel: 01952 580675

The Swan

The Wharfage, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432306

Thorpe House B&B

Coalport, TF8 7HP
Tel: 01952 586789

Tontine Hotel

The Square, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432127

The White Hart

The Wharfage, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432901

YHA Ironbridge Gorge

John Rose Building,
High St, Coalport
Tel: 0870 770 5882

CAFÉS

**Blists Hill Victorian Town,
Hot Metal Café**
Blists Hill Museum,
Legges Way, Madeley.
Tel: 01952 884391

Central Café

32-32A High St, Ironbridge
Coalbrookdale Museum of
Iron, The Café
Coach Road, Coalbrookdale.
Tel: 01952 884391

**Jackfield Tile Museum,
The Café**
Jackfield
Tel: 01952 884391

The Painting Shop Tea Room
Maws Craft Centre, Jackfield
Tel: 01952 883843

The Tea Emporium

7 The Square, Ironbridge

Truffels Café

The Wharfage, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433993

CRAFT

Maws Craft Centre
Jackfield
Tel: 01952 883030

The Gingham Chicken

Maws Craft Centre, Jackfield
Tel: 01952 881138

The Bicycle Hub/Tandem Experience

The New Building, Church
Road, Jackfield
Tel: 01952 883249

The Ironbridge Gorge Museums

Tel: 01952 884391

PUBS AND RESTAURANTS

The Coracle Restaurant
6A Tontine Hill, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433520

Horse & Jockey

15 Jockey Bank, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433798

The Malthouse

The Wharfage, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433712

The Shakespeare Inn

High St, Coalport
Tel: 01952 580675

The Swan

The Wharfage, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432306

The White Hart

9 Tontine Hill, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432901

SHOPS

Chrisalis Newsagents
7 Tontine Hill, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432260

Crystal Labyrinth

Gemstones & Jewellery
34A The Wharfage, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433708

The Curio Centre

2 Waterloo Street, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433844

Darlingtons of Ironbridge

The Wharfage, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433726

Evergreen

30 High St, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432149

FotoStop Express

9 Tontine Hill, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433399

Homeward Bound

Home & Gift Store

5 The Wharfage, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433028

Ironbridge Tackle and

Bait Supplies

7 The Square, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433040

Jardine Leisure

Cast Furniture
Dale End Park, Coalbrookdale
Tel: 01952 432908

Maws Gallery

Pictures & Framing
The Wharfage, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 433663

Red Rooster

Speciality Foods
The High Street, Ironbridge
Tel: 07971 952252

The Shop in the Square

High St, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 884391