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The Hutchison Way - a guided walk

- Starting at the swimming pool west car park outside Wellington Town Civic and Leisure Centre, exit the car park via the road entrance, cross over Victoria Road and turn left. Take the first right opposite Tan Bank.
- Take the first right follow the footpath and cross over Roseway Road. Follow the path to the main Holyhead Road, cross over at the traffic lights and turn right. Continue until Ercall Lane, turn left up Ercall Lane, over the Motorway Bridge passing Ercall Wood Local Nature Reserve on the left. Carry on along the road, passing the Buckatree Hall Hotel (there is public parking opposite the hotel) and then a Reservoir on the right.
- Follow the road and bear left along the base of the Wrekin (there is also public parking at the base of the Wrekin). Continue along the road through the woodland for 800 metres until a distinctive trackway on the left appears, turn up the trackway into the woodland. Walk up the gentle slope and take the path on the left. Walk along the path which eventually runs by a golf course on the left. Walk to the end of the track, turn left and follow the line of small trees across the golf course and walk down the footpath. Turn right at the club house and follow the path, keeping to the left hand side. Turn left at the 'T' junction and continue.
- Turn right and walk down to the gate. Pass through the gate and keeping to the right walk past Steeraway Farm and cross the bridge over the stream. Continue along the path, through woodland, through gate and across field. Turn left at 'T' junction and walk along the track.
- Cross New Works Lane, over the stile and walk down the field through the gate at the bottom and walk along the path.
- Follow the footpath and turn left, walk 15 metres along Dawley Road, cross road onto a footpath up a grassy bank. Turn left, walk down the path and across a small track with private caravan park on the right. Follow the path crossing the bridge over Ketley Brook, turn right and walk up the grassy footpath through the gate.
- Cross over Arleston Lane, walk along path and cross footbridge over Lawley Drive. Bear to the left and follow the path past the pool on your right and walk up tarmac path. Go through metal kissing gate and cross over Rock Road.
- Walk along path and across the road, through the kissing gate and walk past the play area on your right. Keep straight on until passing through staggered metal fence. Turn right into Bell Pit Road and follow the road until a 'T' junction, turn left into Colliers Way and walk along this path bearing left at the first roundabout.

- Walk along the Forge Retail Park until the next roundabout, cross over and continue down Colliers Way. Carry along until the end of Colliers Way.
- Bear left and cross over the road at the pedestrian crossing, turn right and follow the path to the left heading towards Blount House. Turn right west of Blount House and follow the footpath past the cinema and turn left at the 'T' junction.
- Follow the path and cross over the road opposite the Park Inn. Walk down Ironmaster Way past the Park Inn on your left and turn left after Windsor House. Continue along the path, over the bridge to Telford Railway Station on your right. Carry along up the tarmac path under a road bridge.
- Then turn left at the cross-roads junction over the motorway bridge into Priorslee. Follow the path across Shifnal Road and straight down the lane until crossing Priorslee Village passing the clock tower and continue walking along Priorslee Avenue.
- After passing Ferndale Drive on the right, cross the road and take the next road on the left and turn right onto a footpath along the side of the School and community centre.
- Follow the footpath bearing left until reaching a 'T' junction, turn right towards Priorslee Flash, turn right and walk up the path through the wooded pitmound bearing left, follow the path down the pitmound and turn right onto a tarmac path.
- Take the first left down a lane, cross the road, continue until the path meets a major road. Cross the road and follow the path to the right. Crossing Checkley Lane follow the path behind the hedgerow and carry on until turning right over a road bridge. After the road bridge turn left and walk down the hill.
- Turn right along a track way leading to Granville Country Park. Follow the path and turning left carry on past a pond on the left and around the back of a disused canal on the right. The path exits onto a tarmac road, turn right.

- Take the first left into the car park and walk through the back of the car park to the footpath on the left. Follow this footpath all way throughout the park, through the fence, carry on past the red brick building into another car park.
- Turn left out of this car park down Muxton Lane, past The Shropshire Hotel, entering just into Muxton take the footpath on the right just before Halcyon Court and continue along the path by the hedge boundary. Pass through the gap in the hedge, walk straight across the field and cross the footbridge onto a track.
- Follow the track through the middle of the field to the gate then turn left along Abbey Road/Lillyhurst Road. Turn right into Church Road, walk along and take the first right past the Old Hall along a footpath. Pass through the kissing gate and follow the path down across the field. Cross the fields bearing to the left until the path exits onto a lane.
- Turn right along the lane and turn left at the crossroads down the Incline until the footpath on the left. Walk down the slope towards the pond over the stile and walk along the path at the back of the pond. Carry along the path over the stile and continue all the way along the dis-used canal. Follow the path by the edge of the field, over the track, along canal and into the New House Farm. Keep to the hedge.
- Follow the path to the left crossing the track over the stile and enter the woodland full of old quarries and limekilns. Taking care, walk along the steep sided path and turn right at the fork down the slope crossing the boardwalk and up through the wood to a stile.
- Cross the stile and track, follow path to the next stile. Walk along the path until reaching a footbridge, cross and turn left. (Follow alternative route if flooded, see map.) Walk up the path to the road, turn right and walk until you reach the roundabout and turn right into Pitchcroft Lane.



Key

A walk of 18.5 miles distance.
The location of the walk within the borough is indicated below.

**The Hutchison Way
Walking Route**

Hutchison Way is a route linking Wellington to Newport via Telford Town Centre. Historical and natural features are linked with the modern developments which have created the interesting mosaic that forms this distinctive local area.

The route is based on a mixture of public rights of way, lanes, trackways through open spaces and paved footpaths providing the opportunity to explore many interesting places. It would be useful to carry an OS map, preferably the New Explorer 1/25000 sheet 242. The historical towns of Wellington and Newport, Ancient woodlands, and landscapes created from old industrial remains are just a few of the experiences awaiting discovery.

Some of the paths along this route may be muddy so please wear suitable clothing.

David Hutchison, the late Chief Executive of Telford & Wrekin Council was the inspiration and strong supporter of this route. A keen walker and a man committed to the Telford area, David Hutchison's vision was to create a network of footpaths across the district enabling people to walk through this varied landscape.

It was decided that the most fitting tribute to David was to name this route 'The Hutchison Way'.

Wildlife in the area

A section of the Hutchison Way route travels through a copse of trees and into open farmland. Although small, groups of trees like this provide important feeding, shelter and breeding areas for a variety of birds and small mammals.

Birds seen in this area include wrens, little owls, buzzards, greater spotted woodpecker and in winter, redwings and fieldfare are common visitors to the open fields.

Bird cherry, guelder rose, crab apple and the wild service tree have been planted in this area as they are both attractive and provide nectar and berries to benefit wildlife.

The wild service tree (*Sorbus torminalis*) was once a common tree in Britain but now found only in ancient woodland. The tree had many uses (hence its name) including quality timber and edible berries that were also made into the alcoholic drink called chequers.

Wellington Leisure Centre



Wellington is an ancient settlement, famous for its market which was regulated in 1244, when it was given a market charter. This allowed the Lord of the manor to charge tolls and in return he ensured the market was properly organised.

Ercall Wood



Buckatree Hall



Wrekin Golf Club



Telford Town Centre



The first phase of Telford Town Centre was opened in October 1973. The undercover shopping centre has over 145 stores. Around the shopping centre is a cinema, ice rink, bowling alley and town park with gardens and play areas.

The Clock Tower



Priorslee



Site of a 12th century chapel. Priorslee Hall was built by the Jordan family but in the early 19th century became the headquarters of the famous Lilleshall Company.

Granville

Granville Country Park was once a hive of industrial activity. In 1822 the Lilleshall Company built the Lodge Furnaces to smelt iron from local coal and iron ore. The furnaces remained in blast until 1888 when they were closed down.

The Incline



Lilleshall



Here there is a wooded area containing the old limestone quarries and ruined kilns which belonged to the Earl of Gower, founder of the Lilleshall Company. He built a series of canals to connect with Donnington Wood Canal for the purpose of bringing coal to his lime works and for carrying away lime and limestone. The levels between the canals were different so an inclined plane was built at Hughes bridge.

Church Aston



Newport

The town was planned and laid out in the 12th century. It was given a Borough Charter by Henry I for its valuable ponds and meres used as fisheries, hence the three fishes used as the town emblem for Newport.

Station Road, Newport



Walking and Cycling in Telford

This route is one of a range of routes produced by Telford & Wrekin Council. Other route maps are available from Telford Travelink in Telford Town Centre bus station or by calling 01952 200005. Maps are also available from libraries and tourist information points.

Public Transport

481 Telford Town Centre to Newport and Stafford: this service runs up to half hourly.

44, 55 Telford Town Centre to Wellington: these services run up to every 10 minutes.

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