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.

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.
**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 Bulldivus Road turn left and 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 Strethill Lodge. Here there are excellent views of the Shropshire Hills. Return downhill along the route of an old tramway, across the railway line and down to the Bulldivus 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 Bulldivus 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 park via the 209 steps from the back of the viewing platform.
Distance 2 km • Time 1 hour

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 208 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.
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**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

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**Cycle From The Old Station Yard**

16 Severn Valley Way (NCN route 45)
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 in 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

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**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.
Distance 16 km • Time 2 hours

Distance 18 km • Time 1½ hours

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**ACCOMMODATION**
Bridge House Guest House
Blinker’s Yard, Ironbridge
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The Village B&B
The Village Yard, Ironbridge
Tel: 01952 432541

The White Hart
High St, Coalport
Tel: 01952 873631

**CAFÉS**
The New Building, Church Road, Jackfield
Tel: 01952 433993

**MUSEUMS**
Blists Hill Museum
Legges Way, Madeley
Tel: 01952 432149

**SHOPS**
Bisto’s
High St, Ironbridge
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**RESTAURANTS**
The White Hart
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**KEY TO MAPS**
- Footpaths
- World Heritage Site boundary
- Car park
- Cycle parking
- Viewpoint
- Gorge Connect route
- Toilets
- Park for museums
- Woodland
- Museum Clusters