

Walk M02 : Valleys and Dingles

One of the favourite walks of Broseley residents, Corbett's Dingle is a beautiful and very atmospheric gorge! The walk continues by way of Jackfield and passes many places of interest, before returning through the lovely Monewood Valley and the Haycop Nature Reserve. This is a walk not to be missed!

Distance : 3.5 miles / 5.6 km

Grade : A medium length walk, on paths, woods, and some road walking including crossing the Ironbridge road. The route has a 361 ft vertical gain and there will be mud in places after rain; not suitable for push chairs.

History and Heritage

A mine once stood at the top of Corbett's Dingle, close to Coneybury farm. The spoil heaps are now the only evidence of mining and have been colonised by birch, ash and hawthorn. The sandstone gorge which carries the Cornbatch Brook down to the Severn is locally referred to as Corbetts Dingle. The gorge itself is well known for its impressive exposures of sandstone, that have weathered over time to produce the striking sides to the gorge, some of which are over 12 m high.

The middle section of this walk between Corbetts Dingle and the Monewood valley contains too many fascinating features to describe full! However look out for the records of flooding on the Boat Inn door, the Coalport footbridge, the site of the Salt houses & the Jackfield land slide, Maws craft centre, St Mary's church and Jackfield tile museum to name just a few!

The Monewood valley was recorded as far back and 1605 and therefore has status as ancient woodland. The walk goes through a small section of this wood and follows an old workers path that would once have taken workers from Broseley down to the tile works, mines and foundry at Jackfield.

The Haycop is a nine acre, locally managed nature reserve featuring a mosaic of habitats including a flower meadow, old established broadleaf woodland, heathland and aquatic ecosystems. Since management of the site began, badgers and foxes have returned, and reptiles such as Slow Worm and Common Lizard are now in residence.

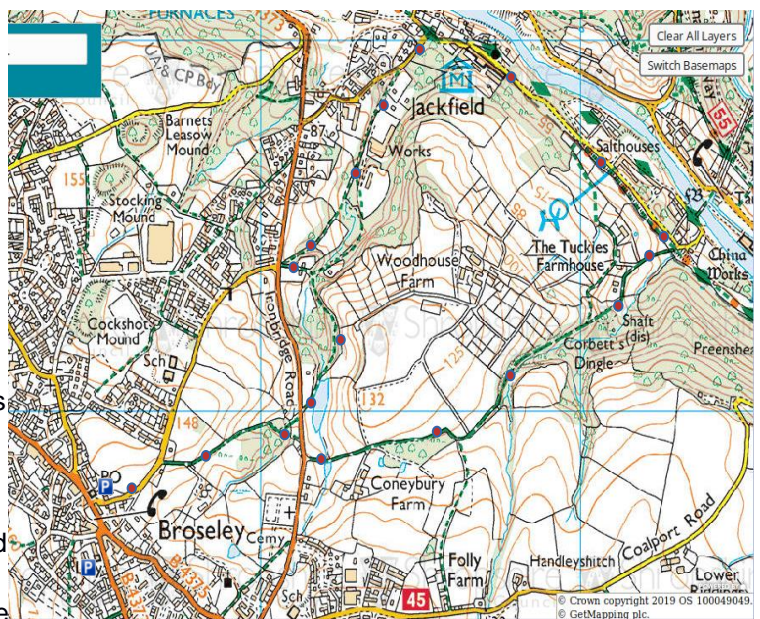
Start

Use the library or Dark lane car park. Walk down Dark lane to the start of footpath leading to the Haycop Nature reserve.

Take the right hand path down the steps in the Haycop and keep bearing left until you meet the Ironbridge road. Turn right and after about 100m cross the road to take the lane past Coneybury farm towards Corbett's Dingle.

Follow the paths as shown on the map.

After Jackfield walk up Calcutts road and in about 200 m take the track on the left towards the small industrial unit. At the end of this track the start of the footpath is not visible until you reach the gates. The footpath now takes you through the first half of the Monewood valley. After a kissing gate turn left, follow the path left as it swings round to enter the second part of the wood. On reaching the Ironbridge road cross directly over to another entrance into the Haycop, and take the right hand path to see more of this lovely reserve.



Important Information. This leaflet shows a route using public rights of way. Please follow the countryside code. In particular keep to paths, leave gates as found, take litter home and keep dogs under control. If you are new to exercise or have any existing medical conditions or concerns check with your GP before undertaking any new physical activity. Check that the route is suitable for your level of

fitness and that you have adequate resources for your planned activity. Wear clothing and footwear appropriate to the conditions and time of year.