

Fiery Fields : Walk S02

A family walk over the mysteriously named Fiery Fields before returning along a tramway path (now a bridleway) past the town's old Methodist Chapel. A lovely walk with woody paths and features of historical interest.

Distance : 1.5 miles / 2.4 km

Grade : A short walk, on foot paths, lane and bridleways, with 92 ft vertical gain. One small section that may be muddy after rain; not suitable for push chairs.



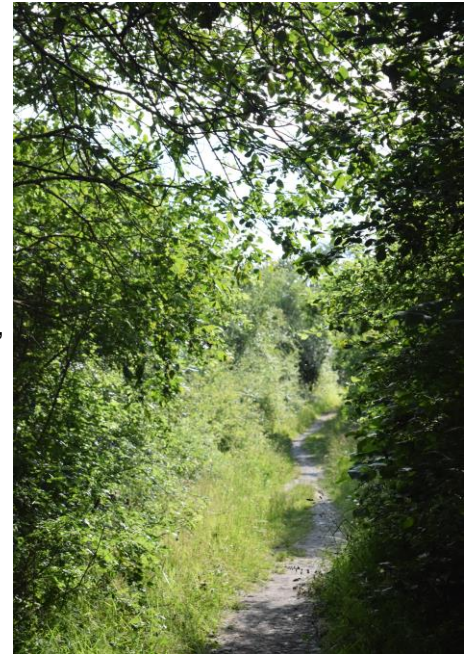
Some of the mature oak trees over the Fiery Fields

History and Heritage

The walk starts over the 'Fiery Fields'. These fields show clear evidence of their mining legacy with spoil heaps and a collapsed mine shaft (now fenced off and covered with stones); in the 19th century these coal mines caught fire and burned for some time, hence the name Fiery Fields!

The Chapel Lane bridleway passes the edge of an area known as The Deerleap; the origins of this name may come from the hunting activities associated with the old hunting lodge situated between Barrow and Broseley. The 'deer leap' referred to a form of pit-fall from trapping game, so either the deer leapt into this pit or may be sometimes managed to leap over it! In more recent time the area was mined for coal and there are spoil heaps and records of many mine shafts in the area.

The path ends at the old Baptist Chapel, built in 1742 and was still used as a place of Baptist worship in 2002. Any of the paths back to the library car park will pass buildings showcasing the architectural heritage of Broseley, nestled amid more modern houses.

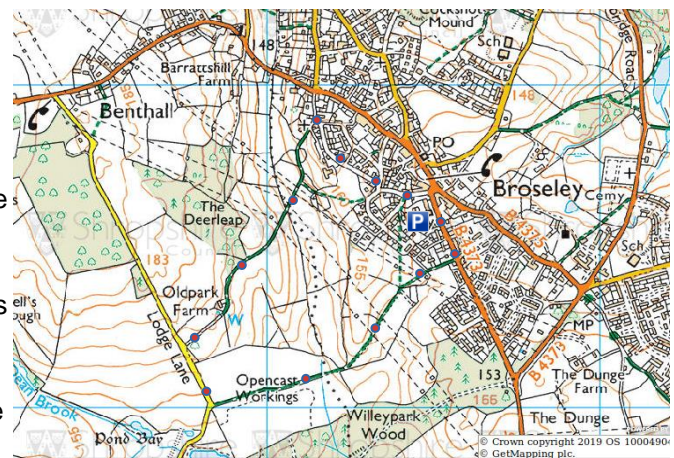


Start

The closest car park is at the library. From here turn right and walk along Bridgnorth Road, in about 100 metres take the track on your right opposite Foundary Lane. From here follow the path marked on the map.

This is a very straightforward walk over well marked paths. At the end of the Fiery Fields path turn right on Lodge lane and after about 100m turn right following a bridleway sign.

At the end of this path bear left to take you up a short hill and past the old Baptist church. From here there are a number of ways back to the library car park; one route is to turn right after the church and right again along Mill Lane. It may look like a dead end, but there is a footpath, almost hidden, at the end which takes you down to Woodhouse road. From here turn right and then left down Hockley road; at the end of this road the library is clearly visible to the right.



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.