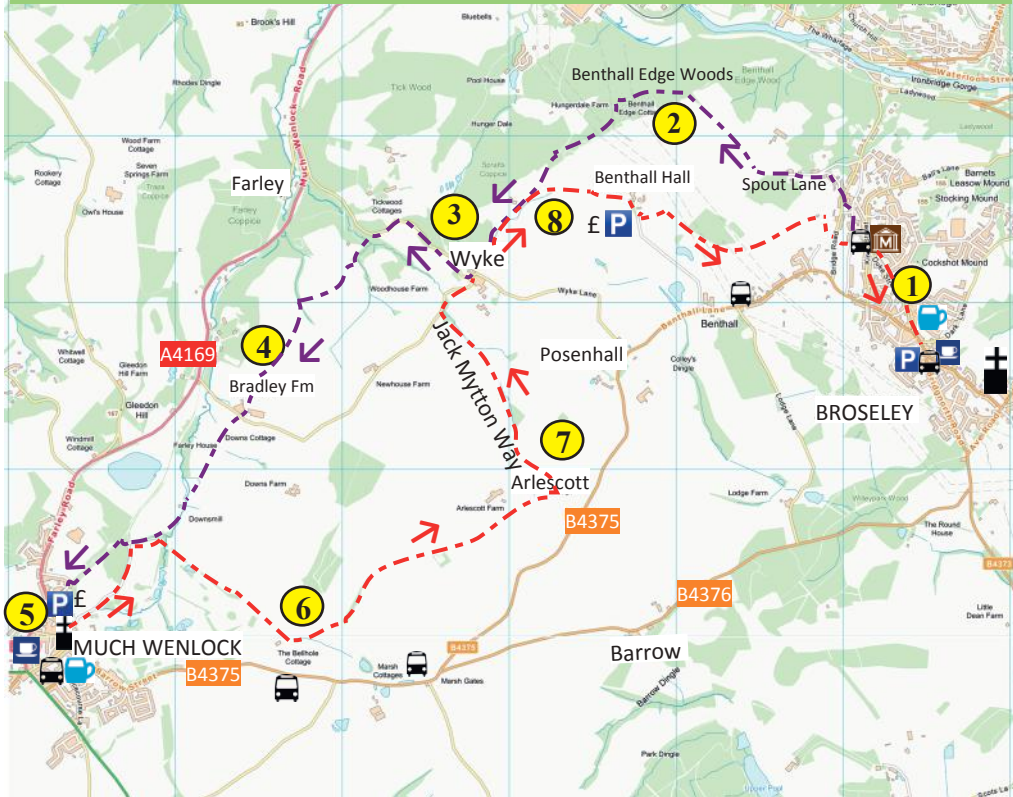
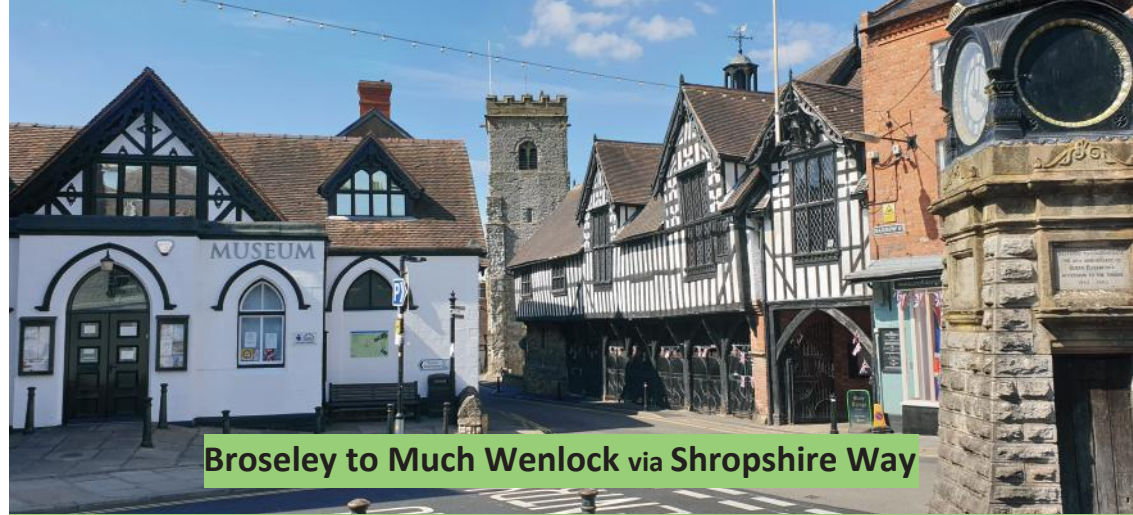


MAP: Broseley to Much Wenlock via The Shropshire Way (purple route) 5.2 miles / 8.3 km between the Pipe Museum and Much Wenlock Church.



MAP: Much Wenlock to Broseley via Arlescott & Benthall Hall (possible return route if a circular walk, shown in red) 5.3 miles / 8.55km between Much Wenlock Church and Broseley Pipe Museum

Both routes work well in either direction and are very scenic. Combined together they make a fantastic circular walk, which is how we describe the route. Unless you use two cars, the best option for a one way journey is to use the Broseley to Much Wenlock bus. As both towns have great pubs, cafes, restaurants, fish 'n chips, small shops selling 'treats' and historic buildings to see, waiting for a bus, or taking a breather before you walk back, is no hardship. Car parks in Broseley are free but there is a charge to use the car parks in Much Wenlock, the most convenient, and cheapest, one for walkers is probably by the Priory ruins. It is also possible to make a shorter circular route by using the paid for car parking at Benthall Hall NT car park, when open. Whatever option you choose, we recommend you walk between the two towns again another time by walking in the opposite direction, you will be amazed at how different the views look, it won't feel you are repeating the walk at all, and you get to try another pub or cafe!



Broseley to Much Wenlock via Shropshire Way

5 miles / 8.3 km: a very beautiful, varied walk along woodland paths, across fields, some quiet lanes and even a disused railway line. Vertical gain 200 ft / 61 m
This is one of the most popular walks in Shropshire, from Benthall Edge Woods to the beautifully preserved medieval market town of Much Wenlock. Most people start or end at Ironbridge but starting from Broseley is a much better, more varied walk: why, well you don't have to climb a hill at the start, the views from Broseley are more open and extensive and you get to explore historic Broseley and pretty Broseley Wood. Parking is free in Broseley, the bus stop is at the start and finish too, perfect!

1 Broseley Pipe Museum to Shropshire Way, Benthall Edge 1 mile / 1.8 km

Start from the library car park and bus stop, or park near the Pipe Museum or even better use the bus, the stop is a few metres past the museum entrance in King St. You can return from Much Wenlock by bus if you don't want to walk back. Walk up High St, turn right down Barber St which becomes Duke St. Just after the Pipe Museum entrance bear right at the junction into King St and then turn left down the steep Legges Hill lane. At the bottom turn right into the very pretty Simpsons Lane past Broseley House. Continue straight on and at the end, just before the old post office, now a private house, go left down Jews Jitty, a narrow stepped path. Cross straight over Bridge Road and walk up The Mines opposite and continue straight on into Spout Lane which in about 250 metres becomes the Spout Lane bridleway. You'll soon get beautiful views across fields and the wooded Ironbridge Gorge. In 500m you will enter the Benthall Edge woods. Just past the gate and stile is a path junction, take the wide path straight on gently uphill signed to Benthall Hall.



*Shropshire Way
Benthall Edge*

2 Benthall Edge Woods to Wyke 1.25 miles / 2 km

Just past the gate and stile, take the wide path straight on going gently uphill into the woods (signed to Benthall Hall). In 400m it merges with the Shropshire Way. You follow the Shropshire Way (orange buzzard waymarks) from here all the way to Much Wenlock. Eventually, after a steep dip in the path you come to a kissing gate, go straight on along a wide path. Where it narrows just after the main path curves right continue straight on, the path bears slight left up to a stile. Go straight on, over a second stile, through a kissing gate and along a farm track, in 500m it meets the lane into Wyke. Go straight on, in about 50 m at the junction, turn right.



3 Wyke to Bradley Farm 1.5 miles / 2.5 km

Walk along the lane for 1km (good views through hedge gaps). At the bottom of a dip is a signposted track, go left here into woods. After 300m exit the woods through a kissing gate into a field. Follow the hedge on the right for about 200m to another signpost pointing uphill to the nearest oak tree (sometimes the best views are behind you, take the opportunity to look around) when you get to the tree turn right and walk down to a pair stiles over a small (often dry) stream at a gap in the hedge, take care, it's difficult to spot. After climbing the stiles turn left and follow the hedgerow up into the next field. Cross the middle of the field and you should see a small gate leading down between two electric fences to Bradley Farm. Exit the farm yard onto a lane, the broad track opposite is the Shropshire Way, go straight on.



4 Bradley Farm to Much Wenlock 1.25 miles / 2km

Follow the Shropshire Way along the field edges and you will come to steps down to a footbridge on the right across a stream. It joins a walkway past beautiful stone built houses and gardens, a very pretty spot. You come to a lane and go straight on past some sewage works on the right. About 250m after the sewage works the lane bends left, you go straight on to join a path which goes into a wooded area down some steps to a disused railway line. When you get to the rail line turn left. Walk along the disused rail line for about 500m and you will pass the field where the Olympic movement began, thanks to a Dr William Penny Brookes. Most Broseley children attend the school in Much Wenlock named after him. There is an information board here. You join the road, there's an old railway station on your left, now a private house, just past the station is a footpath on the left, take the path and walk downhill between two fences, then turn right into Much Wenlock.



When you enter the town you can go left to explore more, or go right and then first left to find a small bus station. There is so much to see in the town it is well worth taking a good look around, or visit one of the pubs or a cafe.

