

5 Monewood Valley and the Haycop to Broseley High St 2.1km / 1.3 miles

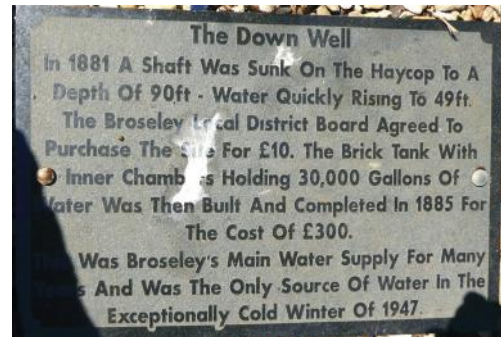
Walk up Calcutts road for about 200 m, passing a bus shelter and information board take the track on the left towards the small industrial unit. At the end of this track the start of the footpath is not visible until you reach the gates. The footpath to the right now takes you through the first half of the Monewood valley, first next to a metal fence, then alongside a small stream. After a kissing gate turn left, follow the path past houses, as it swings round to enter the second part of the wood bear right. 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 another old workers path that would once have taken workers from Broseley down to the tile works, mines and foundry at Jackfield.



At the Ironbridge road cross directly over to enter the Haycop, and take any path up hill to explore this lovely nine acre, locally managed nature reserve with a rich mosaic of habitats including heathland, a flower meadow, old



established broadleaf woodland, and aquatic ecosystems. Since site management began, badgers and foxes have returned, and reptiles such as Slow Worm and Common Lizard are now in residence. There are information boards about different habitats and many ways through it, all are good, you can come back and explore them all another day. There is a series of steps to commemorate a Broseley Olympian near the top! At the exit you pass the brick covered Down Well, this was once Broseley's water supply. Continue straight on, then turn left down Dark Lane. A Gerry Foxhall sculpture is on a green in front of the new housing estate. Dark Lane leads onto Broseley High St, turn left to return to the Health Centre car park.



Dingles and valleys

A 4.9 miles / 7.8 km walk with a vertical gain of 110m / 361ft: paths, woods, some road walking, can be muddy in places after rain, many historic places.

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 the magnificent River Severn, before returning through the lovely Monewood Valley and the Haycop Nature Reserve. This is a walk not to be missed! As well as great scenic variety, there's lots of historic interest: Maws craft centre, a famous 'flood door', the country's only war memorial bridge, displays of children's artwork echoing the tile industry, two beautiful contrasting Victorian churches and museums, all celebrating the production of 'Broseley tiles'. Look out for the many information boards on your way around.

1 Town Centre via All Saints Church to Coneybury Farm 1.2km / 0.75 miles

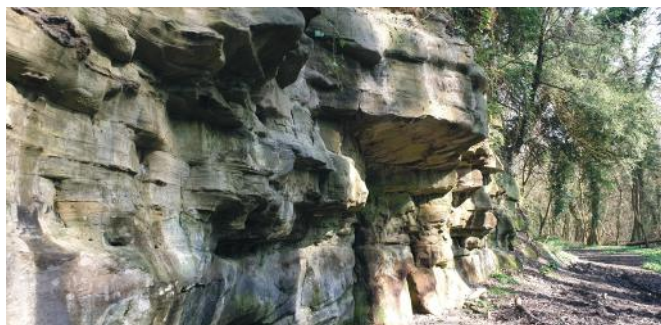
You can start from either the Dark Lane or Library/ Health Centre car park. At the mini roundabout at the bottom of the High St go down Church Road. Enter All Saints Church grounds passing one of the Gerry Foxton sculptures of the mining industry on your left. All Saints the finest early Victorian Church in Shropshire with a famous organ and stained glass window, well worth a visit. The view from the far wall is outstanding. Aim for a metal kissing gate near the far right corner of the church grounds, continue straight on down past the houses and enter a small field. When you reach the road at another small gate turn left, walk past the cemetery, cross the road and take the lane on the right to Coneybury Farm. Continue straight on, the views are pleasantly rural, the lane becomes a bridleway track at the entrance to a wooded area.



Looking back to Broseley from the lane to Coneybury Fram

2 Coneybury Farm to bottom of Corbett's Dingle 1.2km / 0.75 miles

Carry straight on along the bridleway for about 500 m, sometimes it can be muddy. A mine once stood at the top of the dingle, close to Coneybury farm. The spoil heaps are now the only evidence of mining and have been colonised by birch, ash and hawthorn.



You then begin the descent of the beautiful Corbett's Dingle with mini water falls to your right. This beautiful wooded gorge is home to many species of birds, ferns and woodland flowers with white wood anemones and wild garlic blooms in Spring.

The gorge carries the Cornbatch Brook down to the Severn. It 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 dingle ends in a lane, go straight on, under an old railway bridge and turn right.

3 Corbett's Dingle to Maws Craft Centre 0.5km

The lane goes down to the River Severn, past the famous flood door of The Boat Inn; children will love seeing how much flood water could have been above their heads. It's also the site of the UK's only war memorial bridge. The young men of Jackfield and Coalport who fought together were linked by work, friendship and family ties but separated by a river they had to cross by ferry. It was a fitting tribute to them to unite the two villages with a bridge after the war.



In the centre of the bridge is a plaque to the dead from these two places, some from the same family.



The walk through Jackfield is full of interest and it is well worth allowing extra time to explore in full. Walk along the riverside and turn left past the entrance of the Maws Craft Centre. Do pop in, there is a free open information area about the history of the famous Maws Tile Works. After visiting Maws go up the slope past the entrance, cross over to take the disused railway line path in front of you and turn right.



Maws Craft Centre has a tea shop cafe (ice creams!) an art gallery, craft shops and free public toilets.

4 Through Jackfield to Calcutts Road 0.7km / 0.4 miles

Continue straight on along the disused rail track, now a broad cycleway: ignore the turn down to the Half Moon pub and riverside picnic area (unless of course you fancy a break). Just before where the road forks, cross the road and enter a picnic area, turn left, stop and admire the children's art work as you pass. There is a circular trail along this stretch of the river called the *Jackfield Tile Trail* with illustrated leaflets freely available in dispensers along the footpaths. If you want to explore this area in more detail there are many information boards about Jackfield. Take the lower road past one of the gems of this walk, St Mary The Virgin Church, don't miss the opportunity to appreciate the beautiful tile work and calm atmosphere inside. Walk to the end of the road and turn right. Continue straight on and then turn left to go left uphill on Calcutts Rd. (If time permits, stop to admire the impressive entrance to the former Craven Dunnill tile works, now The Tile Museum. There's a free exhibition about this major local industry in the cafe and shop area, it is inside the entrance on the left.)



Local children's art work, top of picnic area



Coloured bricks and tiles create decorative effects



Remains of the 'flexible' wood tracks