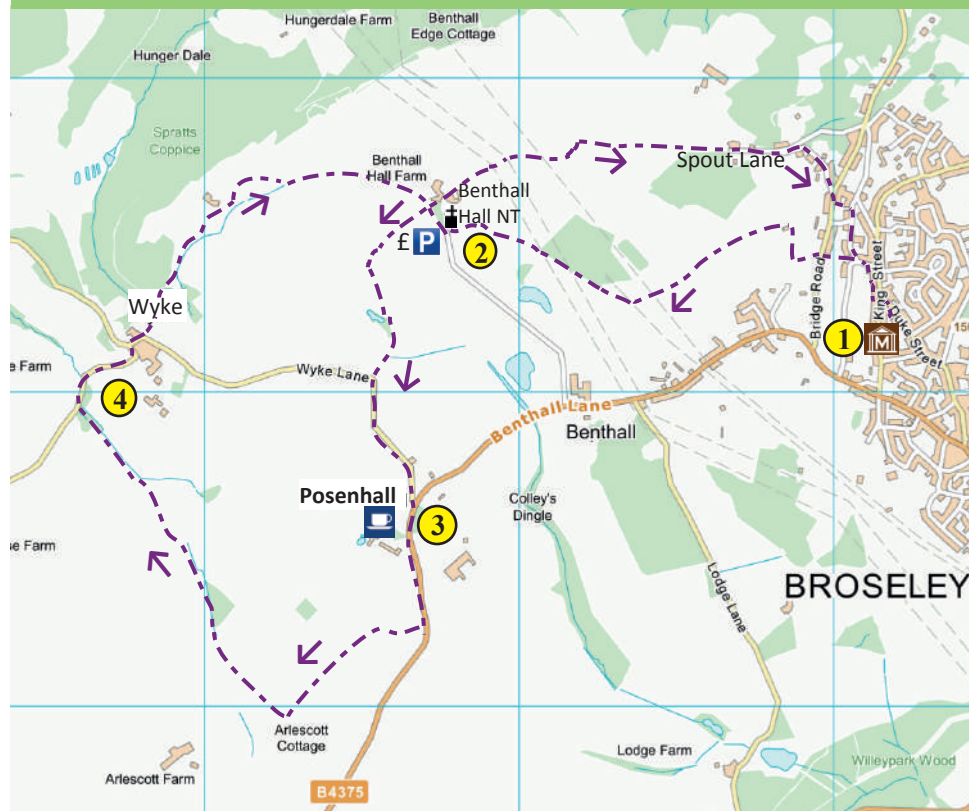


MAP: Posenhall and Wyke Circular Walk from Broseley Pipe Museum



Follow the waymarked path past a garden. Climb a ladder stile and turn right. The path goes straight on through gates and past a series of pylons next to the hedge. At the field's end climb a stile to enter a large field to the right. The way is not always clear after ploughing and cropping, if so aim for a gap in the hedge and turn left onto a bridleway. It ends at a gate, turn right onto a track between two hedges and continue for 400m to enter Spout Lane. In 250m the lane forks, go right along The Mines downhill past some old cottages. Cross straight over Bridge Road and take Coopers Jitty opposite slight left. Turn right into Simpson's Lane and take the right fork. After 200m you come to the junction with steep Legge's Hill, go left uphill and then turn right onto King St. At the next fork in the road go left into Duke St return to the Pipe Museum entrance.



Simpsons Lane



Posenhall & Wyke Circular

5.5 miles / 9 km: field edge paths, quiet lanes and 'green tunnels' NB short stretch of B road (care!) 7 stiles, some livestock. Vertical gain 328 ft / 100m

*For lovers of glorious views over open countryside this is possibly the perfect walk. On a clear day you get distant glimpses of Brown Clee, Caradoc, Long Mynd, The Wrekin and possibly, even Welsh border hills. You may hear yellowhammers, whitethroats and skylarks singing and buzzards calling overhead. There's a variety of hedgerow wildflowers, plus the possibility of a delightful tea shop (limited opening days, check times in advance). **For a short 3 mile / 4.8 km walk start at Benthall Hall NT car park (but you'll miss some nice bits of Broseley Wood!)***

① Broseley Pipe Museum to Benthall Hall 1.1 miles/ 1.8 km

We recommend starting from Broseley Pipe Museum in Duke St in the centre of town, it is well signed; street parking is usually available (the car park is for museum visitors and residents only). The route described goes direct to the Hall and is very scenic. It takes you through part of Broseley Wood via one of the famous jitties. With your back to the museum entrance turn left and walk straight on past the road junction, after 50m turn left down the steep Legges Hill lane past an old school. The cottage on the right used to be The Nelson pub. At the bottom of the hill go straight on and walk down Plants Jitty. When you emerge onto Bridge Road turn left and cross the road to follow the signed footpath opposite. The path goes steeply uphill across a small field with the remains of shallow mines worked for coal and clay, in operation until the end of the C19th.



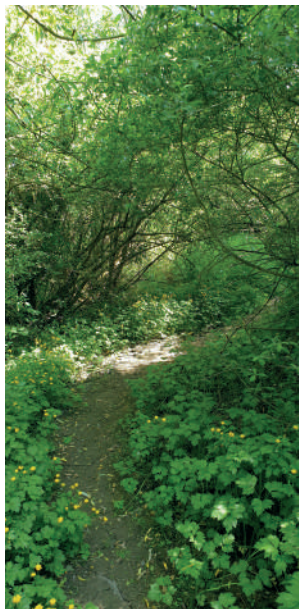
This Victorian school is now the HQ of the TA.

Formerly the Working Mens' Institute building it became Broseley Wood's infant school in 1892:

At the top of the field go through a gap in the hedge and turn right. You'll get a great view of the whole of Broseley Wood across the valley. You're on the Floyer Lane bridleway, you follow it for 1km. It soon curves left past a ruined farm and then goes straight on through fields to Benthall Hall where you turn left past the front of the Hall. At the gate you turn right past the NT entrance to the church and Benthall Hall.

② Benthall Hall to Posenhall 0.8 miles / 1.3km

If you start your walk from Benthall Hall, turn left out the car park and walk past the burial ground. In about 100m there's a finger signpost just before Benthall Hall Farm, turn left over a stile. Go straight on down along a field edge and climb a stile into the next field, bear left. You'll get glorious views of the Shropshire Hills and Wales to your right and Brown Clee to your left. In 100m you arrive at two gates in a field corner, take the one on the right, (the entrance to a path known locally as Watery Lane (for good reason, it's often muddy with deep puddles in winter). It can be a bit overgrown in summer but you can pick a way through, so be brave and persevere, (wear trousers not shorts!) Climb another stile and continue, (if overgrown you may need to exit via a hole in the hedge, turn left and follow the field edge). You come to the quiet Wyke Lane, turn left and walk 500m into the hamlet of Posenhall. At the B Road in Posenhall turn right, take care and advantage of the verge to face any fast oncoming traffic. You pass the entrance to the Broseley Life Skills Tea Rooms in about 50m (limited opening days).



Watery Lane, is a 'green tunnel' path, there's another green tunnel after Posenhall.



③ Posenhall to Wyke 1.25 miles / 2 km

100m further on, where the road bends right, look for a hole in the hedge with an almost hidden footpath signpost. Turn right to walk along a 'green tunnel' path. You exit into a field, turn left and continue alongside the hedge. Enjoy excellent views back towards Broseley and across to The Wrekin. Exit the field via a metal gate, turn left to join The Jack Mytton Way (a long distance bridleway named after a notorious Shropshire character!) The next 1km is glorious walking along field edges with terrific views. You first see the terraced fields of the abandoned village of Arlescott, then The Wrekin ahead with Welsh border hills to the north west, then the hamlet of Wyke uphill to your right. Finally cross a footbridge, emerge into a lane and turn right.



④ Wyke to Broseley via Benthall Hall Farm 2.3 miles / 3.7 km

Walk steeply uphill into Wyke, at a junction bear right. In 50m a signpost with Shropshire Waymarks points your route left along a farm road for 500m to 'The Vineyards'. You'll end near a collection of 'historic' tractors and farm machinery as seems to be traditional in Shropshire farmyards! Go through a kissing gate. At the next stile turn right, go downhill through the field to a pair of stiles in the corner. Walk across the next field, aim for a clear wide gap in the hedge where fields meet by some trees (the path is often not clear after ploughing and cropping but if you keep to the hedge on your right and walk around the field edge you'll find it). Walk across the next field, aim for the trees to the right of the pylon at hill top. However, if the route is not clear, follow the hedge. You arrive back at the stile in front of Benthall Hall Farm. To return to Benthall Hall Car Park turn right. To continue your walk go straight on between the barn and the back of the Hall over a stile next to a gate.

