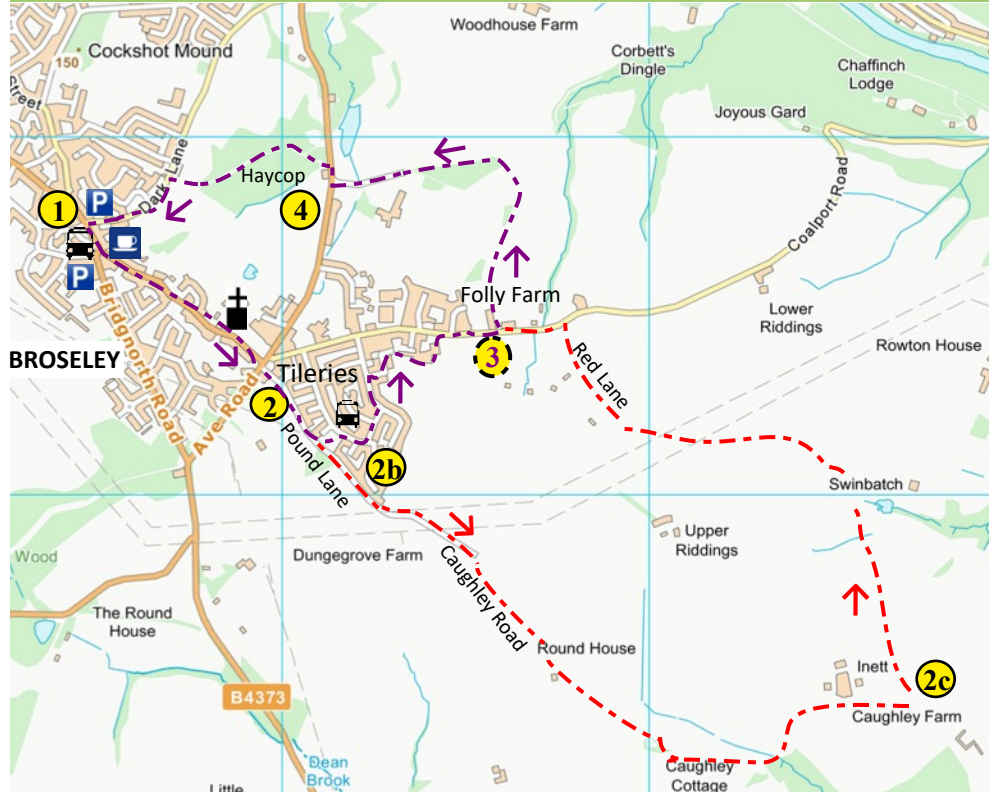


## MAP: Folly Farm Circular Walks: 2.25 miles (purple) or 4.25 miles (red)



### ④ The Haycop Conservation Area to Broseley High St 800m / 0.5 miles

Take any path uphill through the Haycop. There are a variety of habitats with heath, woodland and wetland in this small nature reserve. There's historic interest too with industrial remains and the well that used to be the town's water supply. There's a series of helpful interpretation boards about the history of the site and its wildlife.



Haycop heath

Walk straight on up through the reserve. Go up steps, through a metal gate at the top entrance onto a bridleway track (next to the brick covered Down Well). In 100m you come out onto Dark Lane. Turn left to walk about 250m back to Broseley High Street.



View of Broseley & All Saints Church from top of the Haycop



Folly Farm, Tileries & Haycop

**2.25 miles / 3.6 km: vertical gain 98 ft / 30m. A varied walk in farmland, housing estates, small wooded areas and a nature reserve around the outskirts of Broseley.**

*This walk is only a few hundred metres from All Saints Church and the modern housing estates on the Tileries and Coalport Road, yet it has a rural feel with open countryside views. The walk includes bridleways, farm tracks, field paths and a small local nature reserve, as well as sections on along roads and pavements. It can be muddy in places after rain, waterproof boots are recommended. It is popular with dog walkers, (NB lead needed through livestock) and for families wanting a 'country walk' not far from home.*

### ① Broseley High St to Pound Lane 600m / 0.4 miles

With the Memorial gardens on your right, take the first exit at the mini roundabout at the bottom of the High St and walk along Church Street to the T junction with the B4373 road. Church Street has many impressive C18th and C19th buildings with houses of the iron masters that started the industrial revolution and other important people in Broseley's history (look for the brown plaques.) All Saints Church is said to be the finest Victorian church in Shropshire and it's well worth a short detour to explore its interior. If you visit, don't miss the Gerry Foxall sculpture of a coal face scene near the entrance. There is a superb view across Shropshire from the back wall of the churchyard, before returning to Church Street to continue.

Turn right at the T junction, cross the road and walk down Pound Lane adjacent to The Forester's Arms (it has a large car park so it is an excellent alternative walk start and end point if you wish to finish your walk with a meal, snack and a pint or a coffee).







*All Saints Church dominates the viewpoints from many places on this walk. It repays a short detour.*

## ② Pound Lane to Folly Farm through the Tileries 1.2km / 0.75 miles

Continue down the lane and the views of old houses begin to be replaced by views of the modern housing estate of the Tileries (named after the former tile works that used to occupy the site). After about 200m you pass the entrance to a small recreation ground and children's play area. Turn left to enter the Guest Road play area, cross the playground and turn right into Guest Road. Follow the road (ignore the turns into Whitmore, Blakeway Close and Caughley Close) and at the T junction bear left into Forester Road. Take the next right into Collins Close which soon becomes Rough Lane.



After about 100m is a footpath on the left which starts at a short gravel drive between some houses, just past Pepperpot Cottage (it's pictured left). It soon becomes a narrow path between a garden on your left and a field to your right. This brings you out onto the Coalport Rd, turn right and cross the road. In about 150m turn left down the track past Folly Farm. N.B. The 'private road' notice applies to cars, cyclists and other types of road users, not walkers, it is a public right of way footpath.

## ③ Folly farm to the Haycop 1km / 0.6 miles

Walk along the track past the farm entrance, houses and gardens and climb over the stile where the track ends and enter a field. Continue straight on to a small metal kissing gate at the bottom left corner of the field. You can see The Wrekin ahead. The views down towards the wooded Ironbridge Gorge look very rural: it is hard to imagine you are only a short distance from the town. Go through the gate then continue along the field edge path. It is fenced on the one side by an electric fence, not always active but take care. There are often horses in these fields. The path is sometimes under a few centimetres of water at a dip near the bottom after heavy rains and is often muddy, so this walk is best done after a period of dry weather or wear waterproof boots! However, the views on this path and sounds of birdsong from the wooded areas to the left side are a compensation for a small boggy bit, take it in your stride!



When you reach the track at the bottom turn left and walk the broad wooded bridleway path. This is a good bird spotting walk for woodland birds with most common species present. It can be a bit muddy at times as it takes some farm traffic. After 300m the rural nature of the walk begins to change as it becomes a tarmac lane (see picture below). There are wonderful views towards Broseley, with All Saints Church once more dominating the view. The lane emerges onto the B4373 road, turn right and cross the road. After 50m, just past the cottage, turn left into the Haycop.

