

Welcome to Wellington and The Wrekin Forest

This map and guide is designed to help you find your way around the town, giving an idea of some of the town's historic features and modern facilities. The walk routes lead you onto The Wrekin, part of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Getting to Wellington is simple, it is just north of the M54 motorway, accessed from junctions 6 and 7. Also from the A5 which joins M54 east and west. From the north take A442 from Hodnet or A518 from Stafford. There are also frequent bus and train services.

In mediaeval times Wellington was known as 'Wellington Under The Wrekin'. Today it is a traditional market town which has a population of over 20,000, centred on Market Square, with many specialist shops and a variety of places of worship. The Town has a range of cafes, restaurants, pubs, hotels, banks, estate agents, accountants and other professional services. It is well off for schools too, including three primaries, three comprehensives, a sixth form college, a college of arts and technology and private primary and secondary schools. Local Government provided facilities include a swimming pool and leisure centre and a library with a local studies section. Shopping in Wellington Market is great fun as well as a money saver. The traders are friendly, generous, cooperative and independent. The market is owned by a private company that has taken over several other town markets. The range of goods offered is huge.

To anyone interested in geography, geology, biology, ecology, archaeology, wild life or just walking and enjoying the scenery, Wellington and The Wrekin Forest are ideal. Most of The Wrekin Forest is located in the Borough of Telford and Wrekin although the western end is in Shropshire.

Nearby are Ironbridge, the Roman city of Viroconium (Wroxeter) and the new town of Telford. Half hidden away are many more interesting places well worth exploring, especially on the Weald Moors, including a Bronze Age lake village (Wall), the world's first cast iron aqueduct and several high-tech factories. The two best visits, however, are Wellington Market and The Wrekin.

Park and Walk Information

After parking in one of Wellington's free car parks (most are free), you will have the advantage of a whole town waiting for your return. Wellington's car parks are well signed on the inner ring road. The distance from Wellington town centre to the foot of The Wrekin is only 1.7 miles, most of which will be on woodland paths. See the routes shown on the reverse side of this guide.

Bus Information

The Wellington bus station is conveniently located next to the train station, town centre and walk routes shown on this map.

For information about the bus station, stops, shelters and timetables for services in Wellington and the surrounding areas, please contact the Telford Bus Station on 01952 200005 or visit www.telford.gov.uk.

Train Information

Wellington is currently served by two trains an hour between Birmingham New Street and Shrewsbury, one operated by London Midland and the other by Arriva Trains Wales. The latter trains continue alternately to Aberystwyth and Holyhead via Chester.

For train times and station information call National Rail on 08457 484950 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk.

