

Suggested Walks from Wellington Railway Station

A To the Top of The Wrekin

From the station ticket office take the road up towards W.H.Smith. Turn left and go through Market Square, keeping to the left of the black and white building. Go along Crown Street. Carry straight on up Tan Bank. Cross Victoria Road and continue through the pedestrian access into the next section of Tan Bank. After about 30 metres take the brick footpath on the right. Cross the next road (Roseway) and take the footpath immediately opposite. Carry on past the allotments on your right and Sunnycroft (maintained by the National Trust) on the left. Cross Holyhead Road by the pelican crossing going ahead into Golf Links Lane. Continue until just before the bridge under the motorway.

Take the signed public footpath to the right. Continue until you reach the next bridge over the motorway. Cross over the M54 to where Ercall Wood begins. There is a small car park on the left. Take the path on the left of the road. This takes you along the edge of The Ercall Wood Nature Reserve. The path joins Ercall Lane by the Buckatree Hall Hotel. Walk carefully along the road until the next road junction. This area at the foot of The Wrekin is called the Forest Glen. Cross the road and go through a large gate into the wood. Take the track which leads gently up.



D Limekiln Wood

Follow the first paragraph of Walk A to the motorway bridge.

Continue under the bridge. Climb up to and over the stile into the signed path on the left. Take the first right turn, just past the edge of the golf course. Stay on the path, keeping the boundary on your left. Do not go onto the open part of the golf course. Still keeping to the boundary, bear left to enter Limekiln Wood through a kissing gate. Keep on the main track until a major path comes in from the right at a post. (The alternative shorter walk below leaves here.) The main walk is waymarked with red arrows until the golf club house is reached. Continue straight on along the path until you reach the houses at Steeraway. Go onto the main track, turn right over the stile and follow the path up, keeping straight on up the hill, ignoring any side paths. At the top there is a kissing gate on the left. Do not go through this but keep to the path straight ahead. At the T-junction, take the farm track to the right down the hill. Towards the bottom of the hill, turn right between two rocks (this is also the Hutchison Way). After about a mile, follow the path bearing left over the golf course, bear right onto a bridleway and follow the hedge dropping down to pass the golf club house on the left. By the golf club house, instead of following the Limekiln Wood Walk and the Hutchison Way to the right, follow the blue waymark straight on to join the road from the club house further down, which goes back down to Golf Links Lane. Retrace your steps to Wellington.

The total length of this walk is approximately 5 miles (8 km).

Shorter Alternative: At the post mentioned above, turn to the right. Following the waymarks (Hutchison Way), at the first post fork left and at the second post fork right.

Follow the main track as it bends right to the Halfway House. At busy times light refreshments are on sale here.

Go through another gate and continue on the path up the hill, which turns to rise steeply up the ridge. At Hell Gate you enter the hill fort. The track climbs to Heaven Gate, from where it is almost level to the top. Here you'll find a trig point and a toposcope. In good weather the views are magnificent. Return the same way or take any of the other routes on the map.

The total length of this walk, in one direction is approximately 3.5 miles (5.5 km). The walk climbs 1,000 feet (300 metres).

B Around The Wrekin

Follow the first two paragraphs of the description of Walk A.

At the sharp bend where the main track turns right up the hill, leave the main track and go straight on. After about a mile, take the right fork onto the signed permissive path (do not take the descending left fork). Cross the path that goes very steeply up to the summit. (Alternatively, turn right here to ascend to the summit and then follow the main route down to the Forest Glen.) Go straight ahead, on the gently descending permissive path. At the next junction turn right, by the permissive path signpost, onto the public footpath. Where the path forks, take the left fork. Continue straight on, crossing the stile through the old rifle range, eventually joining the road. Turn right onto the road, continue to the T junction, cross the road, climb the stile and go through the kissing gate. Continue on the path on the left of the reservoir. Turn right onto a wide track and reach the road. Turn left to the Buckatree Hall Hotel, then retrace your steps to Wellington.

The total length of this walk is approximately 7.5 miles (12 km).

Turn to the right when a more definite path comes in from the left. This path will come to the approach road to the golf club, just below a wall. Turn right down the road until the motorway bridge is reached, then retrace your steps to Wellington.

The total length of this alternative walk is approximately 3 miles (5 km).

Long Distance Walks

Shropshire Way

Shropshire Way is a 139 mile (224 km) route through Shropshire. It is waymarked using a white buzzard symbol on a black background. The local section comes through Allscott and Aston and ascends the west side of The Wrekin. It joins the summit path near the Halfway House. It then crosses the summit, continues over Little Hill and descends to a minor road which it follows to Little Wenlock.

Hope House Way

Hope House Way is a 335 mile (539 km) long-distance walk through mid Wales and the Marches. It is a circular route, with its official start and finish by the Community Clock in the Market Square in Wellington. The route was created by the Rotary Club of The Wrekin in order to raise funds for the Hope House Children's Hospices. The start of the route ascends The Wrekin, as in route A. It continues down the ridge on the Shropshire Way route. It follows the Shropshire Way towards Little Wenlock. The end of the route also passes over The Wrekin.

C Ercall Wood Nature Reserve

Follow the first paragraph of Walk A to the motorway bridge.

Continue under the bridge. Immediately turn right to follow the signposted footpath. Go over the footbridge. Bear left into the wood and fork left again where there is an Ercall Woods Walk green waymark on a tree. Keep to the wider main path which rises slowly along the side of the hill. Near the top there is a path which descends steeply from the right. (Alternative shorter walk avoiding the very steep section: turn right here, continue uphill to the ridge and turn right. Continue following the instructions from C1 below.) Bear left here onto the descending path, following another green waymark. Continue between a slab wall on the right and a large concrete drainpipe on the left. Follow the path around the bend and take the left fork to descend into the quarries, still following the green waymarks. Continue on the path through the quarries. About 25 metres before the gate onto the road, there is a path on the right which leads down steps to a footbridge. Take this path, cross the footbridge and go up the other side. (To the left a path leads to the Buckatree Hall Hotel.) Turn right to continue the walk. After a short distance bear left up the hill. Where the path levels turn right and follow the very steep path uphill to the summit. Follow the green waymarks, bearing left at the top and (C1) continue straight on down the ridge. Keep following the green waymarks, bearing right to descend to the footbridge. Re-cross the footbridge and retrace your steps to Wellington.

The total length of this walk is approximately 4 miles (6.5 km).



Hutchison Way

Hutchison Way is a 19 mile (30 km) route from Wellington to Newport. It is named in memory of late former Chief Executive of (the then) Wrekin Council, David Hutchison. It is waymarked using named maroon arrows on a white disc. The route starts outside Wellington Town Civic and Leisure Centre. It goes to the foot of The Wrekin, as in Route A, skirts the base of The Ercall and continues via the Golf course to Steeraway Farm. It then heads off in the direction of Telford Town Centre.

Silkin Way

Silkin Way is a 14 mile (22 km) walking and cycling route, partly on the line of old railway tracks, running across Telford from north to south. It starts at Bratton, just north of Wellington and goes through Dothill, passing just behind the Princess Royal Hospital on its way to Leegomery. It eventually arrives via Telford Town Centre, at Coalport in the Ironbridge Gorge.

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