

Route 1: Wrockwardine Village - 5 miles/8 km

Roads, lanes and short stretch of field. No stiles

1. Leave Wellington Centre along Crown Street to the L of the black & white building. At the end of Crown Street turn R into Walker St. then L into Larkin Way, passing the **Civic Centre, Library, and Leisure Centre** on your L, to the ring road (Victoria Rd).

2. Cross at the pedestrian refuge then turn R. At the roundabout, turn L into Wrekin Rd, then immediately R up Union Rd.

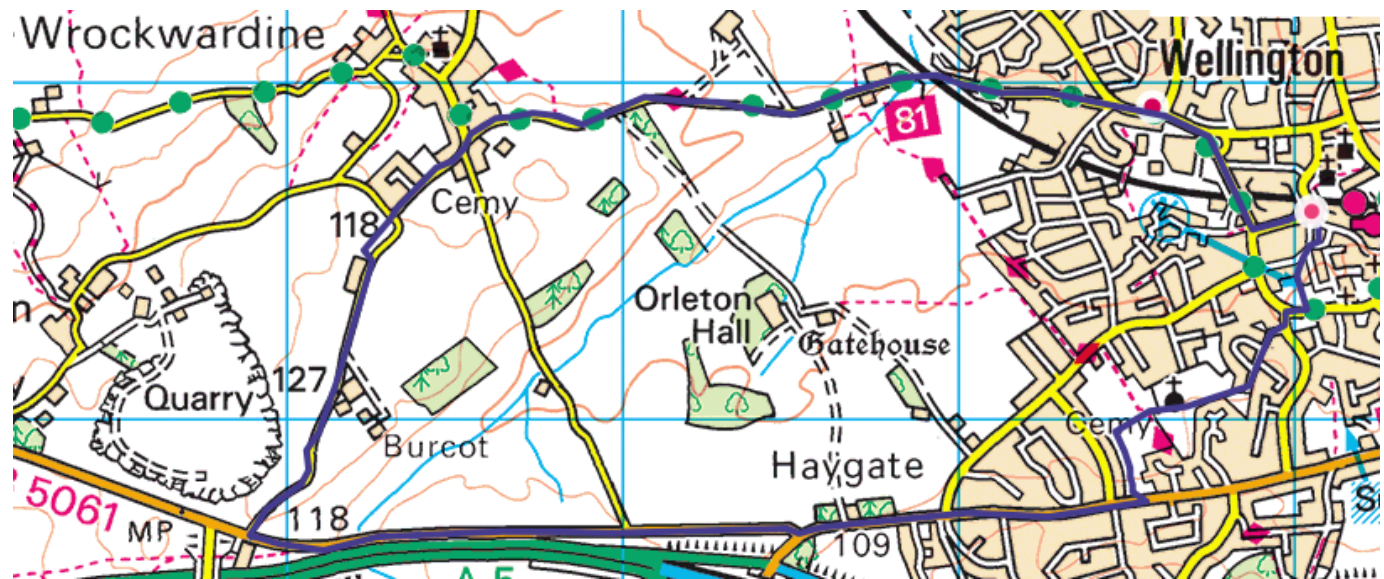
3. At the top of Union Rd. Turn R into the cemetery. Follow the path straight through the cemetery past the church and out through a small gate & over a footpath into **Bowring Park**. Cross the lawn to a tarmac footpath, turn L and follow this path slightly uphill to the gate out onto the main road.

4. Turn R along Holyhead Rd. Continue straight on, crossing Herbert Avenue and Haygate Rd leaving the built up area of Wellington. Continue for another 550 yards (500m), then bear R (just before the motorway junction) onto Roman Rd (signposted B5061, Shrewsbury, Wrockwardine).

5. Continue along this road, crossing over Drummery Lane, to the next turn R towards Wrockwardine, opposite an old Toll House. (NB. Good views of **The Wrekin** are available in this area).

6. Follow this lane uphill, take care here as there is no footpath. Pass some barn conversions on the R, then a row of semi-detached houses (Burcot Row) on the L.

7. Just past the houses, turn L through a gateway into a field, then immediately R to follow a path inside the field running adjacent to the road. The path bears L to a gateway back onto the road at a junction. As you come out of the field, cross straight over, then turn R and follow the road past the cemetery on your L into **Wrockwardine**.



See also our leaflet of 7 walking routes entitled

“WROCKWARDINE WALKS”

Returning from Wrockwardine:-

8. Pass Drummery Lane on your R, then as the road bends to the L, take the road on the R towards Wellington. Take care again here as after a short distance there is no footpath.

9. Follow this road downhill for about 1 mile (1.6 km) before passing under the railway and then going uphill briefly before coming back into Wellington. Keep to the footpath where it starts on the L, then, after a short distance, cross to the footpath on the R.

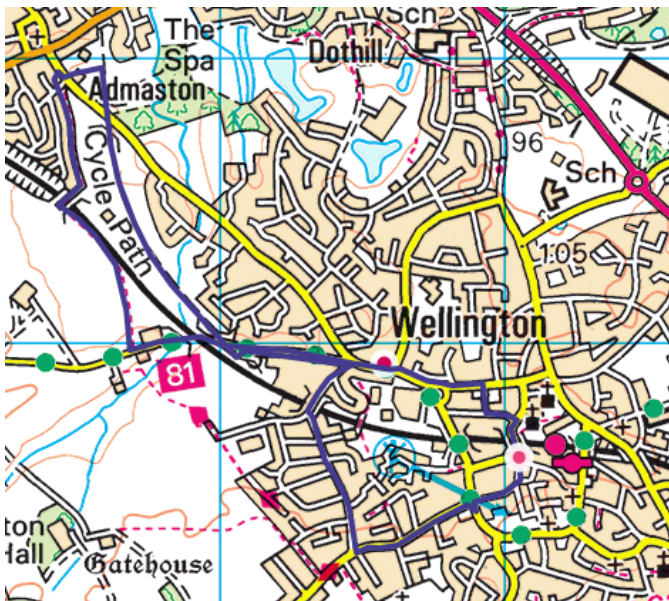
10. At the crossroads, continue straight on passing the supermarket & bearing R at the roundabout into Bridge Road. Turn L at the Pelican crossing and into Market St. to return to Wellington Centre.

Route 2: Admaston - 3.75 Miles/6 km

Roads, lanes, paths & fields. 2 stiles.

1. Leave Wellington Centre along Duke Street to the R of the black & white building. At the end of Duke Street turn R into Walker St. At the end, use the crossing point to your left afterwards turning R back to the junction. Turn L into Haygate Road and follow this until you reach Hollies Road on your R. (NB. **Bowring Park** is just ahead on L after a slight incline). Turn R into Hollies Road and follow this to a T junction with Traffic Lights. Turn R over the bridge into Orleton Lane crossing the road when convenient. At the crossroads bear L into Wrockwardine Road.

2. Follow the road until it passes under a railway bridge and starts to go uphill. Just past the cottage on the R there is a footpath sign at the entrance to the **Wrekin Link**. Cross the stile then keep to the L hedgerow crossing another stile, then another at the bottom of the field, continue straight ahead alongside the railway line. Continue until the end where you turn R over a footbridge to the junction. (NB. **Admaston Community Orchard** is to the R beyond the allotments).



Route 2: Admaston



Route 3: Dothill LNR

Route 2: Admaston (continued)

3. Turn L at this junction heading towards Admaston. At the end turn R, then cross Wellington Rd. Turn R fractionally, then take the gate into the car park of **Admaston House**, cross diagonally to the far corner (opposite the vehicle gate) then cross the grass to a gap in the trees at the far side. There are steps here down to the **Wellington Link**. (NB. Directly ahead are steps to **Dothill Local Nature Reserve**).

4. Turn R and continue straight on until the end when you reach Wrockwardine Rd again. Turn R then towards Wellington crossing over the Admaston Road/Orleton Lane Junction to Spring Hill. Cross North Road and immediately afterwards take the rising path on the left which bends round into Vineyard Road. Cross the road and take the next R into Charlton Street then L into Queen Street. At the end, turn R into Church Street and on to Market Square.

Route 3: Dothill LNR - 3.5 miles/5.5 km

Visiting Beanhill, Tee Lake & Dothill Pool

Roads, lanes. Paths and lawn. No stiles.

1. From Market Square turn L into Market St.. At the end, take the pedestrian crossing to the opticians and turn R along Bridge Rd.. At the roundabout with the supermarket to L, take 1st road exit into Spring Hill. Continue straight, the road becoming Wrockwardine Rd..

2. Immediately past the last property on L, opposite a black & white house, turn L onto a path which soon turns R to go through an underpass and continue straight for over 1/2 mile (0.8 km). (NB. A turning on the L will take you to the **Wrekin Link** and **Admaston Community Orchard** (see route 2), After passing through the next underpass turn R after 110 yds (100m) up steps to join the **Silkin Way** and to enter **Dothill Local Nature Reserve**. (NB. A little further on from the steps is a ramp providing alternative access.)

3. Keep ahead, bearing L after crossing the footbridge. Continue on the main path, skirting Bean Hill Wood, eventually reaching **Tee Lake**. With the pool on the right,

Route 4: Apley Pool & Woods



4. At the top of the rise, by the bench, you can divert to the "**Henge**" meeting area set behind young trees. Return to the tarmac path soon crossing a quiet road by Dothill School. Go straight forward to join the main path where you turn L and pass a playing area. Turn R at next junction to follow the **Shropshire Way Main Route** as it rises through playing fields and passes **Dothill Pool** on the R.

5. At the end, cross Severn Drive to enter Cound Close. Turn L into Barnett Close. Bear R at the end to cross into Deer Park Rd. by a play area and continue ahead to the junction with North Rd. Turn R then take the pedestrian crossing to continue ahead to Spring Hill. At the junction, take the rising path on the L to enter Vineyard Rd.. Turn 2nd R into Church St. to return to Market Sq.

About Wellington WAW

Regular Walks: We meet at 2 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month outside the Civic and Leisure Centre. We usually walk from there but occasionally will drive a short distance in shared cars. The walks last 1.5 to 2 hours. All are welcome. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring waterproofs.

Walking Festival: We run an annual Walking Festival in September each year. Programmes are available in the town and on-line from May onwards - see www.wellingtonwalkersarewelcome.org.uk/Festival.html.

Path Maintenance: We have an active group which liaises with Telford and Wrekin Council to assist in making our local paths pleasant to walk.

Aims & Objectives: We aim to promote the interests of local walkers in Wellington, and to promote Wellington to walkers elsewhere.

Getting to Wellington

By Train: Wellington Railway Station is in the centre of town. To reach the Market Square exit from Platform 2 (the Shrewsbury side), walk up Station Rd to Church St, turn L and the square is ahead of you.

By Road: Wellington is just off the M54 motorway. There is free parking (but check the time restrictions) in several car parks in the town centre.

By Cycle : National Route 81, from Birmingham to Aberystwyth passes through Wellington.

By Bus: There are frequent buses to & from the bus station and from Shrewsbury and some outlying villages. From the bus station follow the alley to L of the Tin House Restaurant into New St., turn R to reach the square.

On Foot: The Shropshire Way and Telford T50 mile route both pass through the centre of the town. The Silkin Way starts at Bratton, is used on some of the routes, and goes to Coalport via Telford Town Centre and Madeley.

Route 4: Apley Pool and Woods - 3.75 miles/6 km

with superb Wood Carvings in Apley Woods

Roads, lanes, paths & fields. No stiles

1. Leave Wellington Centre past the Lytch Gate on Church Street to reach Vineyard Road. Cross at the Pelican and continue straight on up Park St. At the main road, turn L along Whitchurch Rd until you reach the roundabout.
2. Just after the roundabout, cross at the Pelican. Turning L to continue along Whitchurch Rd with the Charlton School on the R. As the road bends, bear R and stay on Whitchurch Rd, crossing at the Pelican. Continue down the road until it bends sharply L. Just before the bend, cross and turn up the path on the R, then L over the footbridge, keeping straight on as the path meets the road.
3. After 55 yards (50m), take the Public Footpath signposted L through a gate in a driveway (please close the gate!), then straight on through a kissing gate. Keep straight on following the edge of the field to the bottom corner. Turn R through the trees towards **Apley Pool**, then immediate L. Follow the path clockwise around the pool until you reach an open field. Follow the path into the field, then straight across to some steps into **Apley Woods**.
4. Go up 4 sets of steps, then turn R down another set and straight on. Take the L turn down the 'Yew Tree Avenue'. At the T, turn L, then at the bend turn R through a kissing gate out of the woods. Continue straight on along the path and take the 1st R turn. Follow this path crossing a road until you reach the main road. Cross at the Pelican (slightly to the L) then continue as if straight on the previous path. Cross another road, then at the next main road turn L and follow the path to the footbridge. Turn R and cross the bridge.
5. Follow the lane to the end, then where it meets the road, turn L up to the cross roads then straight on into Roslyn Rd, then Albert Road. Turn L into Hiatt Ave. Bear L out of Hiatt Ave. down a path to King St. Cross the road, turn R then L into Victoria Rd. over the railway, then R into the bus station. At the zebra crossing take the passage on the L through to New St, then turn R and follow the road back to Wellington Centre.

Route 5: Hadley Locks - 5 miles/8 km

via Leegomery Pool and the Hurley Brook

Roads, lanes, paths. No stiles.

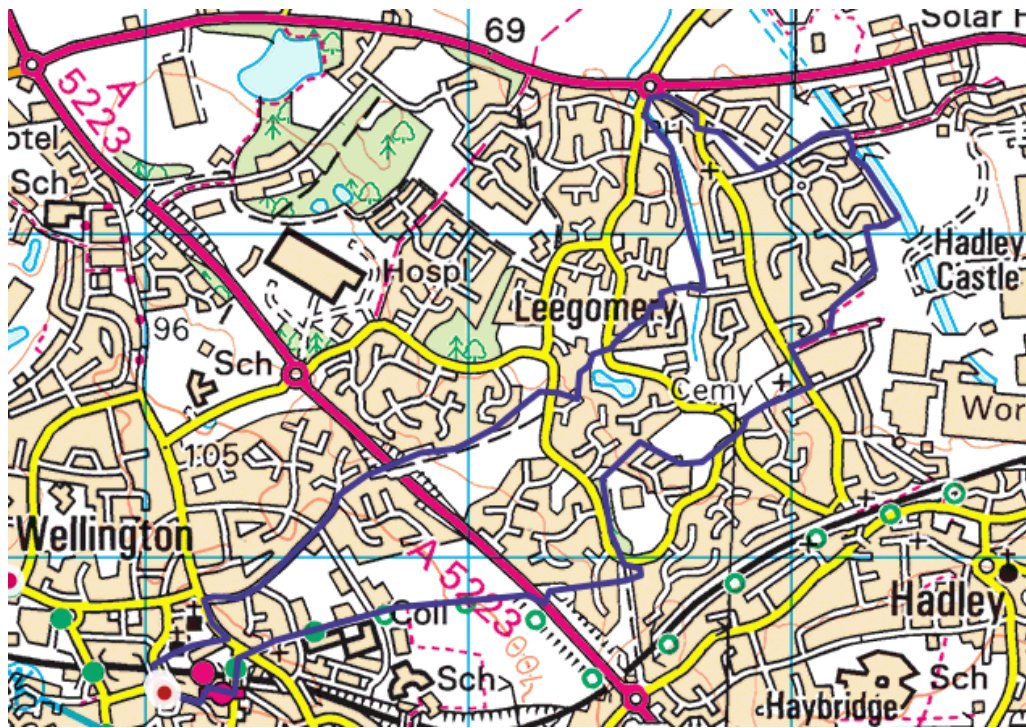
1. Leave Wellington Centre towards the church. Turn up steps through the Lychgate and follow the path keeping the church on your L to King St. Cross the road, turn L then immediate R into Albert Rd. Follow Albert Rd, bearing L into Roslyn Rd. At the cross roads, continue straight on into College Lane, pass Exeter Drive then immediately take the footpath to the R at 45°. Follow this path until you cross a footbridge over the main road.
2. Continue straight on. Just before the path meets the main road, bear left down and through an underpass then up into a small parking area. Take the path L between no.s 16 and 21, then turn L at **Leegomery Pool** before the steps. Bear R down a slope then R through another underpass. Up a short slope, then L between the houses to a road. Turn R and follow the road to the end, then L leading downhill passing the **former water mill** on your R.
3. Shortly after, turn L along a woodland path (**Hurley Brook**) with the brook on your R. Keep straight on until you meet the road again. Turn R towards Leegomery Roundabout. At the roundabout, bear first R on a path, into a road to the Malt Shovel PH. Cross the main road to a path opening into a grassed park.
4. Follow the path through the park then turn L at the T junction at the far end. Cross the main road and continue straight on along the footpath to the first **Guillotine Lock** on a disused section of the Shropshire Union Canal. Looking to your R through the lock you will see the second lock in the distance.
5. Take the path to the R with the lock on your L and follow this gravel footpath along the back of the housing estate. You will pass the **second lock** behind some trees on your L. When you reach a small playground, bear L. This leads onto a short lane and onto Hadley Park Road.

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NORTHERN WALKS

This guide contains the directions for 5 circular Walking Routes from Wellington Town Centre exploring areas of interest to the north of the town. All walks start from the Market Square and proceed in a Clockwise direction. Alternatively, walks can be reversed once you are familiar with the routes.

The scales of the various maps are slightly different but, in each instance, actual distances can be judged from the blue 1 km square grid lines.



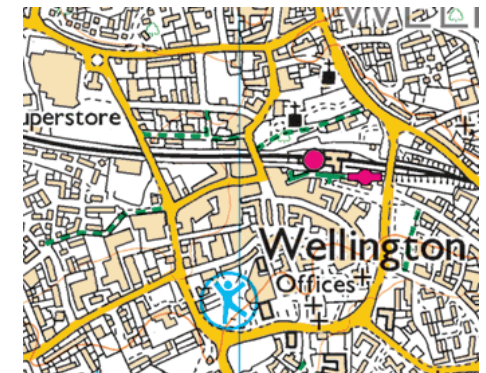
Route 5: Hadley Locks (continued)

6. Cross the road and turn L. Follow the road past the cemetery, then take the next path R following the edge of the cemetery. Pass some allotments on the R, then through the underpass ahead. Keep following this wider path.
7. After passing a small playground, pass between some trees then take the next path L. Keep L up a short bank, then turn L keeping the school on your L to the main road. Cross straight over and continue ahead. Turn L slightly downhill, then R and R again. At the steps, turn R and follow this path over one road then through an underpass. Turn R, then bear L up the path between the sports fields.
8. Follow this path to the end, then continue straight on past the grounds of **Wrekin College** and over a crossing and on into Sutherland Road then down Constitution Hill.
9. At the bottom, turn R along King St. immediately cross the road, turn R then L into Victoria Rd. over the railway, then R into the bus station. At the zebra crossing take the passage on the L through to New St, then turn R and follow the road back to Wellington Centre.



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