



British Walking Federation

PT129 BENTHALL EDGE (IRONBRIDGE) WALK



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DISTANCE: 12km

ENTRY FEE: £1.50 per walker (Cheques payable to the British Walking Federation)

AWARD: Cloth Badge at £2.50 each

DIRECTIONS FROM NEAREST TOWN: Telford, Shropshire - Leave Telford on the A442, heading South towards Coalport. Turn Right onto A4169, at first roundabout Turn Left and follow signs for Ironbridge

START VENUE: Dale End long stay car park, which is approximately 500m from the bridge

OS MAP: 127 **GR:** SJ672034

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COACH & CAR PARKING: There are several car parks in the vicinity. The nearest car park to the bridge is at the start (charges apply)

REFRESHMENTS: At the start/finish only

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 9th October 2023)

Leave the car park, turn right and continue on the pavement with river on your right passing Museum of Gorge on right, to reach bridge.

Q1 - Where was the bridge cast?

Cross the bridge to the Toll House and turn right onto old railway track following Severn Valley Way. Do not go into the picnic area, ahead under bridge and follow track keeping parallel to the river on right for 1200m ignoring all footpaths left and right to reach kissing gate and black horse rails/posts Through kissing gate, and turn right on Shropshire Way uphill through wood. Keep ahead to paths junction still following Shropshire Way to open area. Uphill through woods on Shropshire Way to reach stile, cross stile into field keeping on right hand side of field to next stile, do not cross stile. Turn sharp left and cross field on footpath, over next stile and cross field diagonally to gap in hedge. Continue ahead diagonally across next field in same direction to reach a pair of electricity poles and stile in corner. Turn right on track and

after 50 metres turn left to Benthall Hall and church, a nice bench for lunch stop.
Enter the churchyard

Q2 - On the church wall sundial, what is the saying?

Retrace steps to cross driveway and turn right on track, passing cemetery on left, then farm on right. Keep on track, at fork bear left to go through gap alongside gate blue sign post and follow track around to left. At junction turn sharp right, blue bridleway sign, keeping left downhill on track which becomes a grass track, following overhead power lines. Through 3 gates following blue bridleway arrows, and downhill through gate into Caravan Park, to reach small red letter box on right.

Q3 - On letter box, what is the Customer Service Team telephone number?

Continue down tarmac lane to exit Caravan Park following lane to eventually reach main road. Turn right over bridge and turn right on road signpost Ironbridge. After 250m, go through gate on Severn Way, keeping on path alongside river. (If the River Severn is in full flood it is advisable to continue along the road back to Ironbridge) Rejoin road by metal bridge, in 30m turn right through kissing gate again alongside river. Leave river bank through gate and turn right on pavement past Ironbridge sign then down steps onto Severn Way again alongside river, at next bridge bear left to road. Turn right on pavement to pass the Water Rat pub, continue on pavement to go under railway bridge.

Q4 –On red and white sign what is the bridge number?

Continue ahead on pavement and after 50 metres turn right on gravel track as it bends left and right to reach the rowing club Rowing Club. Bear left continue straight on through Dale End Park between wooden posts to arrive back at the car park on left and end of walk.

When you have completed this trail please use the [Permanent Trail Entry Form](#)

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