



British Walking Federation

PT129 BENTHALL EDGE (IRONBRIDGE) WALK



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DISTANCE: 12km

ENTRY FEE: £2.00 per walker (Cheques payable to the British Walking Federation)

AWARD: Cloth Badge at £2.50 each

START VENUE: Dale End long stay car park, approx. 500m from the bridge

OS MAP: 242 **GR:** SJ665037

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COACH & CAR PARKING: Dale End long stay car park at start. The Wharfage short stay car park is 100m away and on route (with public toilets). Other car parks in vicinity. (Charges apply)

REFRESHMENTS: At the start/finish only

UPDATED ROUTE ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 27th October 2025)

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. On English Heritage information board, who built the bridge?

Cross the bridge to the Toll House and turn right and then bear left through bollards onto old railway track following Severn Valley Way (before 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 left uphill to cross-tracks.

Continue straight ahead up wooden steps (there is a bench at the end!) and then continue uphill with wooden fence on left. Continue up a few more steps to another bench with view and continue along path to junction. Turn right signposted Spout Lane and follow to next junction and bear left signposted Spout Lane. At next junction, turn left signposted Spout Lane and go round metal gate onto lane. When lane bears left, turn right through gate into field and follow bridleway along right edge

of field. Through gate into next field and continue with Benthall Hall on right to next gate. Turn right on track and after 50 metres turn right to Benthall Hall and church, a nice bench for lunch stop. Enter the churchyard.

Q2. What body part is on the church wall sundial?

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 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. What is the letter box number?

Continue down tarmac lane to exit Caravan Park following lane to eventually reach main road. WATCH OUT FOR CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC MOVEMENTS. 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 riverbank through gate and turn right on pavement past Ironbridge sign then down steps onto Severn Way again alongside river (this next section of riverside path is overgrown and proposed for closure – if so, continue along pavement with road to Water Rat pub), at next bridge bear left to road. Turn right on pavement to pass the Water Rat pub.

Q4. What was the Water Rat pub formerly called (blue plaque on corner)?

Continue on pavement to go under railway bridge and after 50 metres turn right on gravel track as it bends right and left to reach the rowing club. Bear left and 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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