

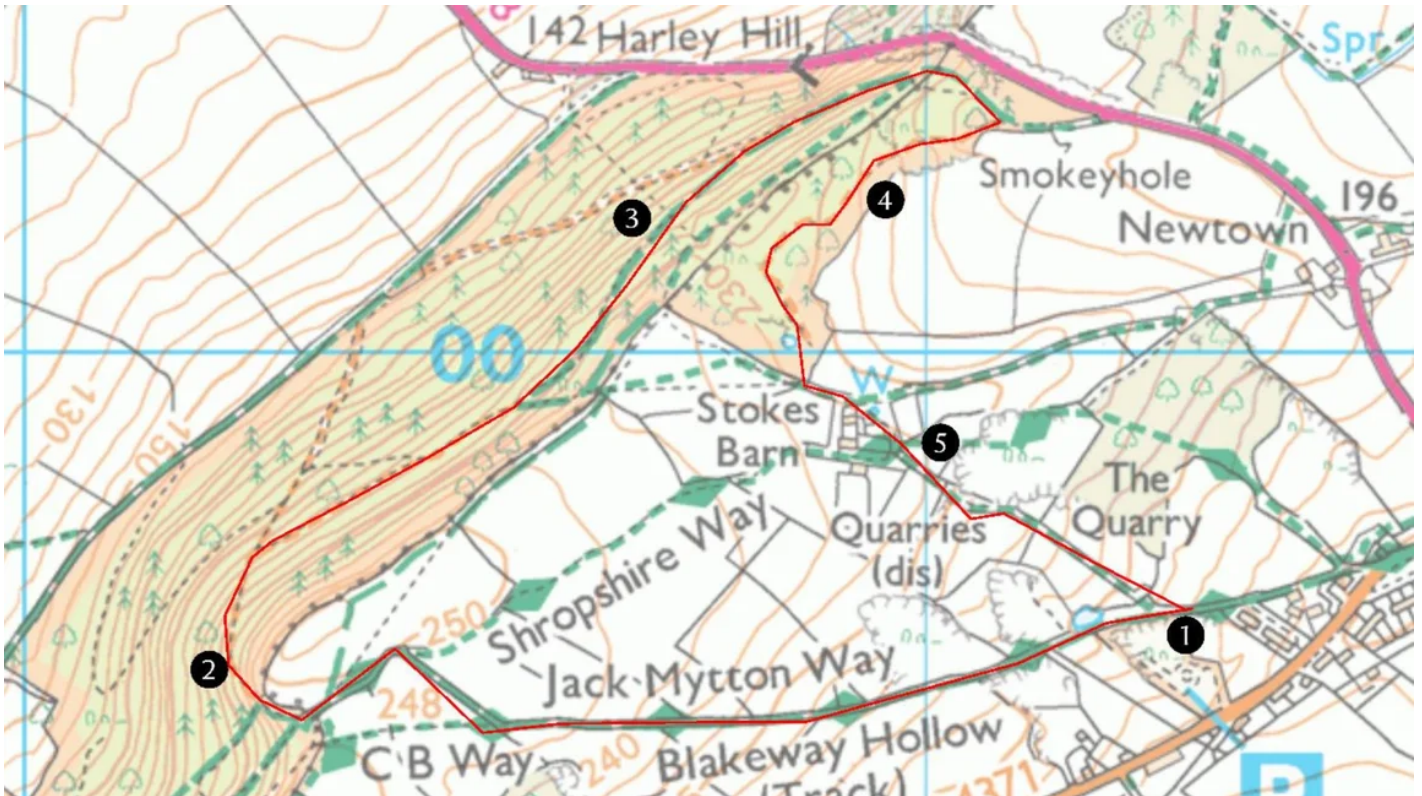
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Wenlock Edge Jenny Wind walk

This easy circular walk is an enjoyable stroll through green lanes with views across the Shropshire countryside. Look out for remnants of the area's industrial past, with disused quarries along the way. There's plenty of wildlife to appreciate, with unimproved meadows on the trail and limestone loving plants to spot.

i Historical tramway

Look out for the shallow bed of the Jenny Wind tramway, which once lowered limestone from the Wenlock Edge quarry to a bank of limekilns.



Information

Address: Much Wenlock National Trust car park OS grid reference SO613996

OS map: Explorer 217, Landranger 137

Activity: Walking

Easy

Dog friendly

Full trail: Miles: 2.2 (km: 3.52)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins - 2 hours

Terrain

A gentle undulating trail along rough tracks, tarmacked roads and through fields.

Total steps: 5

Start point: Much Wenlock National Trust car park, OS grid reference SO613996

1. Follow the path from the car park and turn left up Blakeway Hollow.
2. At the junction of pathways, just inside the trees on the crest of the Edge, curve right, downhill to Harley Bank, where there is a viewpoint on the left called Granham's Mount. 200 metres on, turn right, uphill.
3. Notice the shallow bed of the 'Jenny Wind' dropping down slope. Ignore the next junction and continue uphill where the path opens into a large coppiced area. Continue straight on at the next junction and take the path to the right, up through Smokehole Quarry.
4. Two excavated pot kilns sit beside the trail. Look for rare twayblade orchids nearby. When a winding path emerges 1/3 mile later, passing a disused quarry on the right, go up some steps and over a stile, then turn left along the field edge, crossing a minor road past Stokes Barn.
5. Take the way-marked path on the right down. Turn left onto Blakeway Hollow and then right into the car park. The path descends over unimproved meadows, where cowslips, common spotted and pyramidal orchids can be found in the limestone grassland.

End point: Much Wenlock National Trust car park, OS grid reference SO613996