

Severn Hospice Spring Stride 10 Mile Route Description

Sunday 22 April 2012

From the registration area, walk up through the Green Wood Centre. Bear left at the sign 'Woodland Trails', before the old station building. Follow the trail uphill to come out through a gate onto Station Road. Turn right.

After 300m bear left on the road signed 'Restricted Byway'. Then keep left at the junction with a large oak tree in the middle. (signed 'Private Road'). Carry on to steel gate. Through gate and turn right to follow the hedge up through two fields. As you enter the third field turn left, with the hedge on your left. Proceed downhill to a fence and stile. Over stile, continue across the field to go through the green kissing gate to the right of the house. In a few metres, immediately after the house on the right, turn right (footpath arrow) down into the trees and then after a few metres out onto a driveway. Turn left. Continue down the drive to Buildwas Road.

Take care and cross Buildwas Road, turn right on verge. Just after disused bridge to power station turn left through a gate, signed 'Severn Way'. Proceed down riverbank through a gate and forward alongside the River Severn. At end of field follow path up to a gate and up to the road. Turn left through a gate and stile ('Private Keep Out' sign) and along bank again. 30 metres before Buildwas Bridge, go right up bank next to picnic table. Through the gate and turn left along verge to footpath at bridge. Cross over bridge. Take first left after bridge to Pool View Park Homes. Continue past homes bearing to the right at the telephone box, to go through gate into woodland. Bear left uphill on the distinct path. Go through three gates close together. Continue upwards onto Benthall Edge.

At paths junction turn sharp left, now on the Shropshire Way. After 300 metres bear right through a gate (leaving the Shropshire Way). Go straight on to pass Benthall Hall farm on left. 200 metres after farm join tarmac minor road with church and Hall on left. Immediately cross road and go through gate proceeding straight ahead (Benthall Hall on left). At end of field bear right between an avenue of trees to the next gate in field corner. Go through gate and continue on path along fence to a kissing gate. Go through this and turn left. Follow the path along the left side of field to the next gate (signed 'public footpath'). Go through here and along the fence. Just before a gate across the way turn right through a gate and head onwards on a path to go left of bungalows ahead. Emerging from the side of the bungalows turn right, to come out on Benthall Lane. Cross road with care, turn left on the pavement and walk on into Broseley.

In the centre of Broseley turn left opposite the Victoria Hall into Dark Lane (Toilets on left here). After 200 metres, at school sign, turn right to the left side of 'The Downs'. Go through the black gate onto 'Haycop'. Keep to the right hand path down steps. Follow the path through woodland to bear right at a junction next to an information board, through a gate to the Ironbridge Road. Turn right along the pavement for a few metres to be level with the Broseley sign. **With great care** cross road into the road signed 'Valley View Show'. Go straight on at the end of the tarmac surface on a bridleway. Continue past two gates into Corbetts Dingle. Keep forward downhill to come out on a tarmac surface, under a bridge and down to the Boat Inn, Jackfield. [Water stop]

Continue along Ferry Road and onto footpath alongside long terrace and then turn left to pass Maws Craft Centre on your left (Toilets). At the road turn right and continue onto the wooden road and past the Tile Museum (more Toilets) onto the pavement on Church Road. At Jackfield Sidings continue on the footpath towards Ironbridge. Go through the Station car park and over the Iron Bridge.

Go across road and up the steps to the right side of the Tontine Hotel (signed IBW – Ironbridge Way) (yet more Toilets at end of the Square). Then up the steps to the left of the Severn Hospice shop, under the church to come out on Church Hill. Turn left and walk up hill. At the end of the road turn right on Lincoln Hill. After 100 metres, where the road forks, turn left into the drive to 'Limeburners'. After 40 metres turn right onto a public footpath. At paths T junction turn left to the Rotunda. At the Rotunda, admire the view of the Iron Bridge and your route from Broseley, then descend the flight of 159 steps. Turn right, signed 'Ironbridge', then left after a few metres down a further 34 steps. Here turn sharp left, signed 'Lincoln Hill Road'. At the road turn right and descend down to the Wharfage. Cross road and turn right continue straight on at mini roundabout, to cross road again at the pedestrian crossing by Dale End car park. Turn

left and continue on Buildwas road to Station Road. Here turn right and walk on to the Green Wood Centre and the finish! Congratulations!