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Welcome to Wellington and The Wrekin Forest

This map and guide is designed to help you find your way around the town, giving an idea of some of the town's historic features and modern facilities. The walk routes lead you onto The Wrekin, part of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and also features some walks to the north of the town.

In mediaeval times Wellington was known as 'Wellington Under the Wrekin' and can trace its Market Charter to 1244. Today it is a traditional market town centred in its Conservation Area around the Market Square and historic quarter. It enjoys a good selection of specialist independent shops including a large indoor market (open Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat) and a variety of places of worship. Wellington boasts a range of cafes, restaurants, and pubs - including micro breweries - as well as a town centre leisure facility with large swimming pool and well stocked library.

For arts enthusiasts, there is the newly opened 'Wellington

Orbit' - a state of the art cinema, café and community arts hub and the Belfry Theatre has a good range of live performances. If you look up to some of the windows in the Market Square you can see some historic Wellingtonians looking down and the charming 'Makers Dozen Trail' - murals throughout the town which illustrate Wellington's heritage, its craftsmen, artisans and manufacturers (murals locations marked on the map) - has recently been unveiled.

To anyone interested in geography, geology, biology, ecology, archaeology, wildlife or just walking and enjoying the scenery then Wellington, with the Dothill Nature Reserve and The Wrekin Forest, is ideal. There is plenty to do with bike trails, footpaths and nature walks aplenty. The wooded ridge of the Wrekin rises south of Wellington, offering fantastic views, a challenging but manageable climb and beautiful natural surroundings close to town. It is understandably much loved.

Nearby attractions include Ironbridge - the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution, the Roman city of Viroconium (Wroxeter) and the 'new town' of Telford. Half hidden away are many more interesting places well worth exploring, especially on the Weald Moors, including a Bronze Age lake village (Wall), the world's first cast iron aqueduct and several high-tech factories.



The Makers' Dozen Mural Trail

1 Walker Street / Larkin Way: The horner on the corner

2 Duke Street: Frances Houlston, printer & publisher

3 6 New Street: Nathaniel and Andrew Plimer, clock makers and artists

4 48-49 New Street: Richard Groom, basket weaver and timber merchant

5 2 Plough Road: John Clyberie, bell-maker

6 19 Church Street: Samuel Corbett Senior, iron founder and Samuel Corbett Junior, music-maker

7 19 Church Street: Hesba Stretton, storyteller

8 7 Market Street: The Wellington Cobbler & The Wrekin Giant, mountain-makers

9 22 Market Street: Thomas Taylor the brewer and John Barber the market-builder

10 The Pheasant, Market Street: Norah Wellings, toymaker

11 The Pheasant, Market Street: Philip Larkin, poet

12 19 Bridge Road: Thomas Wright, dyer



Points of interest

The Wrekin Hillfort

The Wrekin fort first appeared in the Bronze Age around 3500 years ago and was rebuilt by Celts about 500 BC. It is believed to have been the 'capital' of the tribe the Romans called Cornovii, who lived in Shropshire and Cheshire. Although the hillfort has not been used for 2,000 years it is still visible. It is a Scheduled Monument and the home of our ancestors, so please treat it well. See 'Archaeology of the Welsh Marches' by Stan Stanford and 'The Wrekin Hill' by Allan Frost.

The Wrekin Hills - Geology

The rocks which form the Wrekin are millions of years old - they predate the Himalayas, Alps and Andes and contain a huge variety of rock types. Many are ancient 'Uriconian' volcanic rock and are some of the earliest example of shelly fossils formed thousands of miles south of the Equator arriving here propelled by plate tectonics. See 'Geology in Shropshire' by Peter Toghill.

The Woodlands - Ownership

Much of the woodlands are privately owned. Telford and Wrekin Council and Shropshire Wildlife Trust own the remaining land in the Erccall and Lawrence Hill area. All the paths marked are either public or permissive; if you don't stray you're quite legal but remember that owners, farmers, foresters and golfers have rights as well as we do.

The Legend of the Wrekin Giant

Legend has it that the Wrekin was created by a giant. He had been planning to drop a spadefull of earth on the River Severn in order to flood Shrewsbury but was dissuaded by a canny cobbler who told him it was still far, far away. Tired and despondent the giant dropped the earth, forming the Wrekin, and turned back.

Sunnycroft

A jewel in Wellington's crown is this rare suburban villa and mini estate which is maintained by the National Trust. An Edwardian time capsule, with original contents and features, transports you back to the pre-First World War 'country-house' lifestyle. Sunnycroft tells the story of a brewer, a widow, and three generations of a Wellington industrialist family. Open throughout the year. nationaltrust.org.uk/sunnycroft or call 01952 242884.



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WELLINGTON TOWN CENTRE

This map of the centre of Wellington with key points of interest will help you find your way around.

The BLUE walk route will lead you towards The Wrekin, part of the Shropshire Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

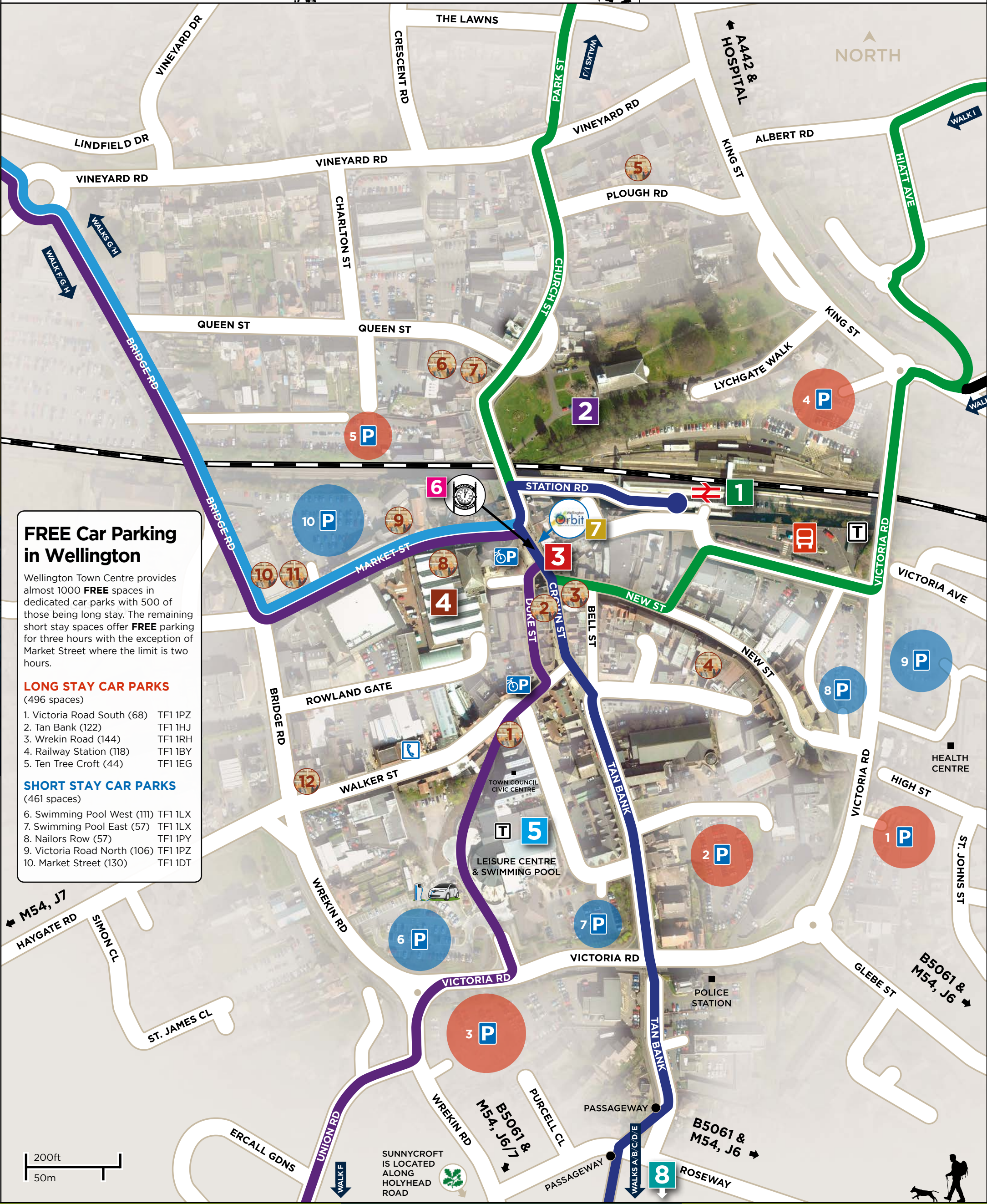
Various routes around the town and up The Wrekin can be found on the reverse of this leaflet.

- 1 Wellington Railway Station
- 2 All Saints Church
- 3 Market Square
- 4 Wellington Market
- 5 Wellington Library and Leisure Centre

- 6 Wellington Community Clock
- 7 Wellington Orbit Cinema
- 8 Sunnycroft

Map Key

- Train Station
- Bus Station
- Car Parks
- Cycle Parks
- Rail Route
- Public Toilets
- Public Telephones
- Roads and Streets
- Electric Car charging points



FREE Car Parking in Wellington

Wellington Town Centre provides almost 1000 FREE spaces in dedicated car parks with 500 of those being long stay. The remaining short stay spaces offer FREE parking for three hours with the exception of Market Street where the limit is two hours.

LONG STAY CAR PARKS

(496 spaces)

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| 1. Victoria Road South (68) | TF1 1PZ |
| 2. Tan Bank (122) | TF1 1HJ |
| 3. Wrekin Road (144) | TF1 1RH |
| 4. Railway Station (118) | TF1 1BY |
| 5. Ten Tree Croft (44) | TF1 1EG |

SHORT STAY CAR PARKS

(461 spaces)

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| 6. Swimming Pool West (111) | TF1 1LX |
| 7. Swimming Pool East (57) | TF1 1LX |
| 8. Nailors Row (57) | TF1 1PY |
| 9. Victoria Road North (106) | TF1 1PZ |
| 10. Market Street (130) | TF1 1DT |

