



Telford Coronation Walks

Walk 05 Leegomery and Apley

<https://www.telfordt5050miletrail.org.uk/projects/leegomery>

Distance 1.8 miles Wheelchair and pushchair friendly.

The walk starts and finishes outside the Leegomery Community Centre. TF1 6NA <https://what3words.com/concerned.speaker.snooping>

OS Map: <https://explore.osmaps.com/route/18740972/tcw--05--leegomery>

The start is close to the terminus of the number 4 bus. There are tea rooms at the Community Centre (limited opening) and Princess Royal Hospital (close to route)

This route takes in three pieces of chainsaw carving and part of Apley Woods. To find out more about Apley Wood, visit <https://www.apleywoods.co.uk/>

1. Stand with your back to the community centre door. Turn right, heading toward the back of the shops, take the path to the left through the gap and continue with a carved chainsaw bench on your left-hand side. The bench is a chainsaw carving by Joffrey Watson of Much Wenlock.
2. At the road, cross to the dropped curb on the opposite side. Take the opposite path as it bears left to pass a weeping willow tree on your left.
3. Turn left onto the path opposite house number 9 and continue to pass a wooden henge-like structure (renovated in 2023) to reach the road.
4. At the road, turn right, passing a bus stop on your right-hand side. Eventually, cross Teresa Way and continue ahead.
5. Approximately 18 metres after a pedestrian-controlled crossing and in line with metal railings, turn right to take the footpath through a black metal gate.
6. Continue ahead until you reach a gap to a surfaced footpath on your left-hand side. Turn left onto the footpath, passing through a black metal gate. Follow the path with low metal railings on each side to reach a road.
7. At the road, cross to take the alleyway between house numbers 41 and 43. At the crossroad, continue ahead, passing number 65 Shoveler Drive on your left.
8. Continue ahead and cross to the right of a sign indicating "No 57 to the left and numbers 76 60" Take the path ahead to pass through a metal gate to reach the Silkin Way and turn left.
9. Ignore the brown sign pointing into Apley Woods and continue to reach a gap in the black metal fence on the right-hand side opposite a large tree in the fence gap on the left. Pass through the gap and continue with a pond (the old bathing pool for the Georgian manor house) on the left-hand side.
10. At the junction, as you reach another pond, turn left to pass a bench, carved from a fallen tree, on the left-hand side.

11. At the next footpath junction, turn sharp right just before the Apley information sign and walk through the Yew Tree Avenue (another relic from the days of the manor house). You have briefly joined the Telford T50 here.
12. At the end of the Yew Tree Avenue, turn left.
13. At the footpath junction, turn right (still on the T50) to reach and pass through a wooden kissing gate.
14. Continue ahead **for approximately 11 metres** and turn left, leaving the T50, onto a path between trees. Continue on this path, noting the back of a magnificent carving, to reach and turn right on the next path, which crosses in front of a large oak tree on the left to reach the road opposite number 11, Woodlark Grove. Turn right and continue along the road, passing the front of the carved owl sculpture in a tree stump on the right-hand side.
15. Follow the road as it bends left to reach a road junction and turn right.
16. Turn right through a metal gate and continue along the path, ignoring side paths to the right and left to reach a T junction with a main footpath (Silkin Way and also the T50). Turn left opposite the black bin and continue to pass through an underpass.
17. Continue ahead and pass to the left of the parade. Continue ahead and turn right immediately after passing two concrete bollards. Turn right at the next path junction, leaving the T50, to return to the start of the walk.