

A Walk through Bridgnorth's Green Spaces

Find the quietest places and best views in our busy market town. Explore High and Low Town.

Choose a strenuous walk, stroll or a longer route.

Enjoy exploring!

Linking Bridgnorth Green Spaces

1. Turn right out of the library and left onto High Street. Pass the Town Hall and go through Northgate arch until you come to St Johns Church on your right. To the left of the church is a pocket-sized prayer garden. Sit on the oak bench, made from timber grown on Wenlock Edge, in a garden dedicated to St Francis, lover of nature. Look out for the tits using the nesting boxes.
2. Retrace your steps, turning left up Moat St. to St Leonard's Close. Stroll around the back of this historic church. Maybe take a seat on the green to appreciate this quiet close.
3. Cut down St Leonards Steps to the top of Friar Street and turn left. Admire the view over the river from the green. (Accessible route – walk down Church Street and turn left along High Street, then left down Cartway or take the Cliff Railway to the bridge.)
4. Walk down Friars Loade Steps and turn right to reach the bridge. Cross the bridge and take the first set of steps on your left, by the clock tower, down to the river. (Accessible route – turn left into Mill Street and take the first left down Doctors Lane.) Stroll along the riverside, looking out for kingfishers, swans, geese and ducks. You might spot an otter or a peregrine falcon, the fastest animal on earth, travelling at 280mph in full dive. On your right see the allotments and the evolving community garden, managed by volunteers.

5. Reach Severn Park where you can enjoy the riverside, use the outdoor gym or visit the children's play area.

6. Turn right by the outdoor gym to leave the park by the play area and turn right to head back to town, keeping right at the roundabout. Pass Our Green Shop where you can buy refill products or just browse. Cross the bridge and head to Lavington Gardens, where you will pass historic caves. (Accessible route – come back up on the Cliff Railway or walk back up Cartway.)

7. Climb up Library Steps to Castle Walk. Walk clockwise to enjoy views including the Severn Valley Railway. After dusk, you may notice some of our wide range of bats which enjoy the varied habitats. At the oak tree enter Castle Gardens. There are plenty of places to sit and enjoy the beautiful planting and appreciate the allotments managed by the WI, with a couple of interesting guardians supervising.

8. Leave by the path to the right of the remains of the castle and walk around St Mary's churchyard. This has features to encourage wildlife, including bird and bat boxes, and a bug hotel. Notice plants selected to attract pollinators. Can you spot the three swift boxes high up on the southeast wall of the church? The benches provide a great place to relax and admire the view before walking up elegant East Castle Street. Turn right at the top and then left down Listley Street to return to the library.

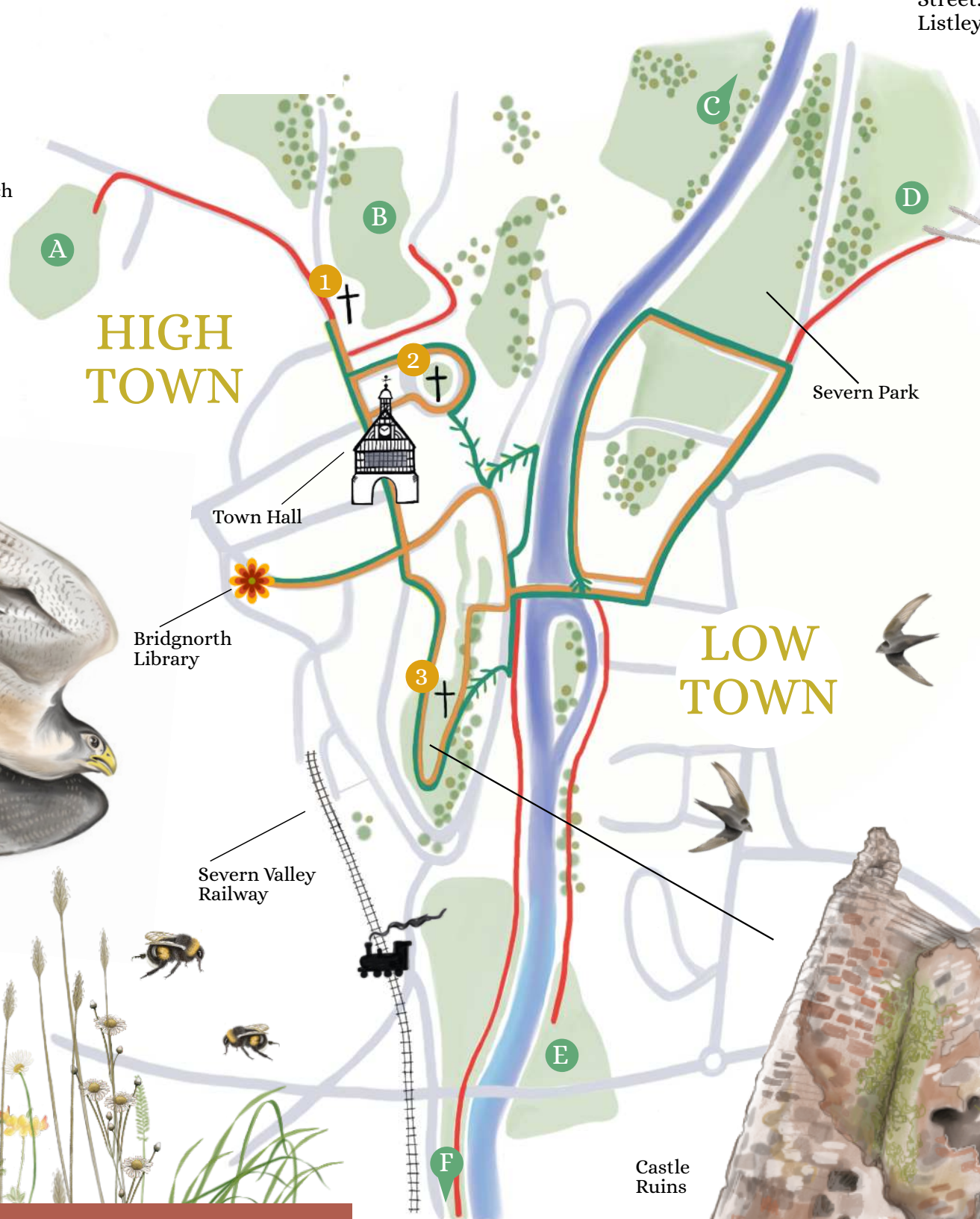


KEY

- 1 St John's Church
- 2 St Leonard's Church
- 3 St Mary's Church
- Steps

Routes

- Accessible
- Strenuous
- Extensions



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A. CROWN MEADOW: Got young children? Head to the play area at Crown Meadow and see the hedges and trees planted by the community as part of Lara's Tree Town. Access to rear of football club.

B THE DINGLE: Walk along Cliff Rd. to Love Lane and past the scout hut to the Dingle to experience a forest adventure.

C SILKIN WAY: Continue along the riverside, until you reach the old railway line route to join the Severn Way, leading to the Silkin Way.

D BRIDGNORTH CEMETERY: Cross the road and visit Bridgnorth cemetery, Local Wildlife Site, with remnant heath and wildflowers.

E WELLMEADOW: Continue along the tow path to Wellmeadow where a native wildflower meadow has been created as part of the B-Line which enables migration of species, by providing stepping-stones of habitat so pollinators can move through our town to feed, mate and rest.

F DANIEL'S MILL: Continue along the riverside to Daniel's Mill, where they still grind corn.

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Do watch out for some steep steps and uneven surfaces



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