



Route Information

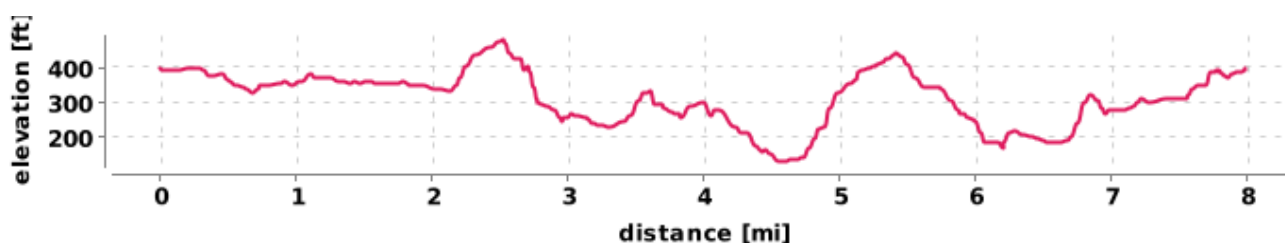
Thomas Parker - Madeley - Coalbrookdale - 8 miles NW

Route to celebrate the life of Thomas Parker, for Wellington Walking Festival 2022 and Heritage Open Days 2022.

Route Summary

Total Distance	7.99 mi (12.86 km)
Elevation	131 ft at lowest point 480 ft at highest point
Total Ascent	1119 ft

Elevation Profile



Route Card

#	OS Grid Ref	Dist from start	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation
1	SJ 696 043	0 mi	52° 38' 10" N	2° 27' 1" W	397 ft

Dist to next: **0.32 mi**, Ascent to next: **-4 ft**

2	SJ 695 047	0.32 mi	52° 38' 22" N	2° 27' 5" W	393 ft
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Thomas Parker Drive

One of 2 local roads named in his honour. The other is in the new Beeches development.

Dist to next: **0.42 mi**, Ascent to next: **-41 ft**

3	SJ 696 052	0.73 mi	52° 38' 38" N	2° 26' 58" W	352 ft
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Court Works

The Court Iron Works, which he bought in retirement, were actually further East where the Court Works Industrial Estate is. This is the edge of the colliery that was earlier associated with the iron works.

Dist to next: **2.06 mi**, Ascent to next: **-58 ft**

- 4 **SJ 670 044** **2.8** mi **52° 38' 13" N** **2° 29' 18" W** **293** ft
Holy Trinity Church
- Site of plaque, grave of parents and gift of a writing desk, by his family on his death. .
Also view point for the Coalbrookdale Institute (now a youth hostel) where he used to lecture, and on Tuesday, 9th February, 1882, gave the first successful demonstration of Swan and Edison's incandescent lamps. There were seven lamps, which were run from two Parker storage batteries. The lamps ran for fifteen minutes and provided 20 candlepower, and lit the room nearly as well as the 18 gas jets that were usually in action.
- Dist to next: **0.28** mi, Ascent to next: **-29** ft
- 5 **SJ 668 048** **3.07** mi **52° 38' 24" N** **2° 29' 29" W** **265** ft
Carpenters Row
- Where he lived on his return as foreman in the iron works
Dist to next: **0.23** mi, Ascent to next: **-35** ft
- 6 **SJ 667 047** **3.3** mi **52° 38' 21" N** **2° 29' 34" W** **229** ft
Coalbrookdale Ironworks
- Where he worked, first as a lad, then later as foreman, then chemist.
Dist to next: **0.22** mi, Ascent to next: **76** ft
- 7 **SJ 665 050** **3.53** mi **52° 38' 31" N** **2° 29' 42" W** **306** ft
Quaker Meeting House
- Site of the Quaker Meeting House Where he gave lectures on his retirement.
Dist to next: **0.95** mi, Ascent to next: **-150** ft
- 8 **SJ 664 037** **4.48** mi **52° 37' 51" N** **2° 29' 48" W** **155** ft
Valley Hotel
- Severn House, which he bought as his home when he returned from London on his retirement.
Dist to next: **0.84** mi, Ascent to next: **264** ft
- 9 **SJ 672 039** **5.32** mi **52° 37' 56" N** **2° 29' 8" W** **419** ft
Lincoln Hill
- Birthplace
Dist to next: **2.47** mi, Ascent to next: **-27** ft
- 10 **SJ 696 041** **7.79** mi **52° 38' 2" N** **2° 27' 0" W** **392** ft
St Michaels Churchyard
- His final resting place, in the Fletcher family vault.

Dist to next: **0.2** mi, Ascent to next: **5** ft

11 **SJ 696 043** **7.99** mi **52° 38' 10" N** **2° 27' 1" W** **398** ft