



Broseley was well known for its clay pipes. "Will you take a Broseley?" was a familiar phrase in the Jitties' bars and taverns.

The Broseley Jitties are a maze of narrow lanes and passages that link together a higgledy-piggledy jumble of old squatter cottages. Each Jitty has a distinct name reflecting its history and folklore and the people who once lived there.

part of Broseley.

This leaflet will help you to follow the Broseley Jitties Trail, a short walk and free audio tour exploring a unique and historic

## THE BROSELEY JITTIES

# EXPLORE THE BROSELEY JITTIES



The Jitties began in the 1590s when immigrant miners were encouraged to build cottages on common land on the edge of Broseley. By tradition a man had a right to a house if he could erect a chimney and hearth in a day.

The Jitties began in the 1590s as a squatter community of immigrant miners who lived and worked in dire poverty. In the following centuries the Jitties remained a place on the edge of society, and sometimes beyond the law, where little was officially recorded or written down. People here struggled long and hard for centuries to gain prosperity and social acceptance. The Jitties area is now a desirable place of mostly restored cottages with a unique community heritage.



© Betsy Smith

Why not visit the Pipe Museum? One of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum sites. Experience work in the pipe works at the turn of the last century. Opening times are limited. Please visit [www.ironbridge.org.uk](http://www.ironbridge.org.uk) to avoid disappointment.



Before the Jitties were linked to the mains water system, water had to be collected by hand at local wells and springs.

The Jitties were only linked to the water and sewerage system in the 1920s, long after the rest of Broseley. Before then water had to be collected at the nearby Cob Well. Boss Well and The Spout in Spout Lane. Sewerage was dumped in earth closets or open sewers.



Maypole Jitty is named after the Maypole on Woodlands Green, a tradition dating back centuries.

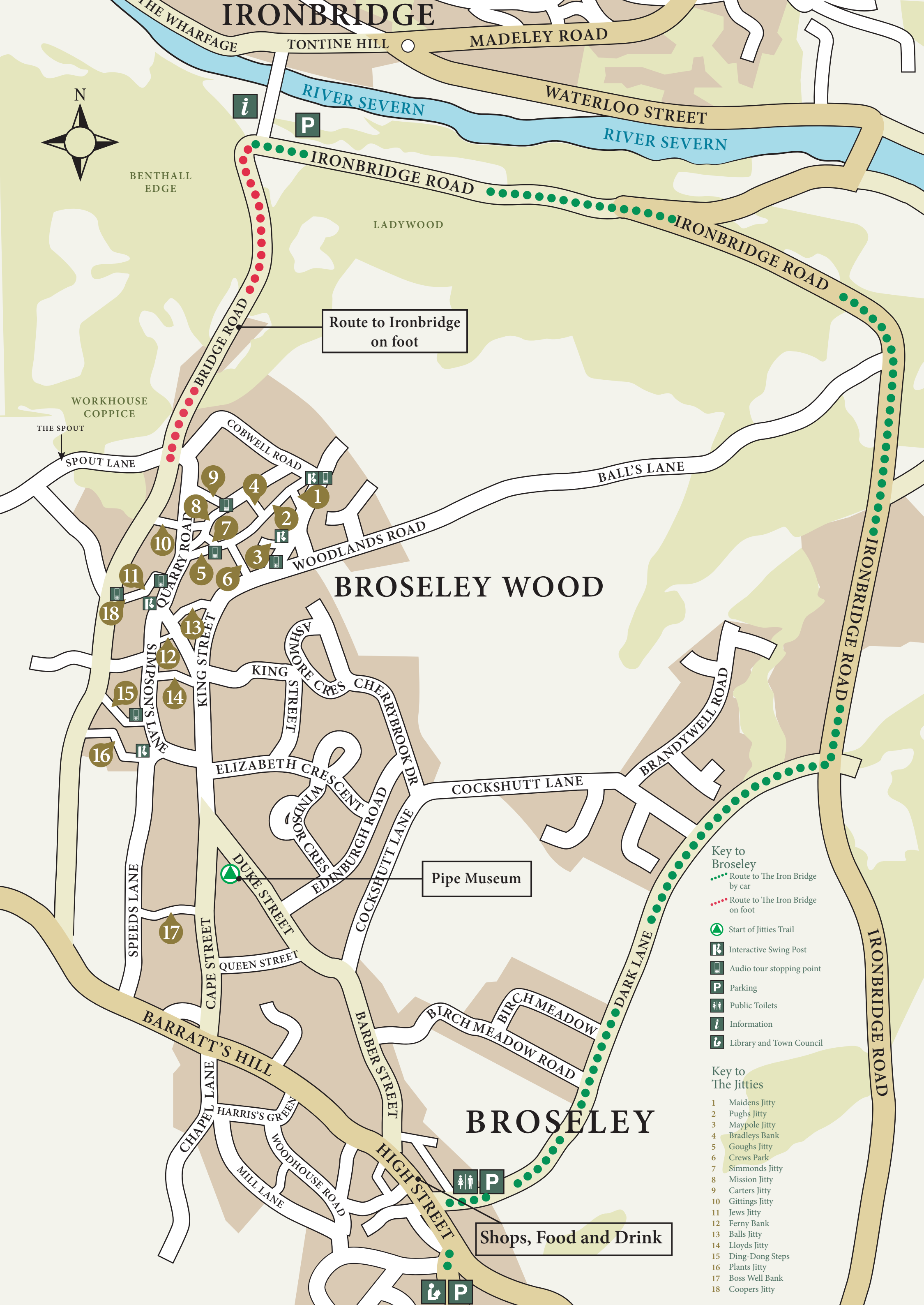
## Visitor Information

You can explore the Trail in any direction you choose. It will take about 1 hr to wander round at an easy pace.

Some of the paths are quite steep and are not suitable for wheelchairs.

Download a copy of the FREE audio tour from [www.broseley.org.uk](http://www.broseley.org.uk).





# IRONBRIDGE

TONTINE HILL

MADELEY ROAD

WATERLOO STREET

RIVER SEVERN

RIVER SEVERN

IRONBRIDGE ROAD

IRONBRIDGE ROAD

LADYWOOD

Route to Ironbridge  
on foot

WORKHOUSE  
COPPICE

THE SPOUT

SPOUT LANE

COBWELL ROAD

BALL'S LANE

WOODLANDS ROAD

## BROSELEY WOOD

Pipe Museum

### Key to Broseley

- Route to The Iron Bridge  
by car
- Route to The Iron Bridge  
on foot
- Start of Jitties Trail
- Interactive Swing Post
- Audio tour stopping point
- Parking
- Public Toilets
- Information
- Library and Town Council

### Key to The Jitties

- Maidens Jitty
- Pughs Jitty
- Maypole Jitty
- Bradleys Bank
- Goughs Jitty
- Crews Park
- Simmonds Jitty
- Mission Jitty
- Carters Jitty
- Gittings Jitty
- Jews Jitty
- Ferny Bank
- Balls Jitty
- Lloyds Jitty
- Ding-Dong Steps
- Plants Jitty
- Boss Well Bank
- Coopers Jitty

## BROSELEY

Shops, Food and Drink