

Much Wenlock Itinerary

Day 1:

Much Wenlock Priory

A beautiful ruin situated in Wenlock of an Anglo-Saxon monastery. This particular site is lucky that much of the once majestic building still stands tall. There is a real sense of history that can be seen through the ancient carvings set in the stone of a town that is infamous for its historic Olympic games.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/daysout/properties/wenlock-priory/>

Buildwas Abbey

Very close to the Wenlock Priory is a site that retains some of the most profound ruins of a once stunning abbey. The Buildwas Abbey ruins are quite simply remarkable in the fact there is so much still standing. The 12th century church, tile floored chapter house and crypt chapel are as beautiful as the surroundings they have as a back drop.

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Day 2:

Olympian Trail

The Wenlock Olympic Trail is about 1.3 miles long and begins and ends at the Much Wenlock museum. The trail will take you on a route along the sites and areas that pay special importance to Dr William Penny Brookes (the founder of the Olympic games) and the Olympic Games. Along the way you will encounter lots of information boards that make for interesting reading on the history of that particular site. Once you have completed the trail, within the museum finishing point, you will find displays of Wenlock Olympic Games artifacts which give further insight into the significant history of the area which lead to the birth of the modern Olympic games.

Much Wenlock Guildhall

This 16th century Guildhall is open April through October with a small admission fee. The ground floor space is often used for markets where the council chamber is more commonly used for exhibitions and events. On the ground floor market area you will see several items throughout the building which are icons of the rich history the building has to offer such as the old medieval stone jail, hand irons which were used as a whipping post, and an order regarding market day restrictions and fines.