

Monmouthshire Health Walk - Piercefield Walk

DISTANCE

2.6 miles/ 4.2 kilometres

TIME

1 hour 25 mins

GRADE

Moderate, with three inclines that can be taken at an easy pace

STARTING POINT

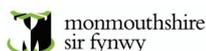
Chepstow Leisure Centre

THE ROUTE

- 1 From the Leisure Centre, walk back to Welsh Street and turn right along the pavement
- 2 Turn right through a hole in the stone wall and follow a well-defined path initially signposted Wye Valley Walk
- 3 At the end of the wood, go through a gate into Piercefield Park and follow a track towards the ruins of the house
- 4 Turn right across the park in front of the house, following a waymark, and continue into the wood
- 5 Cross the stile and turn right, following the Wye Valley Walk
- 6 At the Alcove, climb a flight of steps and turn left at the top, through a gap in the stone wall, taking the path to the left of the school playing fields back to the leisure centre

POINTS OF INTEREST

- A The existing Piercefield House dates back to the early 19th century and was designed by Sir John Soane. The house is a Grade 2* listed building and the parkland Grade 1.
- B Chepstow Racecourse was established in 1925. There are approximately 26 meetings a year with both flat and jump racing. The course is home to several prestigious meetings, including the Welsh National.
- C The Piercefield Walks date back to the 1750's and were frequented by poets, artists and writers as part of the Romantic movement. The paths still retain some of the original viewpoints and in the last few years have been subject to substantial investment by 'Overlooking the Wye', a Heritage Lottery Fund project managed by the Wye Valley AONB.



KEY

- Walk route
- Public right of way
- Roads
- Parking
- Stile
- Gate
- Underpass
- Bench
- Bridge
- Footbridge
- Steps
- Church
- Pub
- Cafe
- Village Hall
- Railway line

