

Castle Meadows & Linda Vista Gardens



DISTANCE

1.6 miles / 2.4 kilometres

TIME

45 minutes

GRADE

Easy walk mostly level

STARTING POINT

Byefield Lane Car Park,
near Linda Vista Gardens
(Free except Tuesdays)

THE ROUTE

- 1 Leave the car park from the SW (bottom right) exit & turn left
- 2 After 100, turn left again and head across the meadow
- 3 Turn right before the bridge over the River Gavenny and then right again to follow the bank of the Usk, all the way to Usk Bridge
- 4 At the 'Watery Steps' information panel, turn sharp right and cross the meadow back to the car park
- 5 Walk through the car park to Linda Vista gardens
- 6 Turn left to walk along the grass terrace below the house
- 7 Continue, keeping to the bottom of the hill and climb up gently to a red seat
- 8 Continue round the perimeter of the garden back to the car park

POINTS OF INTEREST

- A Castle Meadows is a large area of floodplain grazing land next to the River Usk; it is owned and managed by Monmouthshire Council
- B Gobannium was a Roman fort guarding the road along the valley of the River Usk which linked to the legionary fortress of Burrium (Usk)
- C A castle was possibly constructed here by Hamelin (de Ballon) during the Norman Conquest of England and Wales before 1100
- D There are views of the surrounding hills, including Sugarloaf (to the north) and Blorange (to the south) property of Hamelin (de Ballon) who built a motte and bailey castle

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