

# River Usk and Llanwenarth Walk

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## DISTANCE

4 miles/6.4 kms

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## TIME

2 hours

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## GRADE

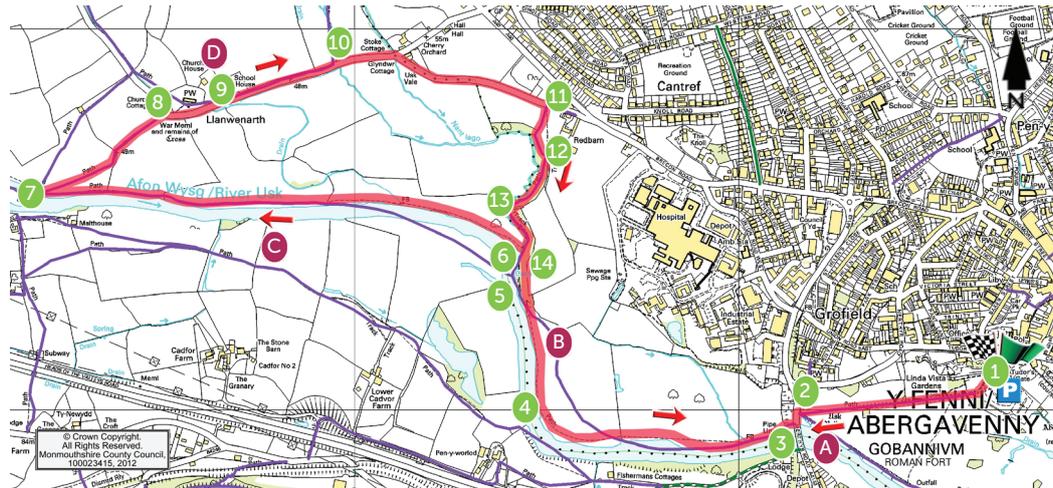
Moderate - quite long with a climb from the flood plain to the railway pac

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## STARTING POINT

Byfield Lane Car Park (free except Tuesdays)

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## THE ROUTE

- 1 Leave the SW corner of Byfield Lane Car Park and walk SW across Castle Meadows to Usk Bridge
- 2 Ascend to the road, cross and descend 17 steps on the W side to the river bank
- 3 Pass through two metal gates and follow the path westwards along the river bank
- 4 Cross a foot bridge
- 5 Cross a stile into a wooded area with a hill to the right. Take care as the river has eroded the bank and there is a drop to the left at this point
- 6 Cross the large foot bridge and continue along the river bank
- 7 After a further footbridge and stiles, turn right heading NE with the field boundary to your right towards Llanwenarth
- 8 Three more stiles bring you onto the tarmac road at Llanwenarth
- 9 Turn right here, past the church and eastwards towards Abergavenny
- 10 Take the right hand fork in the road
- 11 After about 300m, turn right over a stile just before some barn conversions (signed 'River Usk')
- 12 Cross the field and over a stile into the woods
- 13 Follow the path back to the large foot bridge
- 14 Turn left at the bridge and re-trace your route back to Byfield Lane

## POINTS OF INTEREST

- A The Usk Bridge was originally built in the middle ages, by Jasper Tudor, who was Duke of Bedford and Baron of Abergavenny. The mediaeval bridge was joined to a parallel 19th century tramroad bridge to create the current bridge and parts of both remain
- B The bank here is eroded on the outside of the bends in the river, where the force of the stream is strongest at times of flood
- C A chain ferry used to operate between the Usk banks at Llanwenarth and Govilon (Boat Farm is a reminder)
- D The Abergavenny and Border Counties Show was held annually in the fields near St Peter's Church until the 1990s