

Drybridge & Watery Lane Walk

DISTANCE

2.75 miles / 4.4 kilometres

TIME

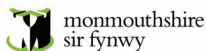
1 hr 15 minutes

GRADE

Medium - one ascent, several stiles

STARTING POINT

Bridges Community Centre

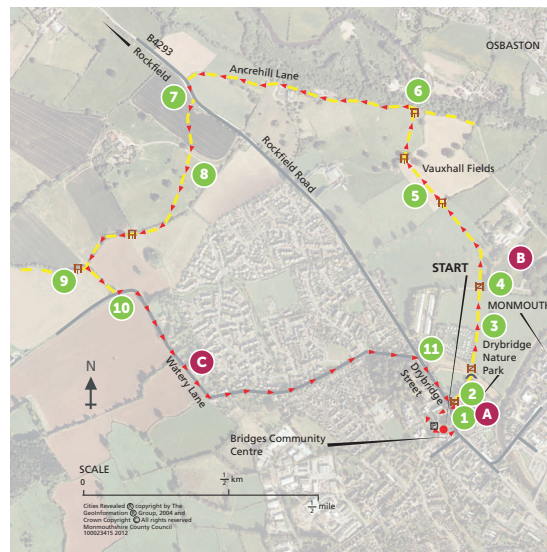


THE ROUTE

- 1 Go through a gate opposite the entrance to the Bridges Centre into Drybridge Nature Park.
- 2 Follow the concrete path then at a lifebelt stand take a grass path on the left over a grassy bank, then cross a stream by a bridge.
- 3 First keep the hedge to your left, then cross the field.
- 4 Cross the track and keep the hedge on your right, veering left and slightly up hill.
- 5 Cross two stiles then veer right to reach Ancrehill Lane over a third stile.
- 6 Turn left and follow Ancrehill Lane.
- 7 At the B4293 Rockfield Road, turn left and after a few yards turn right through a gap in the hedge (wooden fingerpost) and over a small footbridge to follow a footpath diagonally left across a field towards a large oak tree.
- 8 Cross a track and follow a path past more oak trees to a stile at the bottom corner of the field. Cross this and continue.
- 9 Cross a stile & turn left following Offa's Dyle Path National Trail.
- 10 Turn left on Watery Lane and follow it back down into town.
- 11 Turn right onto Rockfield Road and back to the Bridges Community Centre.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- A Drybridge Community Nature reserve is managed by the Gwent Wildlife Trust and local volunteers. Watch out for dragon and damsel flies in the summer.
- B Vauxhall fields have been used variously in the past including as pleasure gardens, for horse racing, a military camp, an



KEY

- ▶ ▶ Walk route
- Public right of way
- Roads
- ▣ Parking
- ▣ Gate
- ▣ Stile
- ⤴ Footbridge

airfield and a golf course. A battle between Henry III and Richard Earl of Pembroke was fought hereabouts in 1233.

- C Offa's Dyke Path is one of 15 National Trails in England and Wales. It crosses the Welsh/English border over 20 times along its 177 mile/285 kilometre length from Prestatyn to Sedbury Cliffs, near Chepstow.