

Vauxhall Fields Walk

DISTANCE

1.75 miles / 2.8 kilometres

TIME

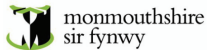
1 hour

GRADE

Easy - no stiles, one footbridge

STARTING POINT

Monmouth Leisure Centre

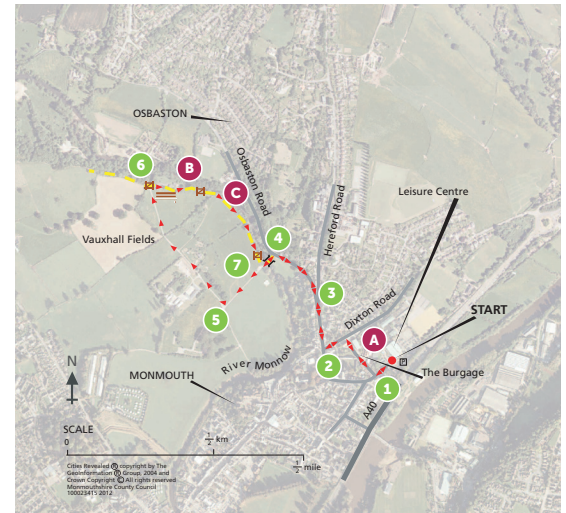


THE ROUTE

- 1 Turn right from the Leisure Centre and then right again along The Burgage.
- 2 Turn left on Dixon Road and then right along Monk Street and The Parade.
- 3 Fork left onto Osbaston Road and follow this to just past a sign to the cemetery.
- 4 Turn left and cross over the bridge and continue along the lane.
- 5 Turn right at a cross roads and continue as far as the woods at Ancrehill Lane.
- 6 Go through the gate and turn right on Ancrehill Lane. Follow this lane back to the bridge at Osbaston Road.
- 7 Re-trace your route from here back to the Leisure Centre.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- A** In mediaeval times, a burgage was a property rented out by the King or a Lord. A burgage usually consisted of a house with a long, thin garden behind. The original buildings and plots of the Monmouth burgages have been subsumed into other properties over time so that now, only the name remains.
- B** There was a water-powered forge on the River Monnow at Osbaston in the 12th Century. In 1899, Monmouth Corporation built one of the first, publicly-owned electricity generating stations here. The current power station is owned by the Old Manor Electric



KEY

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| | Walk route | | Parking | | Bridge |
| | Public right of way | | Gate | | Bench |
| | Roads | | | | |

Company; it uses two 'Archimedes Screws' to generate about 670 megawatts of electricity per year, enough to power 150 homes.

- C** A mill first operated on the site of The Mill House in 1448. Corn was milled here from then until the early 20th century, when it became an engineering workshop. It is now a private house.