

## Abergavenny Walk details

**Distance:** Approx 2 miles

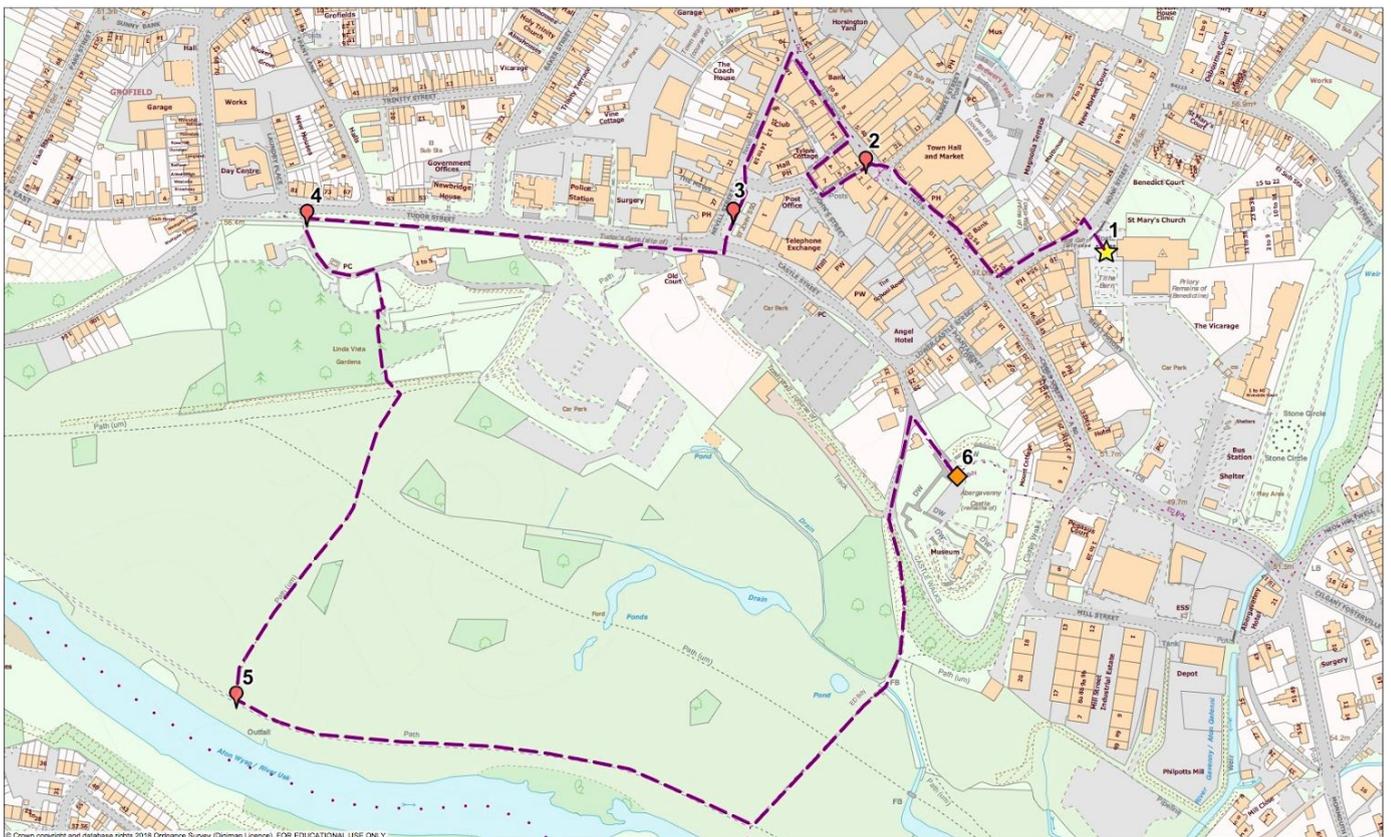
**Time:** Approx 1 hour

**Access:** Easy, some slopes and gentle inclines up the High Street; mostly paved with level access, suitable for wheelchairs and buggies

**Parking:** Many carparks in Abergavenny town centre, including Priory carpark and Castle Street carpark (charges apply).



## Walking Route



## Directions

1. Start your walk at St Mary's Priory and Tithe Barn. St Mary's Church originally served the eleventh-century Benedictine Priory and is one of the largest churches in Wales; it is home to many fine monuments, including the 'Jesse Tree'. The Tithe Barn dates back to the Twelfth Century and used to store the taxes owed to the Priory monks; it now houses an exhibition showing the history of the Priory, the Abergavenny



*Tourist Information Centre, and a gift shop. Cross over to the far side of Monk Street, using the pedestrian crossing to your right and follow the road to your left towards Cross Street. Turn Right onto Cross Street, passing the Town Hall and Market on your right. Cross the road at Market Street onto the High Street.*

- 2.** Turn left onto Flannel Street, then right onto St John's Street, turning right again to follow St John's Street back onto the High Street. *Abergavenny was once famed for its soft, light woolen flannel, woven here in the town. The remains of a loom were found in a building here, indicating that Flannel Street was the likely location of a flannel-weaving workshop.* Turn left to continue up the High street and then turn left again onto Nevil Street.
- 3.** Nevil Street leads onto St John's Square, *the site of the Medieval Market place.* Cross the road at Castle Street and turn right onto Tudor Street. *Tudor Street was the site of the West Gate.*
- 4.** Turn left off of Tudor Street onto the garden, turning left through the archway. Walk down the bank to continue on the footpath following the sign to 'Castle Meadows' and pass through the gate. Walk through the meadows to the Usk River *During the Middle Ages, the Castle Meadows were used as grazing land for cattle, sheep and other animals.*
- 5.** When you reach the River Usk, turn left and follow the path that leads along the riverbank. At a 't' junction, take the path on the left which goes uphill towards the remains of Abergavenny Castle. The path, signed 'Cycle Route 42' towards Town Centre/Hay-on-Wye, *follows the contours of the castle motte, which was built in 1087 by the Normans.*
- 6.** On your right you will see the remains of the castle, which lead through to the Museum. Finish your walk at the castle, *the site of the Christmas Day Massacre of 1175.* If you used the Priory car park, leave the castle and turn left onto Castle Walk, cross the road at Cross Street and follow the pavement back to the car park.



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