

# Two Short Usk Walks

## **WALK 1**

### **A WALK THROUGH THE TOWN**

1 Turn left out of Twyn Square, along the main street.

2 Just before the bridge, turn right down the footpath which follows the river bank.

3 Where the footpath leaves the river and joins Porthycarne Street, turn left.

4 Just before the railway bridge, turn right up the track.

5 The footpath divides 3 ways here and you can choose which way to go:

- take a left direction over the disused railway bridge, descend the steps at the far side, and walk back to the bridge along the other side of the river;
- take the right hand option, a stepped path leading up to the back of the castle. Take in the castle grounds and views, before descending the lane back to the main road. A right turn brings you back to Twyn Square;
- take the recently restored trail through the railway tunnel and along the line of the old track, joining the main road opposite the primary school.

## **WALK 2**

### **A POPULAR 3 MILE WALK**

This longer circular walk (about an hour) takes you up past the castle, across fields, through woods to a small lake, and back to Usk. The walk is well signed with yellow arrows. Some parts can be muddy; walking boots or wellingtons are recommended. Please keep dogs on leads in the woods to protect wildlife.

1 Turn right out of Twyn Square.

2 Turn left up the path opposite the Fire Station, signed "Usk Castle"

3 Passing the Castle car park on your right, bear right through a gate along a concrete track.

4 Follow the track to Castle Farm, and continue straight on along the clearly defined path.

5 The path goes along a huge field (great views) and enters woodland. When you come out of the wood, follow the fence-line along to a gate on the left marked "Kitty Beech Ride" and turn through it; the yellow arrow sign also shows the direction to take.

6 Keep going straight until you see a small lake to the right of the path – a good spot to sit on a rock and get out the Thermos. Turn left and follow the well marked path, eventually crossing through Cwm Cayo farm and reaching the Abergavenny road.

7 Turn left and walk back to town, where you will arrive at the Three Salmons crossroads. You can take the path along the river bank for part of the way.

