



10 HEREFORDSHIRE WELSH NEWTON

▶ Distance: 15km/9¼ miles ▶ Time: 4 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



Looking west from
Manson Lane.

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Enjoy enticing views
of the hills around

Abergavenny from Newton Wood and Buckholt Wood, before you descend into the peaceful Monnow valley. Linger awhile by the 12th-century riverside church at Llanrothal before climbing out of the valley for glimpses of the spectacular 12th/13th-century Pembridge Castle.

1 Start

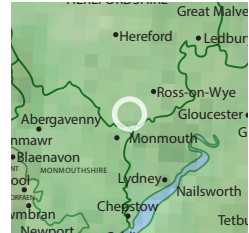
Take south-bound lane leaving road by post box. Keep straight on at Gwenherrion Cross. At Welsh Newton Common turn R by phone box on woodland path then turn R where waymarked. At Newton

House cross to far side of garden, bearing slightly L to stile (middle one of three) into Newton Wood. Descend to stile/gate in bottom L fence corner then down field edge to junction. Turn L, through several fields then past house and duckery at Mill Farm. Follow track to road.

2 4.5km/2¾ miles

R then cross to unsigned path climbing R into Buckholt Wood. When path levels out keep straight on. Keep straight on at five-ways junction. Turn R at next junction, then L at next one, then immediately R. After brambly section keep straight on at waymarked junction, soon descending narrow, overgrown steps. When you

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Elephant and Castle junction on A466, 1km north of Welsh Newton, grid ref SO496189

Is it for me? Woods, plantation and pasture with a few slopes
Stiles 14

PLANNING

Nearest town Monmouth

Refreshments None

Public toilets None

Public transport

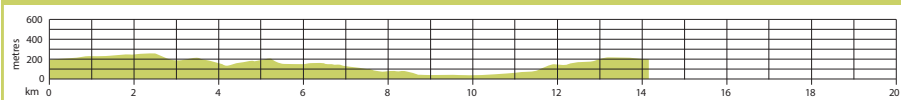
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reach another junction descend through overgrowth to find clearer path bearing R. Follow this, guided by yellow sticky tape on trees, descending gradually to stile. Descend through light woodland to Manson Lane. Turn R.



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3 **6km/3¾ miles**
Pass the cottages then take the path on your L which is easily followed until you meet farm track. Pass to R of barn, through the gate into the field, straight on along edge and through gate in next corner. Path is now clear again, along base of wooded slope. Turn L when you meet track. Pass Upper Cwm Farm and climb to lane.

4 **7.3km/4½ miles**
Turn L, descending into Monnow valley. Turn L at junction, towards Tregate. Turn R just before river on path which loosely follows river

(ignore branching path) to Llanrothal church. Go diagonally through churchyard then proceed to lane. Turn L.

5 **11.5km/7 miles**
Take track on R and follow it to Trythel. Turn R behind house then L uphill, by L edge of park-like pasture, to junction by barn. Turn L, passing to R of barn, and follow fence to gate. Walk along other side of fence then cross back again at stile. Turn R, over another stile, then diagonally L to lane. Turn R for 1km to Pleck Farm. Take path on L, along field edge until waymark points diagonally to corner. Join road and turn L to starting point. **CW**

DON'T MISS...



The motte and bailey at Tregate Farm.

The remains of an early castle. It's best seen from the lane above.



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