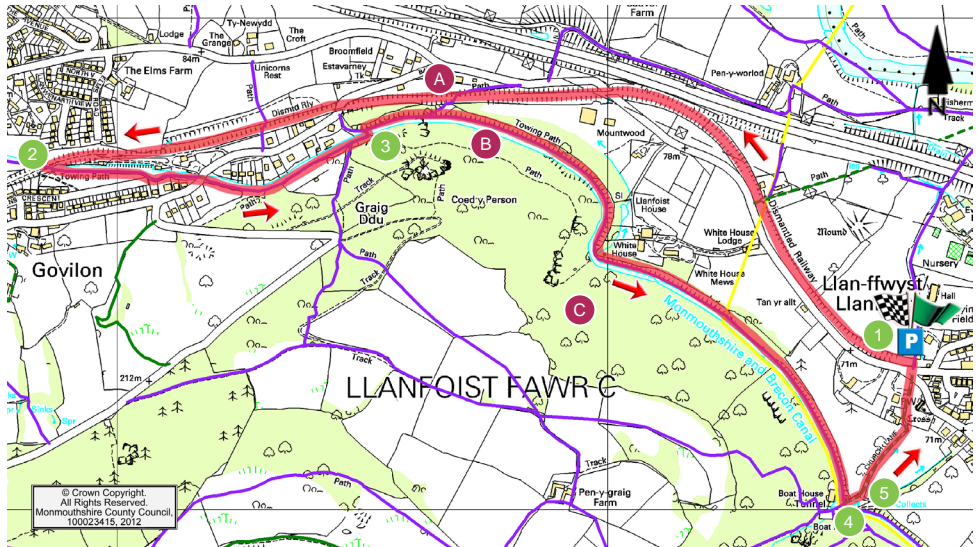


Llanfoist Canal West Walk



DISTANCE

2.85 miles / 4.5 kilometres

TIME

1.5 hours

GRADE

Easy, along level paths.

STARTING POINT

Llanfoist Crossing
Car Park

Grid Ref: SO 2860 1330

Alternative car parking
at Village Hall

Grid Ref: SO 2865 1330

(located further along lane)

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THE ROUTE

- 1 From the railway car park, take the level track through the metal gate and follow this westwards
- 2 At the canal bridge, turn onto the canal towpath and follow this eastwards back towards Llanfoist
- 3 Cross over the canal at the second bridge and continue along the tow path
- 4 At the small canal basin (Llanfoist Wharf) turn left before the bridge down steep steps towards Llanfoist
- 5 50m later, turn left again on Church Lane and follow this back to the car park

POINTS OF INTEREST

- A The route follows the track of the Blaenavon-Abergavenny railway
- B The Monmouthshire & Brecon Canal was built between 1792 and 1812, to link Brecon to Newport Docks
- C A tramway used to run through the woods on the slopes of Blorange to bring coal and iron to the canal wharf
- D Govilon owes its existence to the Cwm Shenkin Brook, that provided the power for a number of mills and forges. The name Govilon is thought to derive from the Welsh word for forge – ‘gefall’