

# Points of interest and notes

## Mortuary Chapel

The chapel here (1) replaced an earlier chapel. It was built in 1866 through the generosity of Caroline, Dowager Countess of Dunraven who spent her later years in Clearwell Castle. Only the gate pillars of the first chapel remain.

## Clearwell Caves

Clearwell Caves (3) is a popular visitor attraction. It offers a chance to visit underground iron ore workings. Iron Ore mining was very important from before Roman times until the ore became worked out in the early 1900's. The mines were much more extensive than the section open to the public.

## Scowles

The depressions and holes at the sides of the track (7-9) are known by the local term of scowles. At first iron ore could be found at the surface in scowles such as these. Later miners had to venture underground to win the ore.

## Great Lambsquay Wood

You are walking on a public footpath (7-9) in Great Lambsquay Wood. A private section of this wood is a popular visitor attraction known as Puzzlewood. In recent years filming for TV and film has taken place in Puzzlewood including scenes from the Star Wars film 'The Force Awakens'. This woodland is populated by fine displays of wild garlic in early summer.

## The Romans

The buildings here (9-10) are part of a large chicken farm and feed mill. Beneath some of the buildings are the remains of a Roman villa. In 1848 a horde of 3,000 Roman coins was discovered in nearby Puzzlewood. The Romans also had an important temple at nearby Lydney. The gardens, temple remains and a small museum can be visited in Spring and early Summer at Lydney Park Estate. Ask at Reception for directions to Lydney Park Estate.

## Breckness Court

In the field (13) are the remains of the moat associated with what was once an important manor house on this lane - Breckness Court. Moats were once used to store live fish ready for the table. The house has completely disappeared.

## Stank Farm

This former farmhouse (14) is a 17C. building. Note the 'jetty' projecting towards you. Opposite, slightly up the hill are former almshouses built by Francis Wyndham of Clearwell Court (now called Clearwell Castle). They were built to house 4 widows. Each widow was allocated an allowance of 1s. per week and a set of clothes every other year. They are now private residences.

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# Lambsquay Wood

**Distance:** 4.0 Km (2½ miles) - allow 1½ - 2½ hours.

The walk uses quiet lanes, pavements on minor roads and recognised public footpaths across farmland and woodland. In wet weather stiles/paths can be slippery.

**Difficulty and hazards:** The walk has a steep but short ascent of an earth bank between (8) and (9). This can be slippery in wet weather when a stick may be helpful. The paths used cross 7 stiles and surfaces will be uneven and will be muddy in wet weather. The fields may contain livestock. The roads used are quiet but please be alert for vehicles.

**Equipment:** Boots or strong shoes are recommended. Nettles, brambles and thistles may be encountered, a stick can be useful to control them.

**Other Notes:** Mobile phone coverage will be "patchy". There is a cafe at (3) but no other toilets on the walk. Carry water and take a hat if hot weather is likely and waterproofs if rain is probable. Ask at Reception for the weather forecast.

**Navigation:** The main changes of direction and stiles are marked on the map by a number. In the Directions, the distance from the previous number is given e.g. (2-130m) means that 2 is 130m from the last point mentioned - in this case (1)

If you find that the footpath you need is obstructed by crops, walk around the edge of the crops until you reach the next stile.

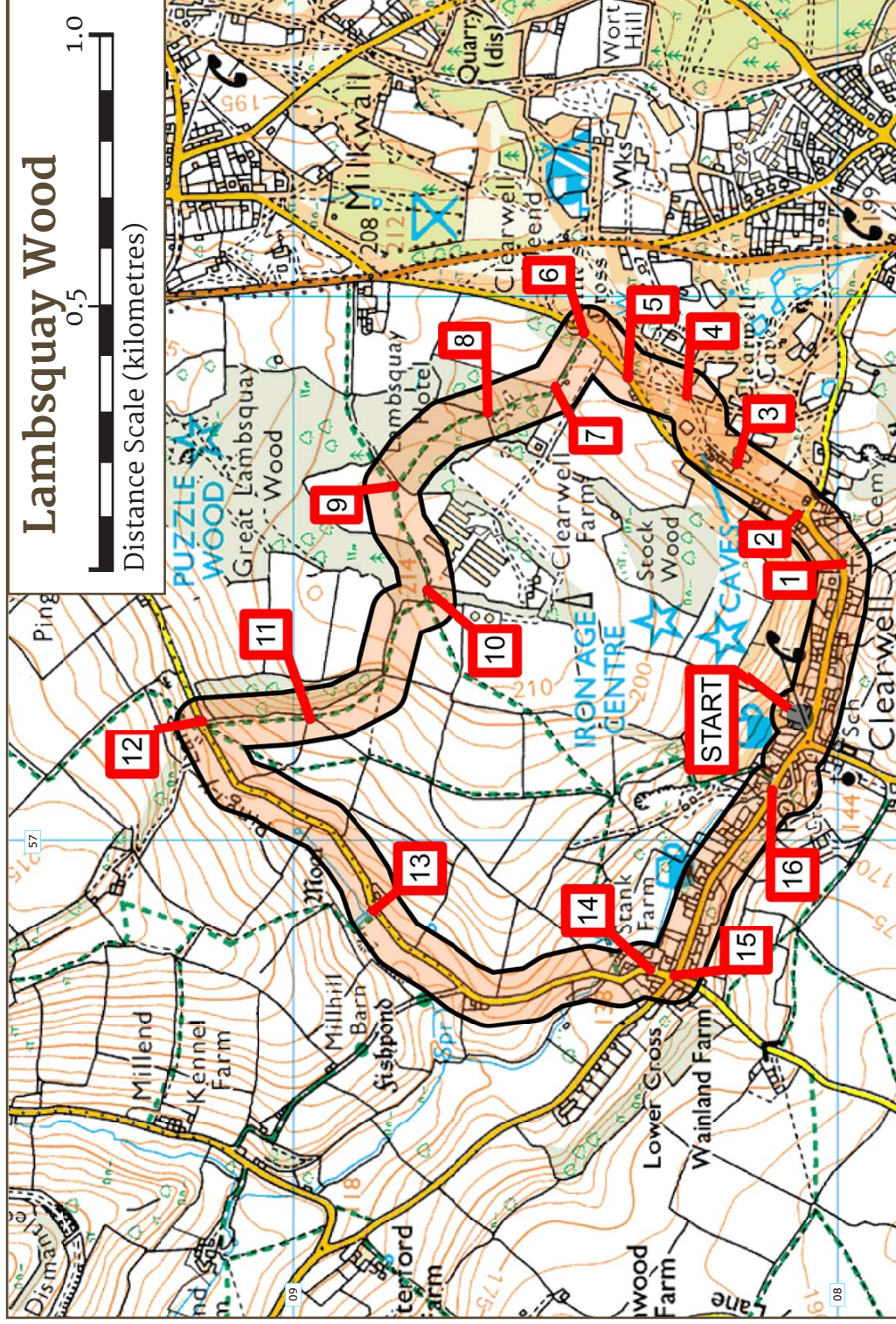


Wild Garlic in Gt. Lambsquay Wood.



Remnants of an ancient moat.

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## DIRECTIONS

From the Tudor Farmhouse walk to the left as far as the Mortuary Chapel with the large iron gates situated on the bend (1-250m).

Continue ahead to the small road to the right signposted 'The Rocks' (2-130m).

Take the path through the grass at the beginning of the lane. It leads uphill to Clearwell Caves. (3-150m).

Continue to walk ahead past the buildings at the caves to the caves car park (4-200m).

Take the tarmac road to the left until you reach the road. (5-120m) The entrance to the 'Secret Forest' attraction will be across the road.

Walk up the road to the right until you reach a stile on the left (6-100m).

Climb the stile and walk downhill. You may notice a boundary stone on the right and a locked exit from Clearwell Caves in a depression on the left. Continue ahead over the next stile (7-130m).

Stay on the main path continuing uphill following the footpath sign. Note the scowles (depressions and holes) either side of the path. *Please stay on the path.* You are now in Great Lambsquay Wood. Cross the next stile (8-120m)

Note the ancient Yew tree clinging to the rocks on the right just before the steep bank. Ascend the bank. Continue on the path ahead until you reach a stile into a field (9-220m).

Cross the field to the left and walk past the right hand side of the building ahead. Continue ahead to the next stile (10-230m).

Cross the stile into an open field.

Walk to the right downhill around the right hand edge of the field to the next stile in the bottom right corner of the field (11-350m).

Cross the stile and take the track to the right as far as the lane (12-200m) Join the lane (Pingry Lane) via the small gate.

Walk left down Pingry Lane until you see a footpath sign on the right (13-500m). Look over the gate into the field to see the site of a medieval house (Breckness Court).

Continue down Pingry Lane until you reach Stank Farm on the left (14-570m)

Turn left at the road in Clearwell (15-40m)

Just before the school safety sign take the path to the right at the stream to visit the well (16-370m) Continue ahead and turn right at the road passing the Cross to return to the Tudor Farmhouse (200m)