

Points of interest and notes

Newland

Your first glimpse of Newland will be from a viewpoint on your left after (E). Newland was settled in medieval times but has always remained a small village.

Tan House

The stream from Clearwell was diverted to serve an important tannery behind Tan House. Liquor produced from bark taken from trees in the Forest of Dean was an important part of the tanning process. You can see a glimpse of 17c. Tan House from Laundry Lane, look left between (G) and (H) just before Savage Hill (H).

All Saints Church “The Cathedral of the Forest” (J).

Inspection of the inscriptions in the churchyard and within the church will show that it once served a large area. Important families are commemorated here including some of those from Clearwell Court (now Clearwell Castle). The Freeminer’s Brass can be seen inside – a depiction of a medieval miner. This has been adopted as the unofficial emblem of the Forest of Dean.

The Burial Path (K).

This unusually named path was used as a route for funeral processions from surrounding villages. Such villages had no burial grounds of their own so bodies were brought along this path to be buried at All Saints Church. A bier used on this path can be seen in the Dean Heritage Centre at Soudley.

Stank Farm

The name of this 17c. farmhouse suggests that the stream may have been dammed or stanked-up near here, perhaps as a reservoir of water to supply a Mill downstream at Millend. Look left between (Q) and (R).

Clearwell (R)

As you walk back through Clearwell, look out for the Tannery Gardens sign on your left. Unlike the tannery at Newland of which some buildings and a bark house still stand, all that remains of Clearwell Tannery is the name.

The Well (S)

After Tannery Gardens, when you reach the school safety sign, cross the road and follow the path along the side of the stream to the village well. This well has provided water here for hundreds of years. At one time it was piped to provide a supply of water for a village swimming pool sited opposite Stank Farm. Continue on the path the short distance back to Clearwell Cross at the Wyndham Arms.

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Newland Walk

Distance: 9 Km (5.6 miles) – allow 2 – 3 hours.

The walk uses quiet country lanes and bridleways.

Difficulty and hazards: The walk has a 500m long gentle ascent up a country lane and a 1km long gradual ascent up a bridleway. There are no stiles or fields to cross on this walk. The bridleway surfaces will be uneven and may be muddy in places in wet weather. Please be alert for the occasional vehicle that uses the lanes.

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 are no shops or toilets on the walk but there is a pub, the Ostrich Inn at Newland. 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 letter. In the Directions, the distance from the previous letter is given e.g. (B-500m) means that B is 500m from the last point mentioned – in this case (A)



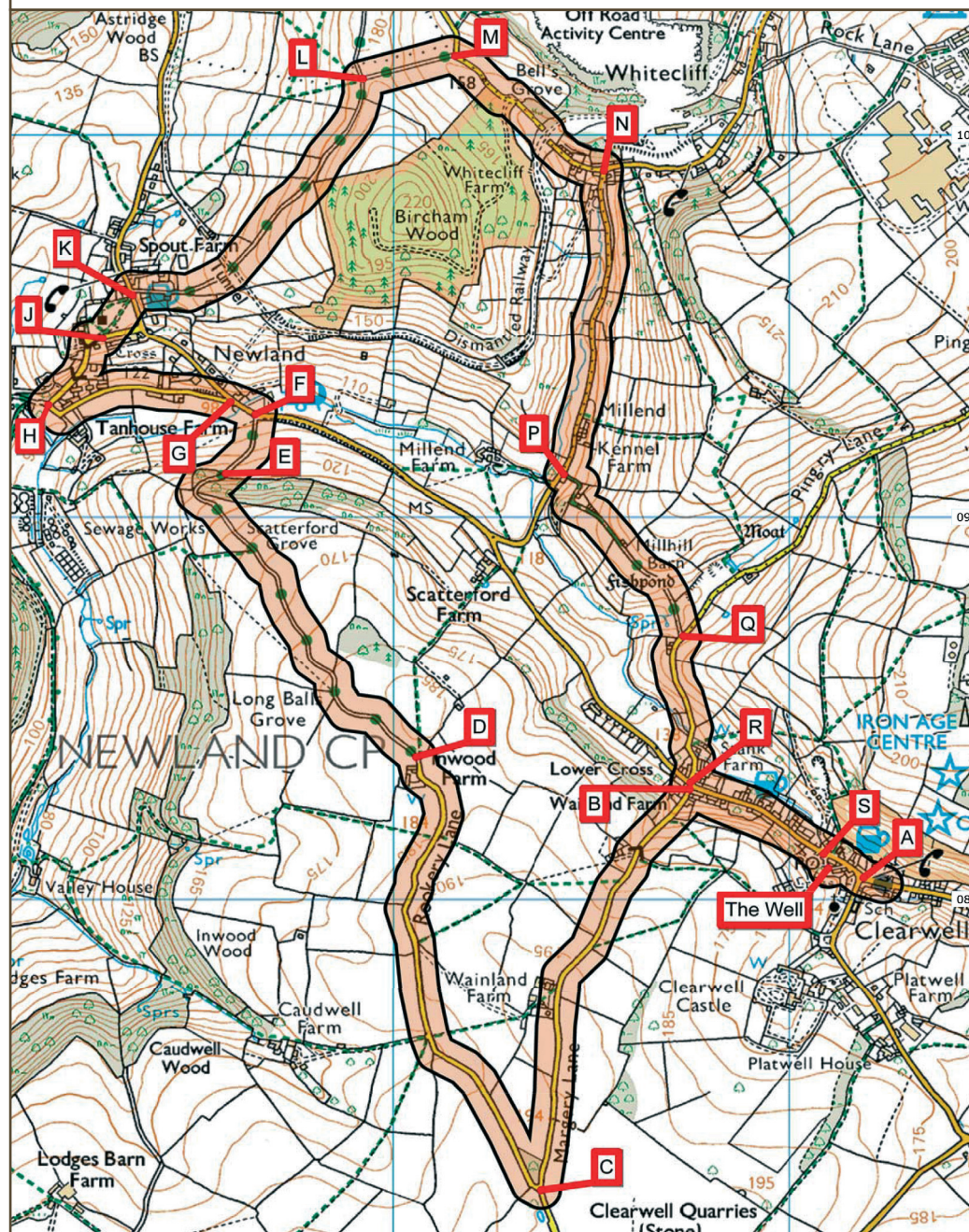
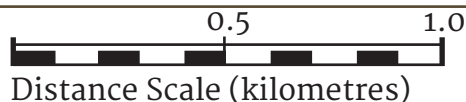
View of Newland village from Rookery Lane



Stank Farm, Clearwell

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DIRECTIONS

From the Tudor Farmhouse walk to the right passing the village cross (A-50m).

Continue ahead, turn left at Lower Cross (B-500m) and walk up Margery Lane.

Continue along Margery Lane then turn right into Rookery Lane (C-1.2Km).

Walk along Rookery Lane until the road ends at Inwood Farm (D-1.3Km). Continue along the track straight ahead.

This bridleway eventually becomes a sunken track passing through a small wood as it drops towards the village of Newland. As you descend and leave the wood look out for a lovely view of Newland to your left (E-1.0Km).

Turn left when you reach the road (F-170m) and walk the short distance to Laundry Lane on your left (G-50m).

Walk along Laundry Lane to Savage Hill on your right (H-500m)

Walk up Savage Hill to the entrance to Newland All Saints church - known locally as the "Cathedral of the Forest" (J-250m)

Continue through the churchyard and leave via the Lychgate (K-140m). Cross the road and walk uphill along the lane at the left hand side of the Ostrich pub.

The road becomes a track known as the Burial Path. Continue uphill along the track until you reach a fork as the track descends (L-900m). This section can become muddy in wet weather.

Take the right fork and continue to the road (M-500m). Turn right down the road walking under the old railway bridge to the junction at (N-500m) Turn right (signposted Newland) and walk along the road to Mill House and take the bridleway to your left (P-820m)

Walk up the bridleway and over the hill until you reach a lane (Q-570m). This is Pingry Lane. Walk right along Pingry Lane until you reach Lower Cross again (R-410m).

Walk to the left back through Clearwell towards the Cross (A-500m). Visit the Well (S-400m) if you wish then continue ahead to return to the Tudor Farmhouse.