

# Points of interest and notes

## The Newland Oak

The tree standing alone in the field to the left (2) is the progeny of the Newland Oak. The original Newland Oak was enormous being 46 feet in girth. It's last remnants were destroyed in 1970. The current tree was grown from a cutting taken from the Newland Oak in 1964.

## Welcome to Wales

When you crossed the stream (between 8 & 9) you entered Wales. As you walk down the road England is just to your left. The border then takes course of the river Wye downstream as far as the river Severn at Beachley.

## Incline Bridge

This very unusual bridge (10) connected a Tin Plate Works near here to a tramroad that traversed the far hillside. A tramroad is a horse-drawn light railway.

## The Viaduct

The bridge (between 12 & 13) was built to carry the Wye Valley Railway across the river Wye from Penallt to Redbrook. There were platforms near either end. The railway closed in 1964 but this bridge is still used by pedestrians. The viaduct is a favourite place to watch the raft races that take place on the Wye. You can cross the Wye here back into Wales to visit the quaint Boat Inn on the far bank.

## Millennium Green

This public space (13) was re-claimed from an area used to dump waste from the tin-works. Iron, copper and tinsplate have all been produced at Redbrook. When river trade was at full swing, boat building also took place here. Redbrook even had it's own brewery. Some of the ponds you have seen were built to provide water power for these industries.

## Valley Brook

The valley through which this brook (19- 22) runs was once the course of the river Wye. The Wye changed course and cut downwards into the present Wye Valley. It left this "abandoned meander" more than 50m above it's current course. The Valley Brook now drains this secluded valley.

## Newland House

This 17c house (on the left between 25 & 26) has been restored after being gutted by fire in 2012. Fortunately the Drawing Room had been shipped to the Museum of Fine Art, Boston, U.S.A. in the 1930's.



## Redbrook Walk

**Distance:** 8.3 Km (5.2 miles) - allow 2½ - 3½ hours.

The walk uses quiet lanes, minor roads, recognised public footpaths across farmland and woodland tracks. It can be combined with the **Newland Walk** to give 17 Km (11 miles of walking). In this case section (**H - K**) on the Newland walk will be repeated.

**Difficulty and hazards:** The route covers a 220m height difference and uses moderate gradients. The paths used cross several stiles and surfaces will be uneven and some sections will be very muddy in wet weather. The fields may contain livestock. 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 are pubs in Newland and Redbrook but no other toilets on the walk. Carry water and take a hat if hot weather is likely and waterproofs if rain is probable.

**Navigation:** The main changes of direction and stiles are marked on the map by a number. In the Directions, the distance from the previous letter is given e.g. (2-240m) means that (2) is 240m 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.

**START** The walk starts at Newland 1½ miles by road from the Tudor Farmhouse. To get there by car, turn right out of the Tudor Farmhouse and bear right at the village Cross. When you reach Newland park your car and start outside the Ostrich public house. From there continue on foot along the road for 200m to the first stile at point (1) on the map.

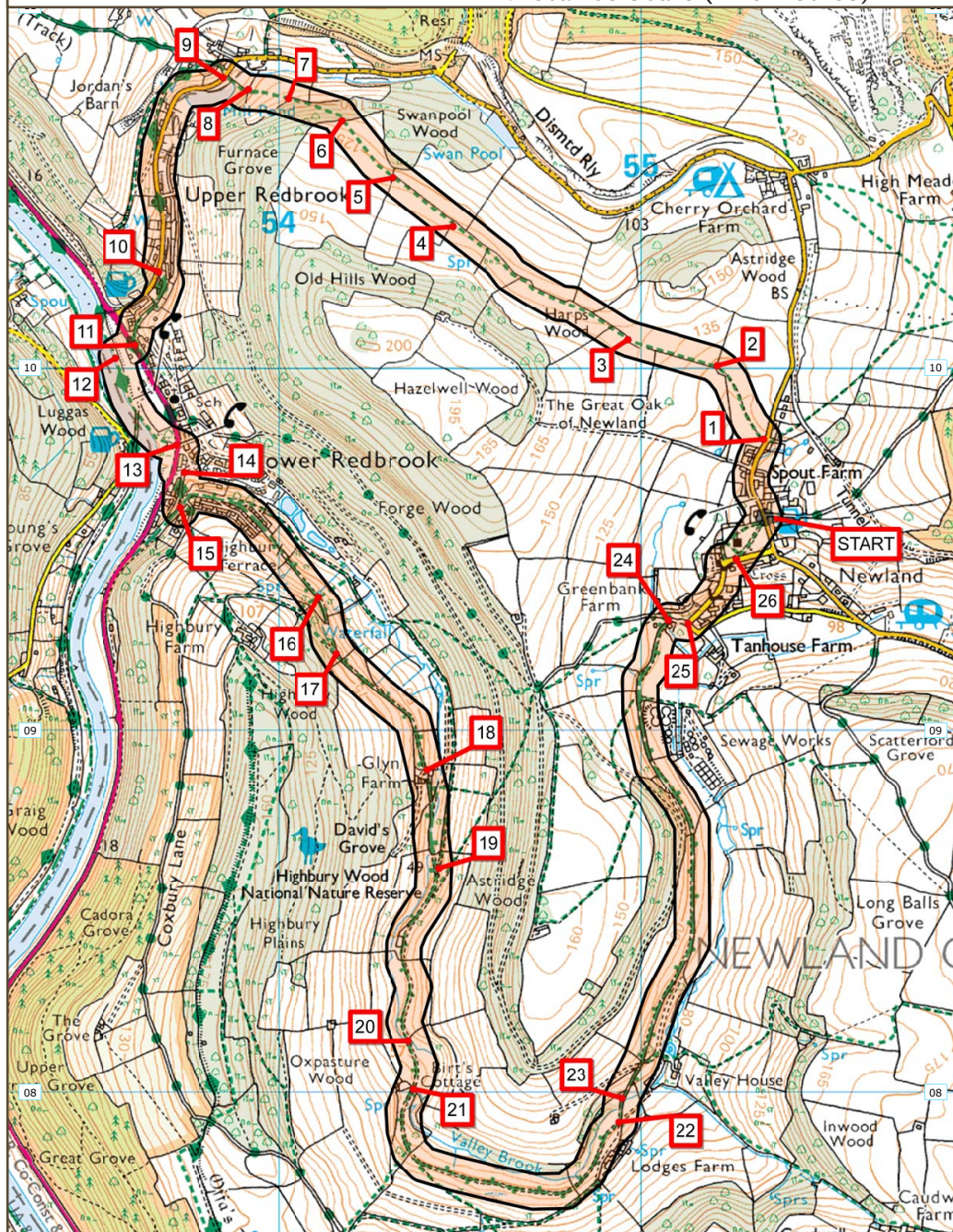
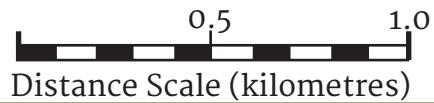


Past industries depicted at Redbrook.



The Viaduct at Redbrook

# Redbrook Walk



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## DIRECTIONS

Cross the stile (1-220m) and walk across the field in the direction of the sign.  
Continue uphill following the hedge (2-240m).  
At the top of the hill cross the stile (3-250m). Continue following the hedge.  
Keep to the right hand side of the fields passing some abandoned stiles.  
Cross the next stile after a metal farm gate (4-580m)  
Continue ahead past a round wooden post (5-190m)  
Cross the next field to a low stile into woodland (6-230m).  
At the end of the wood cross the stile (7-175m).  
Walk across the field towards the left of the large white house. Look out for the next stile in the hedge (8-110m). Cross the stile.  
Walk down the path, over the stream and over the stile onto the road (9-75m)  
Walk left down the road past the Mill Pond until you reach an inclined stone bridge across the road (10-630m).  
Take the small road to the left of the bridge and continue downhill to the main road in Redbrook (11-240m).  
Cross the road into the car park. Walk along the left of the car park and turn left along a gravel path (12-60m).  
Continue on the path noting the bridge over the Wye on the right and the features on Millennium Green. Stop at the main road (13-300m).  
Cross at the crossing, walk right, then left away from the road to a flight of steps on the right (14-100m).  
Walk up the steps and turn left at the road (15-100m).  
Keep right at the end of the tarmac. Continue past a public footpath that crosses the track (16-540m).  
When the track doubles back on itself, leave the track at the sign walking downhill to the left (17-150m).  
Join the track from the left and continue ahead (18-450m).  
Walk ahead passing some buildings. Cross a bridge and join a track from your left. Continue ahead (19-250m).  
Walk ahead passing ponds (not shown on the map) Cross a bridge over the stream (20-500m). Until (23) the stream (Valley Brook) will be on your left. Ignore the right fork towards the cottage. Leave the stony track as it curves back to the cottage. Cross the stile to the left of the metal gate (21-150m).  
Turn left after the farm onto the road (22-880m).  
Continue over the bridge (23-60m) past the pond and small waterfall. Stay on this road until you reach a T junction (24-1.4Km).  
Walk right, as far as Savage Hill (25-50m). Walk up Savage Hill to the entrance to Newland All Saints church (26-250m)  
Continue through the churchyard to the Lychgate (START-140m).