

Three Circles Of Monmouth
Saturday 27th August 2022
13 mile / 21 km route description

This route description is designed to be used in conjunction with a map and is a guide only.

Key:

T JCN – T Junction, TR – Turn Right, TL – Turn Left, BR – Bear Right, BL – Bear Left,
SO – Straight On, RD – Road, TK – Track, X – Cross, FB – Footbridge, ST – Stile,
LMG – Large Metal Gate, LWG – Large Wooden Gate, SWG – Small Wooden Gate,
KGT – Kissing Gate, MCB – Magnetic Compass Bearing, FLD – Field,
YDS – Yards, LHS – Left hand Side, RHS – Right Hand Side, FPS – Footpath Sign,
WMS – Waymarker Sign, ODP – Offa's Dyke Path, WVV - Wye Valley Walk, WW - Wysis Way

1. Leave hall & with football pitch ahead, TR & follow path as it bends to R, becomes enclosed to reach RD. SO & after 20 YDS (18m) BL to reach RD T JCN. TL & when pavement ends, X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & cont in same direction to reach mini roundabout. BR & after 70 YDS (64m) reach pedestrian Xing. X RD to pavement opposite & TR to reach a mini roundabout. SO to reach roundabout (church opposite). TL & X Monnow Bridge to reach RD JCN (Handyman House Shop on the LHS). SO to reach traffic light controlled pedestrian Xing. X RD to pavement opposite & TL. Immed after 'Timpsons', TR & follow RD to reach police station. TL (Glendower St) & follow RD as it bends to R & L passing 'Blake Theatre' & 'Monmouth School For Boys' to reach RD JCN (Queens Head Inn opposite). TR (Wyebridge St) & X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & cont in same direction. Immed before A40 dual carriageway, TL to reach underpass entrance. At exit of underpass TR back towards bridge. TL & X River Wye bridge. After 300 YDS (274m) X RD **CAREFULLY** at traffic island opposite Lidl's supermarket. TL & SO to mini roundabout & X RD **CAREFULLY** to pass Mayhill Hotel on RHS. BL uphill on pavement. After 130 YDS (118m), when pavement ends, BR on FP (FPS ODP & WW) **(GR SO 516 127)**.
2. SO uphill to join tarmac drive with orchard on LHS. SO to RD JCN & SO on RD **(FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC)** uphill (FPS ODP). When RD BR, SO to KGT (FPS ODP & WW). Thru & SO uphill. After 250 YDS (228m) arrive at KGT on RHS. Thru & SO uphill on enclosed path to 2 Bristol LMGs. Thru LH SMG (FPS ODP) on enclosed path to KGT. Thru to RD **(FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC)** & TL uphill. Follow RD to R & in 10 YDS TL thru KGT (FPS ODP & WW). SO uphill with fence on RHS, when fence ends TR, then immed TL uphill on sunken path (WMS ODP). SO uphill to steps & at top TR on gravel TK to The Kymin. SO on TK (160°) to arrive at KGT by LMGs on LHS (opposite car park entrance). **(GR SO 528 123)**
3. Thru KGT (FPS ODP) & SO with fence on LHS to KGT. Thru & SO downhill following RH FLD edge to SWG (WMS ODP). Thru & SO on enclosed path to SWG (WMS ODP). Thru & SO to SWG (WMS ODP). Thru & SO (150°) to SWG (WMS ODP). Thru & SO downhill following RH FLD edge to KGT (FPS ODP). Thru & TL passing buildings on RHS to wide TK, SO downhill on TK to reach 'Jamie's Farm'. After 200 YDS (182m) reach ODP & No Cycling WMS on the LHS. BL leaving tarmac lane & descend enclosed path to reach RD (FPS x 2). **(GR SO 539 108)**
4. X RD **CAREFULLY – LIMITED VISIBILITY TO RHS** to verge opposite & TR. After 10 YDS reach FPS. TL to reach ST. X ST, downhill to reach FB. X FB & uphill to reach ST (WMS). X ST into FLD & SO (75°) to reach FLD corner with woodland on the RHS. SO (woodland now on the RHS) to reach ST (WMS). X ST & BL uphill thru woods to reach ST (WMS). X ST & SO (145°) to reach ST next to LMG (WMS). X ST & SO following LHS FLD edge to reach ST next to LMG (WMS). X ST & SO following LHS FLD edge to reach FLD corner. SO into enclosed path to reach FLD. SO following LHS FLD edge to reach FLD corner. SO thru large gap & follow LHS FLD edge & after 70 YDS (64m) reach ST in LH hedge. X ST & TR. Follow RHS FLD edge ignoring 2 x gaps in hedge line to reach ST next to LMG (FPS). **(GR SO 554 098)**
5. X ST to reach RD. TR **(FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC)** & walk into village to reach Lych Gate on the RHS (opposite The Ostrich Pub). TR thru gate & follow path thru churchyard passing to the LHS of the church to exit churchyard in far corner to reach RD (FPS). SO & downhill steeply to reach RD T JCN (Laundry Lane). TR & after 120 YDS reach SWG (FPS) on the LHS. Thru & immed TR & up steps to reach KGT. Thru & slight L (240°) uphill to reach SWG in fence line. Thru (240°) & uphill to reach

LMG. Thru (240°) to reach ST close to top RH corner of FLD. X ST & follow RHS FLD edge to reach wooden barrier. Thru to reach KGT next to LMG. Thru to reach TK. TL & after 5 YDS BL leaving TK & pass between 2 large vertical posts. SO downhill into woods ignoring any paths to the L&R to reach LMG. Thru into FLD. SO & downhill to reach LMG in far bottom RH corner. Thru & SO to reach TK (FPS). BL & join TK & after 0.25 ml (402m) reach stone bridge. SO & Y JCN, SO (ignore TK leading to house) & as TK later bends to the R towards the same house, SO leaving TK (passing FPS) to reach ST next to LMG (WMS). X ST & SO on wide grassy path to reach LMG (FPS). **(GR SO 544 078)**

6. **DO NOT** pass thru LMG. TR & follow LHS fence line uphill to reach ST in hedge. X ST & TL uphill following LHS FLD edge to reach LMG (FPS). Thru to TK & TR. After 0.3 ml (482m) reach 'Highbury Wood notice board' & ODP WMS. TR uphill (now on ODP) to reach T JCN (ODP WMS). TL & after 0.2 ml (321m) reach tall KGT on the LHS (ODP WMS). TL thru KGT & follow ODP WMS thru woods & after 0.6 ml (965m) reach tall KGT (ODP WMS). Thru & SO downhill to reach path T JCN (Highbury Wood notice board & LWG) (WMS). TL downhill to reach yellow grit bin & ODP FPS. SO (now leaving ODP) & remain on main TK as it meanders downhill & after 0.5 ml (804m) to reach a RD (FPS). SO & after 140 YDS (128m) reach steps on the RHS (ODP FPS). TR down the steps to reach pavement. TL to reach RD (A466). **(GR SO 537 097)**
7. TR & after 10 YDS (9m) reach pedestrian Xing. X RD to pavement opposite & TR. As pavement ends, TL thru green SMG & enter park. SO to reach 2nd green SMG. Thru (leaving park) & follow path with river on the LHS & football pitch on the RHS to reach car park. X car park diagonally to reach RD (A466). TL & follow intermittent verge / pavement **CAREFULLY**, passing national derestriction signs to reach WWV FPS. BL from RD & follow TK with river on the LHS to reach SWG next to LMG. Thru & SO & follow riverbank to reach water monitoring station. SO to reach KGT (WMS). Thru & SO to reach KGT (WMS). Thru to enter FLD. Follow riverbank to reach SMG (WMS). Thru & SO following riverbank to reach KGT. Thru & SO into woodland. Ignore any paths to RHS & pass under remains of stone viaduct & then a disused metal railway bridge to reach KGT. Thru & SO into car park. SO to reach RD (A466). **(GR SO 512 127)**
8. X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & TL. X River Wye bridge & at RD JCN TR to reach underpass. Thru underpass & on leaving underpass, TL to reach RD. X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & BL (Monmouth School on the RHS). So along enclosed path between school & A40 to reach open area. Remain on tarmac path as it gently BR to reach SMG in green railings. Thru, SO & after 15 YDS (13m) BL to path (red dog poo bin on the RHS) & follow path thru park to pass thru green railings to reach RD. TL & immed after roundabout sign, X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & continue in same direction to reach mini roundabout. TR to reach pedestrian Xing. X RD to pavement opposite & TR. Just before public toilet block, BL to reach & X Monnow Bridge to reach roundabout. TR to reach mini roundabout & BR. Remain on RH pavement (fire & ambulance station on the LHS) to reach pedestrian Xing. X RD to pavement opposite & TR to reach mini roundabout. TL (Watery Lane) & when opposite '5 Brook Estate' X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & continue in same direction to reach RD JCN (Cornpoppy Ave). TR & thru estate ignoring 1st RD JCN & when RD later TL, BR to reach enclosed path. Follow path as it BL & return to Rockfield Village Hall. **(GR SO 497 130)**

(Total Distance 12.9 miles / 20.7 km)