

## Three Circles Of Monmouth

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022

9 mile / 14.5 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

1. Leave hall & with football pitch ahead, TR & at end of football pitch railings & as tarmac path BR, TL & walk alongside football pitch to reach gap in fence in far RH corner. Thru to path & TR (ignore narrow path that turns sharply right). Follow path to reach wooden barrier. Thru to reach RD. TR & when convenient to do so, X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & continue in same direction to reach mini roundabout. TL (military training camp) & after 70 YDS ignore turning to the RHS to reach LMG (probably open). Thru & SO & remain on main tarmac TK ignoring all paths to the L&R & after 0.5 ml (804m) reach green bridge. SO & X river to reach RD. **(GR SO 508 134)**
2. X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & TL. After 260 YDS (237m) reach RD JCN. X RD **CAREFULLY** & SO (Forge Rd) (river now on the LHS). Follow RD to its end passing row of houses & 'Manor On The Monnow' to reach KGT next to LMG (WMS). Thru & SO following LHS FLD edge to reach notice board. BR up to raised bank & after 70 YDS BL leaving raised bank to reach ST (WMS). X ST & FB to reach ST (WMS). X ST & follow riverbank to reach ST. X ST & TR uphill. At top of short rise & as stone wall BR, thru gap between hedge & wall to reach LMG (FPS). Thru to reach RD. TL & after 20 YDS TR (Great Osbaston Cottage) (FPS) to reach SWG next to LWG. Thru & SO & immed after the house pass FPS & thru gap into FLD. SO to reach hedge on opposite side of FLD. TR & follow LHS FLD edge, ignoring paths to the L&R & after 0.5 ml (804m) reach end of hedge on the LHS. SO (0°) & X FLD to reach hedge. BR & follow LHS FLD edge to reach LMG (probably open) (FPS). Thru to reach RD. **(GR SO 504 153)**
3. TR & after 180 YDS (164m) TL (Criccieth Knoll) to reach LMG (probably open). Thru & uphill steeply to reach house. BR (WMS) & up enclosed path. Path climbs steeply at times to reach multi-TK JCN (WMS). TL (320°) (ignore TK immed to LHS) & after 0.3 ml (482m) reach Y JCN. BR (leaving main TK) & follow path, ignoring **ALL** paths & TKs to L&R & after 0.5 ml (804m) descend to reach RD. X RD **CAREFULLY** (limited visibility to the RHS – use mirror opposite) to verge opposite & TR. After 40 YDS (36m) TL (Mill Farm & Callow) & up concrete TK that becomes tarmac to reach TK T JCN & ST next to LMG opposite (WMS). X ST & uphill following chain link fence. At fence corner (WMS) SO uphill & follow WMS thru trees to reach ST next to SWG in top RH corner (WMS). X ST & BL uphill (340°) to reach ST set back in hedge (WMS). X ST & after 40 YDS (36m) reach path T JCN. TL to reach TK T JCN. TR & follow TK to reach RD. **(GR SO 512 175)**
4. TR & after 0.5 ml (804m) reach ST Wulstans Farm (private road) (FPS). TR & ignore all paths to the L&R & after 0.9 ml (1448m) reach ruined farmhouse. SO & after 50 YDS (45m) BL onto path arriving from the RHS. After 250 YDS (228M) reach Y JCN (pond on the LHS), BR downhill to reach multi-path JCN. SO on middle path & path becomes sunken & descends steeply to reach RD (barn on LHS). X RD to reach SMG next to LMG (FPS). Thru to reach ST. X ST & follow RHS FLD edge to reach tall KGT. Thru & SO downhill between vines to reach 2<sup>nd</sup> tall KGT. Thru & TL & follow path as it BR, Xing stream to reach ST next to LMG (WMS). X ST & SO uphill (230°) to reach RHS FLS edge. Follow hedge to reach gap. TR thru gap & immed TL. Follow LHS FLD edge to reach ST next to LWG. X ST to reach LMG (FPS). Thru to reach RD. **(GR SO 518 139)**
5. SO & as RD BL (Leazebrook Country House on the RHS), SO passing FPS to reach SMG between LMG & LWG. Thru & SO along enclosed path to reach ST (WMS). X ST & SO (200°) to reach KGT next to 2 x LMGs (FPS). Thru to reach RD (A466). TR & after 0.5 ml (804m) reach traffic-controlled X RDs. SO & immed after Iceland shop, TR (Castle Hill). After 50 YDS (45m)

TR & at end of lane, SO passing thru concrete bollards & down steps to reach FB. X FB & at end of bridge, down steps to reach ST on the LHS. X ST & follow riverbank to reach ST in hedge. **DO NOT** X ST, but TR & follow LHS FLD edge to reach KGT. Thru & TL to reach FB. X FB & BR up raised bank. Follow bank to reach KGT. Thru to reach RD & 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 9 miles / 14.5 km)**