# Usk Valley Meander

## Date: 20th October 1984

## Distance/Ascent: 26.7 miles, 2,285 feet

## Leader: Andrew Clabon

## Route Description:

* Minibus from Caerleon to start at Llanfoist (SO 292 135) near Abergavenny.
* Road westwards through Llanfoist, past church, to Monmouthshire & Brecon canal at (SO 285 130).
* South along canal towpath to (SO 298 106), field path to Llanellen and A4042.
* A4042 bridge (**extreme care needed – no footway over bridge**) over River Usk.
* Field paths along left bank past The Bryn to cross B4598 at (SO 348 089).
* Path and minor road beside the river Usk to road, east then south-east to (SO 360 093).
* Take riverside paths along left bank then lane to Chain Bridge at (SO 346 055).
* West across river Usk to (SO 344 056).
* Field path along right bank of river Usk then across fields to minor road at (SO 347 033).
* Minor road east to Estavarney.
* Paths along south side of wood and then right bank of river Usk past Agricultural College to join A472 at (SO 373 007).
* A472 to Usk town centre, minor road southwards to Llanhowell.
* Field paths south to minor road at Llantrisant at (ST 389 968).
* Minor roads south to track junction (ST 391 948).
* Paths uphill eastwards then southwards to enter forestry at (ST 396 941).
* South-west on tracks through forestry below Kemey’s Graig to join minor road at (ST 375 911).
* Track south-west to Cat’s Ash and across A449 and on to Chepstow Hill.
* Path from minor road at (ST 352 901) to join B4236 at (ST 343 898). (Probably better to follow the Usk Valley Walk from (ST 356 906) – see the map)
* Northwards over bridge and through Caerleon to finish at (ST 338 099).

## Weather: Beautiful day – very sunny and warm all day – light breeze – good views – picked lots of chestnuts.

## Participants: Andrew Clabon, Nick & Julia Kaye, Tony Clark, Mike Evans, Don Henley, Keith Bennett, Gwyn & Pam Howells.