

Monmouth

The county town of Monmouth was once guarded by its now preserved 13th century gatehouse bridge. At the heart of the high street is the Shire Hall - home to Monmouth Museum. The site of some famous trials, Courtroom 1 has been fully restored to how it looked in the 1840s, and is fully interactive. Sit in the judge's chair, or go down to the holding cells to experience conditions as a prisoner.

Nearby Monmouth Castle and Regimental Museum tells the story of the Monmouthshire Royal Engineers - the only present-day regiment to have survived from the Militia. The town's high street is an eclectic mix of high street names and independent businesses, selling everything from fashion to food to kitchen equipment and antiques.



Trellech

It's hard to believe that this small, picturesque village was one of the eight largest towns in Wales.

The village takes its name from Harold's Stones - three standing stones over 3,500 years old with a curious and uncertain history. A wander around the village will lead to the ancient St Nicholas Church, the 16th Century Lion Inn and the Virtuous Well - a spring discovered in the 17th Century and believed to have healing qualities!



Cross border Concessionary bus passes on route 69

Route 69 crosses between Wales and England, so there are some differences to where you can travel.

Welsh bus passes: You can travel free anytime on journeys within Wales. You can travel to or from places in England providing your journey starts or ends in Wales.

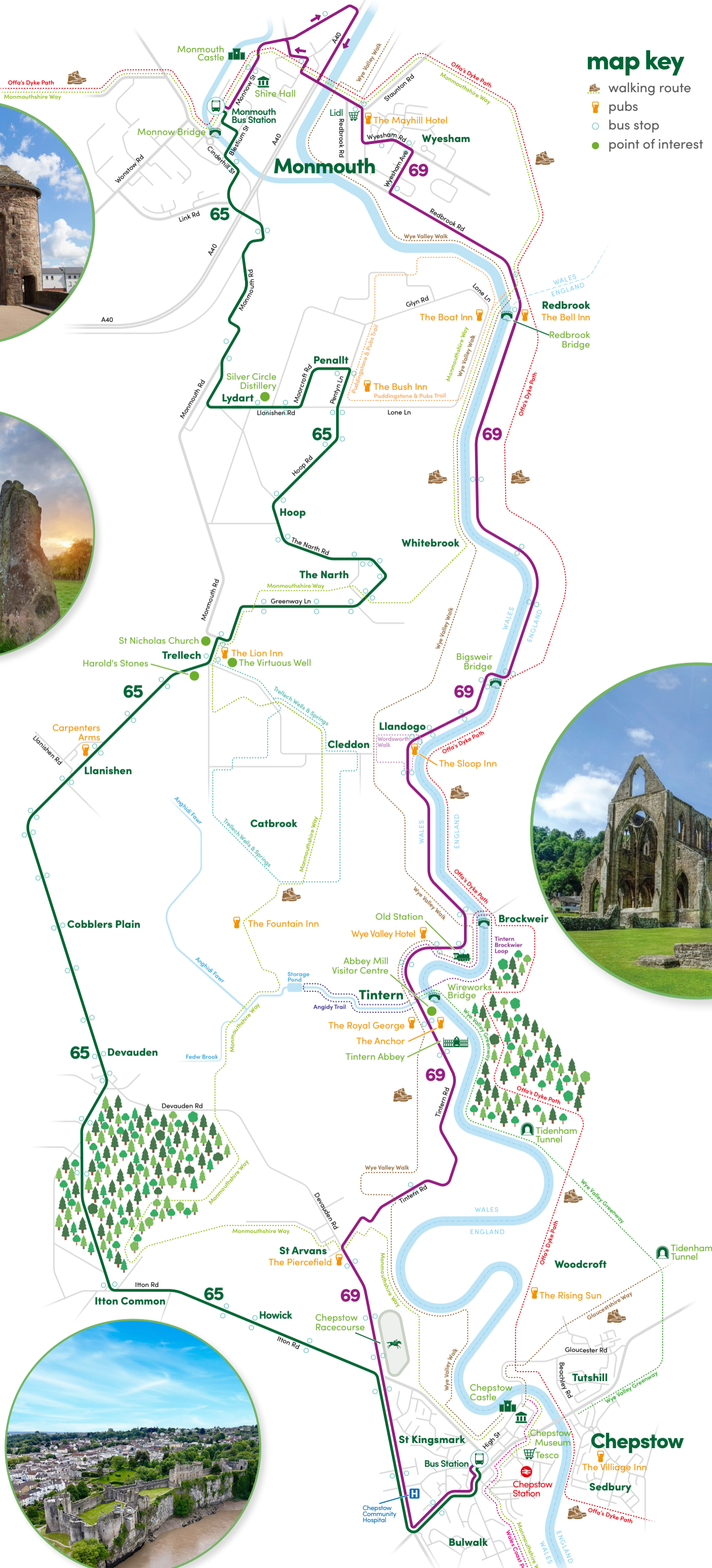
English passes: Free after 9:30am Monday to Friday and all-day on weekends and bank holidays*. You can travel anywhere within England*. You can also travel to or from places in Wales providing your journey starts or ends in England, but you can also travel the full length of route 69.

*Some councils offer enhancements to the standard terms and conditions.

Chepstow

Chepstow combines the best of ancient and modern. Its large and imposing Norman castle stretches out along a limestone cliff above the River Wye, marking the border between Wales and England. Discover its role as a place of battle, defence and the grandiose ambitions of its owners.

Below is the ornate Wye Bridge. Over 200 years old, it's an architectural marvel and feat of engineering of its time. Opposite the castle is the eclectic Chepstow Museum where you can discover the area's history from shipbuilding to salmon fishing. The town was once fully enclosed by huge walls, many sections are still intact. At the centre of the town is the imposing sixteenth century town gate. The town centre is also host to many independent shops and cafes.



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- walking route
- pubs
- bus stop
- point of interest

Walking routes



We've included some popular walking routes on this map, but there's lots more to choose from.

Angidy Trail
5-mile circular exploring Tintern's industrial past.

Offa's Dyke Path
Famous border route dating back to the 8th century.

Gloucestershire Way
Chepstow to Tewkesbury via the Forest of Dean.

Monmouthshire Way
121-mile circuit showcasing the best of Monmouthshire.

Puddingstone & Pubs Trail (Redbrook-Penallt Circular)
3-miles of millstone history, best walked downhill from Penallt.

Tintern & Brockweir Loop
Easy 2.5-mile walk ideal for beginners.

Trellech Wells & Springs
5.3-mile walk past ancient sites & Cleddon Shoots.

Wales Coast Path
870-miles starting at Chepstow & tracing the Welsh coastline.

Wordsworth Walk
3-mile loop from Llandogo to the River Wye & Cleddon Shoots.

Wye Valley Greenway
5 miles along a former railway, including Tidenham Tunnel.

Wye Valley Walk
Long-distance route with riverbank paths & hilltop views.

Tintern

Sitting quietly in the Wye Valley National Landscape is the village of Tintern. At its heart is Tintern Abbey, standing in roofless splendour on the banks of the River Wye, nearly 500 years since its tragic fall from grace. Learn about the monastic life and how the abbey became a focus for artists and tourists alike.

Tintern Old Station gives an insight into the valley's lost railway with displays housed inside two old carriages. The old station itself is now a tea room and the old platforms now provide a setting for an N-gauge model railway.

Despite its tranquillity, Tintern was once an industrial area, and a walk along the Angidy Trail will reveal the remains of a furnace, limekilns, forge and wireworks. Modern Tintern boasts the Wye Valley Sculpture Garden - one of the largest outdoor Summer Sculpture Exhibitions in Wales.

Food and drink lovers are well catered for too, from cafes to traditional pubs as well as Parva Farm Vineyard and Kingstone Brewery.

More great days out and ideas!

There's lots going on and more to explore around the Wye Valley and beyond! Visit these websites for more information and inspiration.

www.visitwyedean.co.uk

www.visitmonmouthshire.co.uk

www.visitherefordshire.co.uk

www.wyevally-nl.org.uk

