

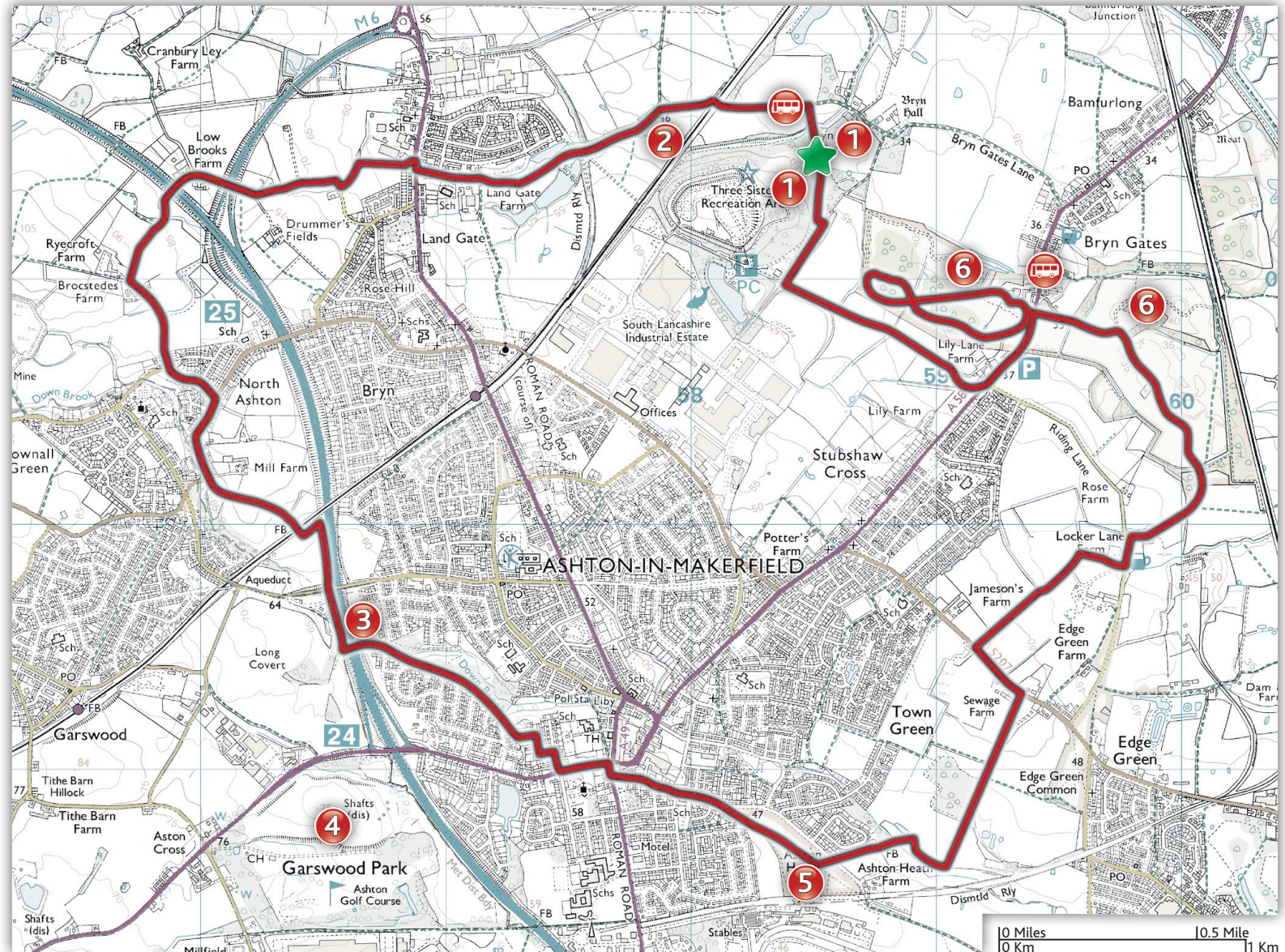


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## Jubilee Legacy Walks

This walk is one of a series of fifteen Jubilee Legacy Walks designed to celebrate the richness and diversity of Wigan Borough's green space, and provide a lasting reminder of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations of 2012. Walking is a great way to improve your physical health and mental wellbeing - aim for 150 minutes per week and you'll soon notice the difference!







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### WALK DESCRIPTION

This circular route passes through countryside and town, and includes the historic centre of Ashton and part of the Greenheart Regional Park.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Paths are a mixture of hard surfaces, pavements, desire lines and lanes. The route is not fully accessible to wheelchair users, prams and cycles.

### TOILETS



Toilet facilities are available at Three Sisters Recreation Area.

### START POINTS



The route can begin and end at almost anywhere that's convenient, but Three Sisters Recreation Area and Viridor Wood are good places to start.

Parking available at Three Sisters Recreation Area, Three Sisters Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield **WN4 8DD**

Parking available at Viridor Wood, Bolton road, Bamfurlong **WN2 5LB**

### BUS STOPS



Bus services operate from Wigan bus station to Bryn Cross stop (for Three Sisters) and Beech Tree Houses, Bamfurlong stop (for Viridor Wood).

### POINTS OF INTEREST



Three Sisters Recreation Area is land reclaimed from the mining industry after three colliery spoil heaps, the 'Three Sisters,' were levelled.



The field to the left of Landgate Lane is the site of 'Old Bryn', a moated hall which was the home of the Gerard family.



Skitters Wood is 6.8 hectares of ancient woodland and a Site of Biological Interest. Visit [www.friendsofashton.org.uk](http://www.friendsofashton.org.uk) for more information.



Garswood Hall was the last home of the Gerard family, a Roman Catholic family and Royalists during the Civil War with ancestry tracing back to 1288. The family earned a fortune from mining during the industrial revolution and the name can be found all over Ashton on street names, pubs and the town centre.

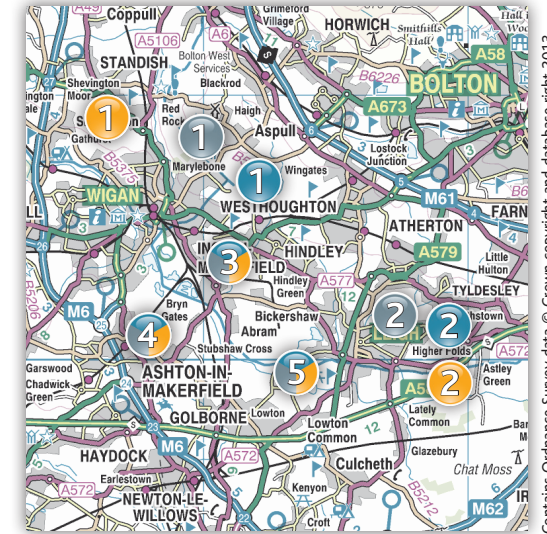


Ashton Heath is common land and a remnant of old heathland; visit [www.ashtonheath.org.uk](http://www.ashtonheath.org.uk) for more information.



Work to create Viridor Wood began in 2001 and by 2003 the millionth tree was planted. Visit [www.forestry.gov.uk](http://www.forestry.gov.uk) for more information.

### OTHER ROUTES



#### Walk Locations

- Borsdane, Standish and Haigh
- Gin Pit, Tyldesley and Astley
- Amberswood, Bickershaw and Abram
- Ashton, Viridor and Bryn
- Pennington Flash and Lightshaw

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