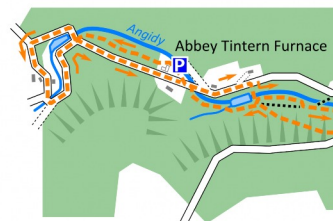




**Abbey Tintern Furnace** is a 17th-century ironworks built by Thomas Foley in the 1670s; another iron-master in the Angidy valley made cannons used in the American War of Independence.



**Tintern Abbey** was founded in 1131, though little remains of the original building; the great church was built between 1269 and 1301. It was dissolved by Henry VIII in 1536 and for two centuries was allowed to fall into decay: at one point the ruins were occupied by local ironworkers. The 18th-century fashion for the picturesque restored its fame and it was painted by artists including JMW Turner.



The view of Tintern Abbey and the Wye from the **Devil's Pulpit** is renowned. According to legend, the devil tried to lure the Abbey monks from this lofty pedestal and stamped his foot-prints into the rock in anger when unsuccessful.



The **Offa's Dyke Path** follows the ancient monument for 177 miles from Chepstow to Prestatyn. Near the Devil's Pulpit it is protected by modern kerbstones.



three circular walks from

# the anchor tintern



## Brockweir and the Wye

3 miles: Fairly easy

Along and across the Wye to a historic English village, returning via woodland.

## The Angidy valley

3¾ miles: Fairly easy

Woodland walking and industrial heritage on a walk with several options for short-cuts.

## Offa's Dyke and the Devil's Pulpit

5½ miles: Moderate

Outward along an old tramway, with a high-level return offering fabulous views.

## The Anchor Inn

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## Brockweir and the Wye (3 miles: Fairly easy)

Allow 1½–2 hours. Some stiles and steps. One gradual climb and a steep and slightly rocky descent. Wet grass on field paths after rain.

**1** From the front door of the Anchor Inn, turn left and then left again along a drive between pub and river. **2** Follow the riverside path beyond, past a couple of cottages to a road, which you follow out to the main road. **3** Turn right past the Abbey Mill. **4** When the pavement runs out, cross the main road and continue in the same direction. **5** Return to the original side of the road when necessary and pass Tintern Garage. **6** Just before the left turn to Catbrook, turn right down a road signposted to St Michael's Church. **7** Walk right of the church and pick up the riverside path beyond, crossing a series of footbridges and ignoring left turnings to the Old Station. **8** Just before Brockweir Bridge, turn left through a gate then right up steps to the road. **9** Turn right and cross the bridge, and follow the main village street beyond. **10** Just after the Brockweir Inn, turn right, passing the historic Malt House on your left. **11** Shortly afterwards, turn right on a narrow metalled path that winds between houses and gardens to pass the white-painted Moravian Church. **12** Cross a stile into fields and follow the riverbank. **13** Shortly before the end of the field, follow the path left, away from the river, to a stile into a bridleway. **14** Turn right and follow the track as it climbs gradually through the trees. **15** At a junction with a low wall to the right, go straight on, downhill. **16** When this steep path meets the former tramway, turn right, then bear left to the Wireworks Bridge. **17** Walk out to the main road, turn left, and retrace your steps to the Anchor.

## The Angidy valley (3¾ miles: Fairly easy)

Allow 2–2½ hours. One short climb, and mud may be encountered.

**1** From the front door of the Anchor Inn, turn left and then left again along a drive between pub and river. **2** Follow the riverside path beyond, past a couple of cottages to a road, which you follow out to the A466. **3** Cross the main road and head up Forge Road opposite. **4** Ignore a footpath to Chapel Hill Road on the left. When the lane bends left, take an ascending driveway on the left, with a footpath sign to Penterry Church. **5** The drive swings left and right to a cream-painted cottage. **6** Follow the path straight ahead beyond the cottage entrance, which soon joins a rocky streambed, and accompanies it uphill. **7** Stream and path pass under a plank bridge, after which the path turns right between fern-clad walls. **8** When you emerge onto a grass-grown driveway, turn right then immediately left onto a path to the left of a wall that separates it from another driveway. **9** When the wall ends, join the driveway and carry on. **10** Beyond another entrance from the right, the driveway joins a forest road; turn right, downhill. **11** When you reach a metalled lane, turn left (uphill). **12** After 100 yards or so, leave the road on a signposted footpath to the right. **13** This drops pleasantly through beechwoods until it meets a level path at an oblique junction.

**14** Cross over and descend to emerge by a bench and dam. **15** Turn left and walk alongside the pond to its head, where you swing right over a footbridge and follow the stream out to a road. **16** Turn left for a few steps, then right into the car park of the Abbey Tintern Furnace. **17** Follow the footpath past the furnace remains that continues beyond the ruins parallel to the stream, before climbing up steps to the road. **18** Turn right (signposted Raglan) and cross the stream below the pond, following the road round to the left. **19** At a junction, turn left (signposted The Fedw). **20** Pass a farmhouse, then turn left over the stream, and left again at the entrance to Cross Farm. **21** Follow the road downstream back to the pond. **22** At the junction turn right (signposted Tintern) and follow the road back to Abbey Tintern Furnace and beyond, crossing the stream. **23** Beyond Furnace Farm, turn right onto a footpath that crosses a footbridge over the outlet of the lower pond. **24** Beyond a bench, turn left and left again to drop down to a path alongside the stream below the weir. **25** Follow the path downstream until it merges with another path and continues down the valley. **26** Ignore a turning on the left, staying on the right bank of the stream. **27** The path eventually descends around a garden to emerge in a narrow lane. **28** Turn left then, just before the road junction, right onto a footpath behind a white-painted house and below a breeze-block wall. **29** Follow the path between houses and along the stream until it swings right, back to the road. **30** Turn left and walk down to a road junction. **31** Turn right here, and walk back into Tintern, shortly passing the Lower Wireworks car park. **32** At the main road, cross over into the no-through road opposite and bear right past the old chapel, retracing your steps back to the Anchor.

## Offa's Dyke and the Devil's Pulpit

5½ miles: Moderately strenuous

Allow 4 hours. One long climb out of the Wye valley, and a steep and uneven descent near the end; the footpath above Tintern Quarry is a little indistinct in places.

**1** From the front door of the Anchor Inn, turn left and then left again along a drive between pub and river. **2** Follow the riverside path beyond, past a couple of cottages to a road, which you follow out to the main road. **3** Turn right past the Abbey Mill and then right again to cross the Wireworks Bridge over the Wye. **4** Follow the track round to the right, and pass just to the left of a gate with a letterbox for Ferry Farm. **5** Follow the former tramway above the river for a mile and a quarter, passing a large boulder after quarter of a mile or so. **6** Just beyond a track off to the right with a barrier marked "Private Farm Ahead", follow the main track up to the left, leaving the tramway. **7** When the track bends sharp left, take a footpath on the right that descends slightly through the trees then swings left to meet a quarry track below a bank of spoil. **8** Turn left and follow the track uphill. **9** When this track hairpins sharp right, leave it to follow an indistinct path straight ahead through the trees. **10** This path then swings right to cross a bouldery stream bed, and emerges into

another track. **11** Take a few steps to the right then take a footpath opposite up some steps. **12** This path continues uphill and curves left to meet the Offa's Dyke Path at the top of the wood. **13** Turn left and follow the forest road opposite past a barrier, which shortly crosses the line of Offa's Dyke itself. **14** Just before the track starts to descend steeply, turn right at an Offa's Dyke finger post. **15** The path heads through the trees to meet the earthwork, where it swings left. **16** After a while, the path jinks right and left to switch to the other side of the Dyke. **17** The path skirts close to the top of the wood, where there are distant views to the right to the Severn crossing from some pathside boulders. **18** Beyond a gap in an old wall the Offa's Dyke Path returns to the woods. **19** Keep left at a waymark, where you get your first view of the Abbey. **20** There are further glimpses before you pass the Devil's Pulpit outcrop on your left (with a yew tree growing from a limestone boulder down steps to your right). **21** Continuing along Offa's Dyke, now lined with stones, bear left at a metal kissing gate, beyond which the path descends through the trees. **22** At a path junction turn left off the Offa's Dyke Path (signposted simply "Public Footpath"). **23** Pass another footpath sign, again following "Public Footpath", to meet a wide track. **24** Turn right here briefly towards a mast among the trees, but turn off left before you reach it (signposted "Tintern" on a wooden sign). **25** This path descends steeply and unevenly, keeping right at a waymark to reach a three-way junction where you bear left, continuing downhill. **26** When you reach another junction in front of a low wall, turn left, again downhill. **27** On meeting the old tramway, turn right then bear left to the Wireworks Bridge. **28** Cross the bridge and turn left past the Abbey Mill at the main road. **29** Opposite Forge Road, turn left into a no-through road. **30** Keep right past the former chapel and retrace your steps alongside the river to the Anchor Inn.



The Anchor Inn is situated alongside the River Wye, with the stunning backdrop of Tintern Abbey. This historic inn, set in extensive grounds, dates back to the 12th century and was originally a cider mill and grain store for the abbey.

Additions to these two buildings were constructed in the 19th century to house the kitchen.

Our menus offer a cuisine of excellent local produce along with a range of locally brewed ales, beers and ciders. We welcome children who have their own play area in a section of our beautiful garden. Walkers and their dogs are also welcome. There is complimentary WiFi for those who want to browse the internet over their morning coffee.



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