

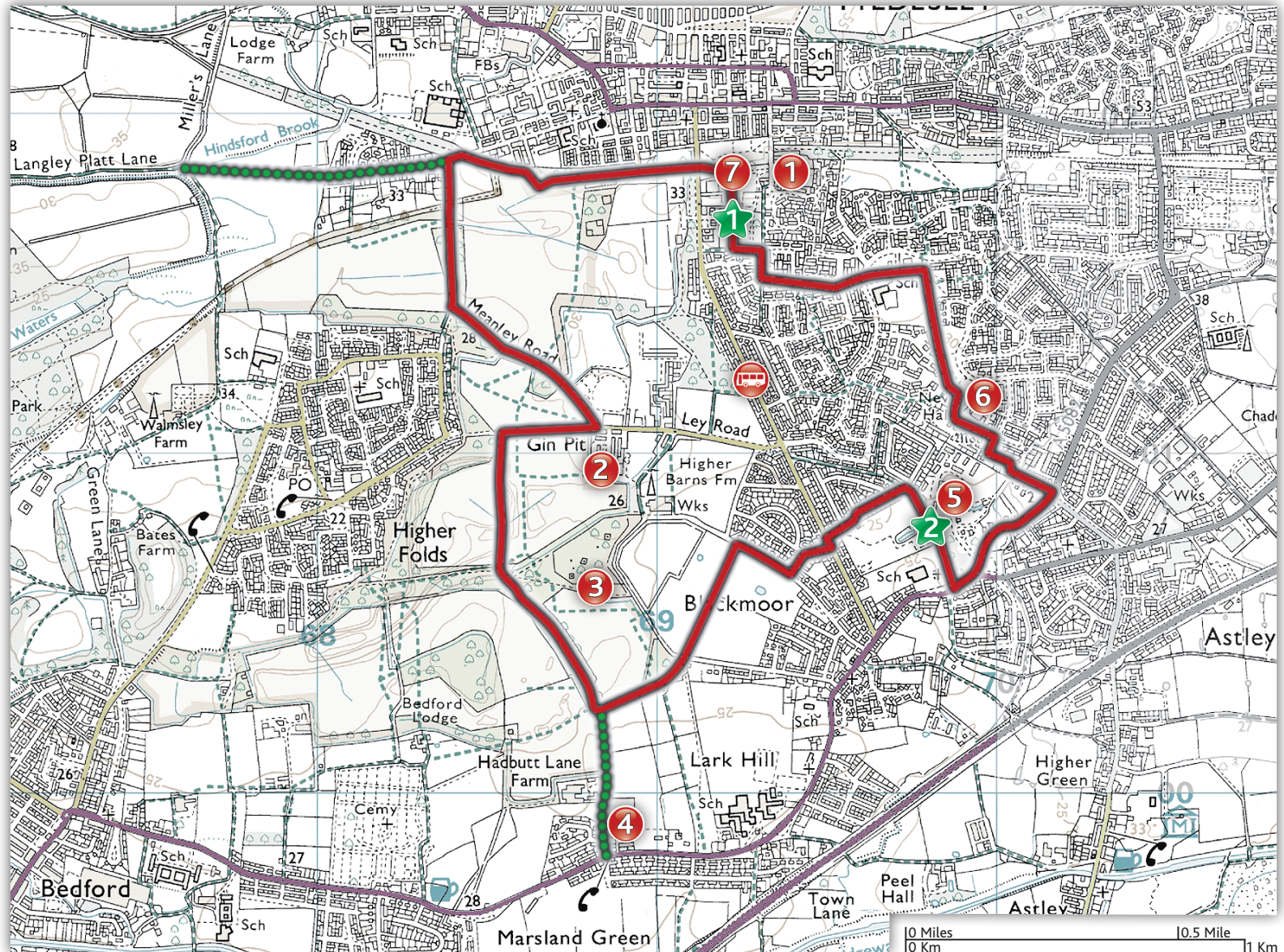


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Jubilee Legacy Walks

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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 south of Tyldesley takes you to several places of varying historical interest. Gin Pit village is a community that grew around the mining industry. Colliers Wood, to the south of the village, is woodland planted to improve reclamation after the mining closed down. Elsewhere, Dam House is a fine manor house surrounded by attractive, accessible landscaped grounds.

ACCESSIBILITY

Paths vary between hard surfaced tarmac and some softer surfaces, which can be muddy after rain.

The route is not accessible for wheelchairs, prams & cycles.

TOILETS

There is a cafe available at Dam House, with toilet facilities

START POINTS

- Car park available at Astley Street Park, Tyldesley M29 8HG
- Car park available at Dam House, Astley Hall Drive, Astley M29 7TX

BUS STOPS

Bus services run along Astley Street or the A572 from Bedford to Astley. The guided bus route from Leigh to Salford also has a stop close to Astley Street.

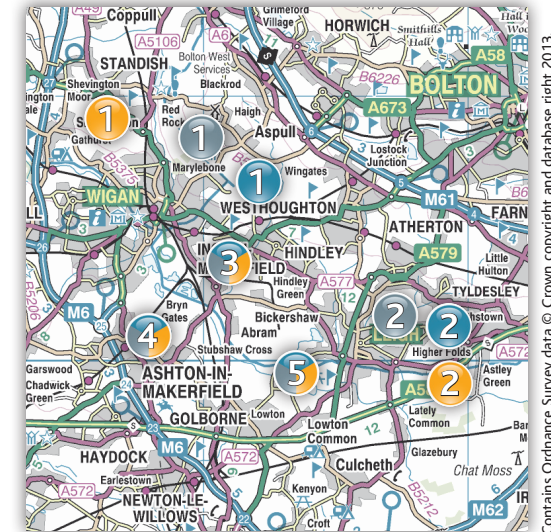
POINTS OF INTEREST

- The guided bus route from Leigh to Salford will have a stop close to Astley Street.
- Gin Pit village takes its name from the Gin pit situated to the north. Nook Colliery had a railway line transporting coal down to the Bridgewater Canal through what is now Colliers Wood. The village is

home to an active community with its own website www.ginpit-village.org

- Colliers Wood is planted on former industrial land with 130 hectares of woodland and meadow, 60000 trees and 5km of footpaths. It is managed by Forestry Commission and local community groups.
- South of Colliers Wood, the route can connect to the Bridgewater Canal and Bedford Moss.
- Dam House is a Grade II listed manor house, dating back to 1595. It became an isolation hospital and a general hospital before it closed in 1994. The house has been restored and it now sits in 17 acres of woodland designated a site of biological importance. Visit www.damhouse.net
- Look out for an old moated house, New Hall, however it is now a private residence so please respect the owner's privacy.
- Astley Street Park was opened to the public in 1902 and extended in 1916 by the acquisition of Moss Meadow cricket field.

OTHER ROUTES



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Walk Locations

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