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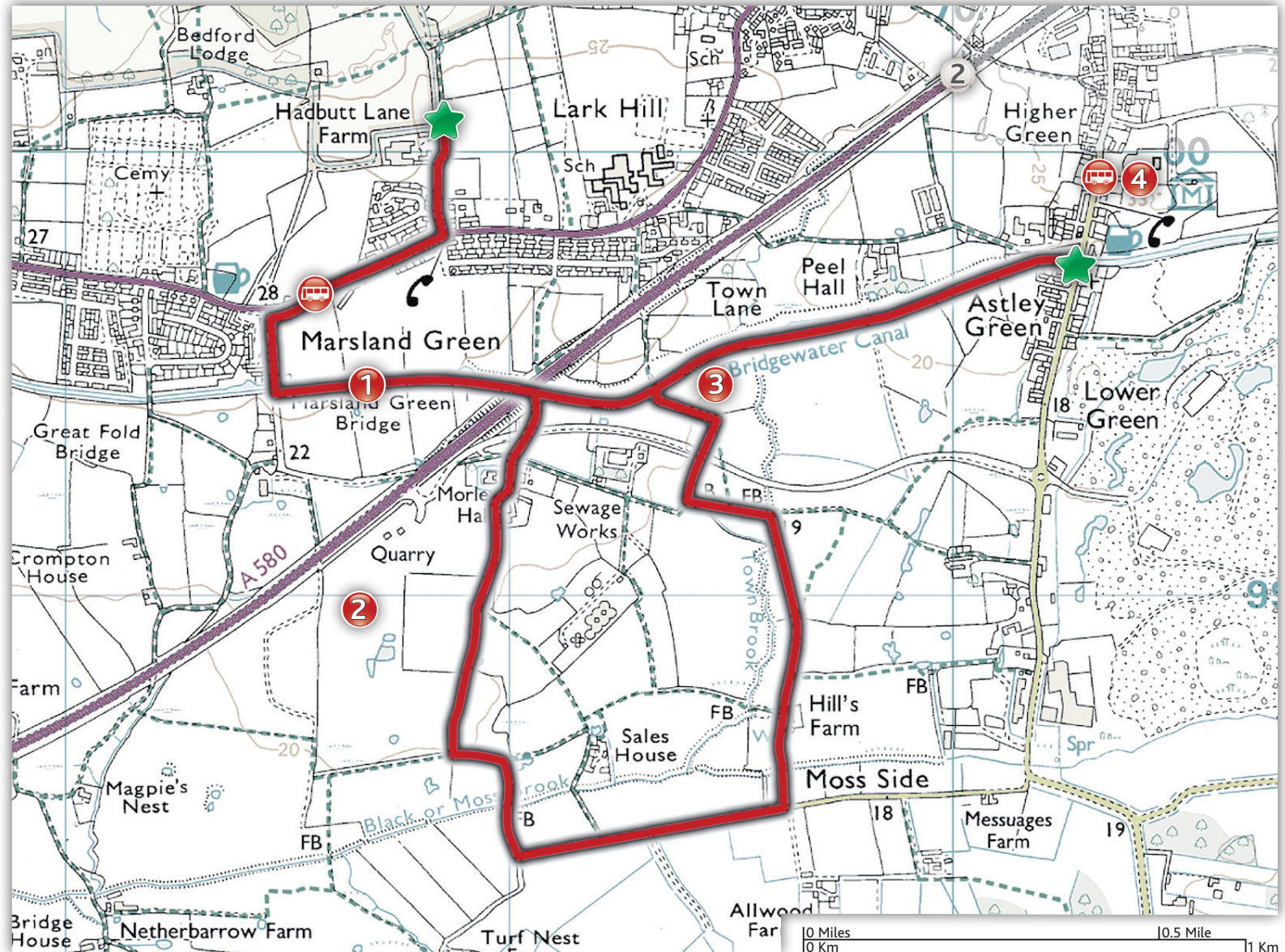
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## Jubilee Legacy Walks

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 pleasant walk takes in the agricultural landscape, with views to where the mosslands begin.

### ACCESSIBILITY

With the exception of the towpath and road, the route is along paths and tracks.

There is limited access for wheelchairs, prams & cycles along the towpath only.

### TOILETS

There are no public toilets.

### START POINT

The walk can start at car parks close to the canal at Marsland Green or Astley Green. If accessing the walk at Astley Green car park, cross the canal along the road to access the towpath.

Off road parking at Marsland Green layby off A572 junction with Marsland Green Lane, Astley **M29 7LH**

Off road parking at Colliery Green, off Higher Green Lane, Astley **M29 7JB**

### BUS STOPS

Outside Astley Green Pit

Opposite the Golf Centre at Marsland Green.

### POINTS OF INTEREST

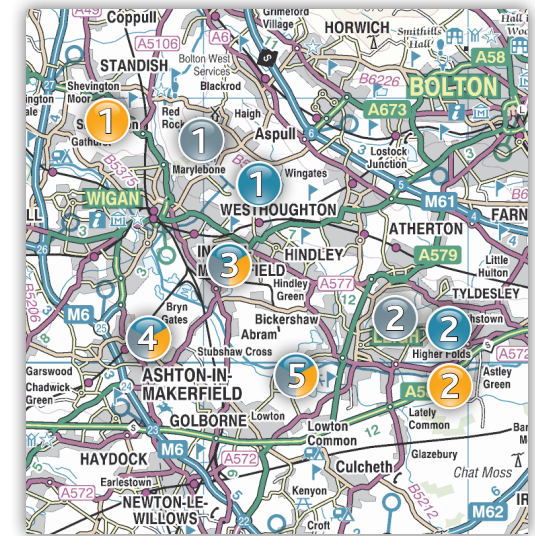
**1** The Bridgewater Canal, or 'Dukes Cut' as it was known, was opened in 1761 to transport coal from the Duke of Bridgewater's mines at Worsley to Manchester. It is claimed to be the first canal in Britain because it was the first waterway to be built that didn't follow an existing river or stream. Visit [www.bridgewatercanal.co.uk](http://www.bridgewatercanal.co.uk)

**2** Bedford Moss contains a 92 hectare Site of Special Scientific Interest. The moss forms part of an E.U. Special Area of Conservation (Manchester Mosses.) Bedford Moss is separated from Chat Moss by the railway.

**3** The fields here contain Astley Raceway, run by Leigh Moto Cross.

**4** Astley Green Colliery Museum has a 3300hp winding engine and contains the last surviving headgear and engine house in Lancashire. Set in fifteen acres of land bordering the Moss, the museum contains many steam locomotives. Visit [www.agcm.org.uk](http://www.agcm.org.uk) for more information.

### OTHER ROUTES



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#### Walk Locations

- 1** Borsdane, Standish and Haigh
- 2** Gin Pit, Tyldesley and Astley
- 3** Amberswood, Bickershaw and Abram
- 4** Ashton, Viridor and Bryn
- 5** Pennington Flash and Lightshaw

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