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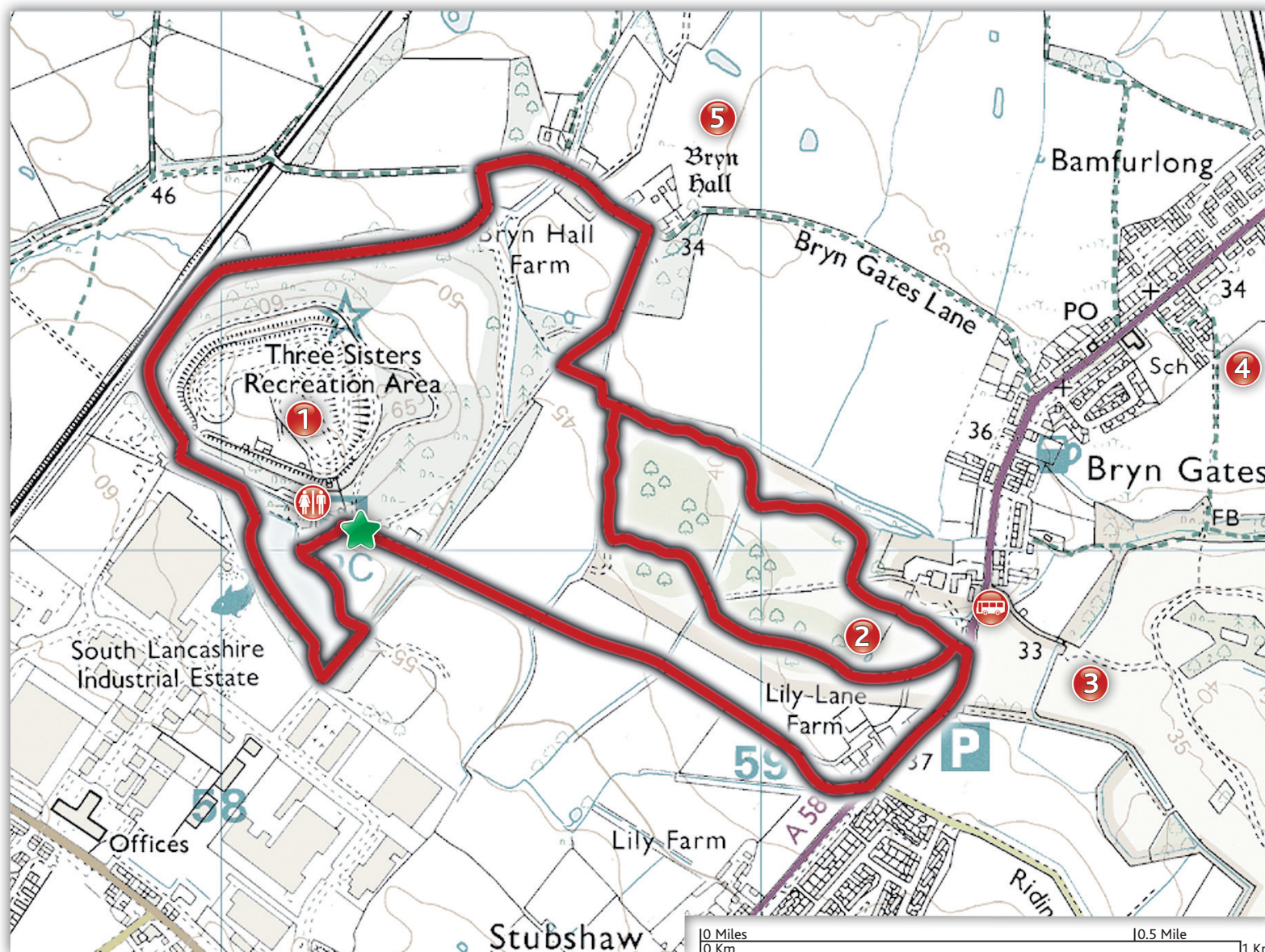
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Jubilee Legacy Walks

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

Viridor Wood was created in 2001 and by 2003 the millionth tree was planted. This community woodland includes wood sculptures at it's highest point. It has three parts: the western section is between Three Sisters and the A58; the central part is between the A58 and the railway line; the eastern section is between the railway line and Abram Flashes. It is managed by the Forestry Commission www.forestry.gov.uk.

ACCESSIBILITY

The paths are hard surfaced and level in most places, however they are unsuitable for disabled, pram or cycle access.

TOILETS

Toilet facilities are available at Three Sisters Recreation Area.

START POINT

The route begins and ends at Three Sisters Recreation Area.

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

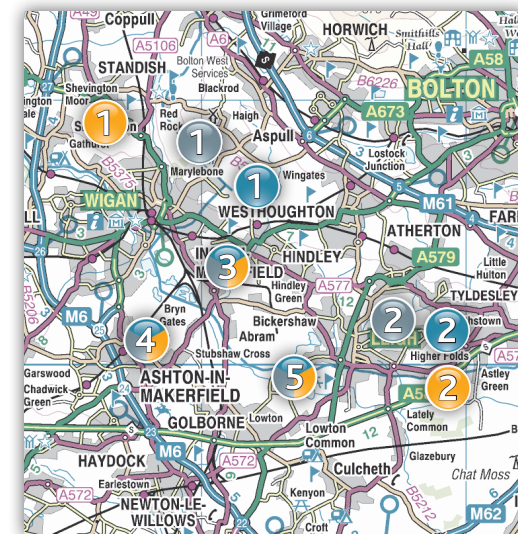
BUS STOPS

Bus services operate from Wigan bus station to Bryn Cross stop (for Three Sisters).

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Three Sisters Recreation Area is land reclaimed from the mining industry after the levelling of three colliery spoil heaps in the 1960s. The site has a number of habitats including woodland, mossland, water and wetland.
- 2 Viridor Wood Western Section is on the site of an earlier wood named Coffin Wood dating from 1890. A lane that dissects the wood is the original Coffin Lane. Lily Lane Colliery was located here with an adjacent reservoir.
- 3 Viridor Wood Middle Section had a larger colliery called Mains Colliery.
- 4 Viridor Wood Eastern Section
- 5 Bryn Hall was one of the homes of the Gerard Family who had a lot of mining interests in and around the Ashton area. Take extra care when walking through the farmyard (public footpath).

OTHER ROUTES



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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