

THE WALK

Start/parking Beside the church Clodock

Maps OS Explorer 202 ref.SO 490414

Distance 6 miles

Grade Moderate

Stiles 25+

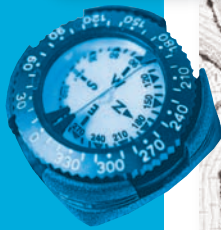
Public transport Nearest bus X4. 3.4 miles at Pandy. For details ring Traveline on 0871 708374

Nearest Town Abergavenny

Refreshments The Cornwall Arms, tel: 01873 860677 or The Carpenters Arms Walterstone, tel: 01873 890353

Toilets As refreshments

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The Ramblers

The Ramblers is Britain's biggest charity working to promote walking and improve conditions for all walkers. In Herefordshire there are four groups: Hereford, Mortimer, Ross-on-Wye and Leadon Vale. **For more information contact Tom Fisher, tel: 01886 821544 or email: tom.fisher@virgin.net**



heading to a point between the farm and the barns, to cross the lane.

5 Enter the farmyard and head right behind the farmhouse. This is an objectionable few steps, to the tricky stile, due to the 'litter'. Head up the field, with the farm on your left, to a copse. Go over a stile into and through it to another stile into another field. Continue diagonally left upwards to a gate to the left of a house. Go along the side and then turn right where you will reach a driveway. I was perplexed here until I spotted a stile hidden behind a few short trees to my left. Go over this to two stiles taking you across the drive of another house and into the next field. Keep the hedge on your left and cross to another stile. Then head diagonally for the track-way on the right. Making sure that all gates are left as you find them, follow this right hand hedge line up five fields, bearing right into the sixth and the top. The sheer volume of sheep we have passed visibly dazes Ludo and Mina, but I am rewarded with a glorious panorama before the descent.

Keep walking with the hedge on your right, in the top field, until you reach a stile. Turn left across to the hedge. With it on your left walk to its end, follow the marker left and through a gate, then immediately right through a second.



Ludo and Mina at the spring

Walk across the field with the hedge on your left and go through the gate. Keep to the right hand hedge as you descend. When the track becomes steeper follow it round to the left, then head across the field to the right again and the stile in the corner. Keep going straight, passing an abandoned vehicle and farm. Scramble down by the tree and over the stream to a stile. With the hedge on your left, cross the field into the next. By the cottage head straight on down the footpath, look out for the friendly collie. A difficult gate leads onto a deep cut track to the road. Cross to the path on the right of the cottage. As you reach the Monnow, look for the sacred spring. On the other bank, is Clodock Mill. In spring, its gardens are host to wild daffodils and buildings to lesser horseshoe bats.² Ludo is keen to paddle

and play, Mina to stoop for a quick sup before we head over the bridge to the Cornwall Arms for a Herefordshire cider. The 12th century Grade 1 church is well worth seeing. ■

¹ Monnow Valley Walk – Llwybr Dyffryn Mynwy. A 65.5km/40-mile pastoral route along the Monnow Valley between England and Wales between Monmouth and Hay Bluff, joining Offa's Dyke Path to Hay.

² Clodock Mill
<http://www.clodockmill.com/>

