

## Glasbury Village and Riverside

Distance and time 1 km (30–40 minutes)

### **Brief description of the walk, path conditions and facilities**

Glasbury is situated on both banks of the River Wye, with the oldest part being on the west (formerly Radnorshire) side. Most of the village facilities are located on the east (Breconshire) bank with a riverside café and bistro, village shop, pub and garage. Glasbury is known as an angling and canoeing centre with Glasbury House being operated as an outdoor education centre by the London Borough of Redbridge. Courses are provided in canoeing, kayaking, caving, hill walking and mountain biking.

There are easy strolls, stile free along the Wye Valley Walk on either side of Glasbury (on the west side of the river). *To the north is a 1km walk through river meadows, but there are steps down to this path from Glasbury. To the south west the route is stile free for 9km to Trericket Mill via Boughrood village. Paths vary from farm tracks that can be muddy to field paths that can be uneven, and there is a flight of wooden steps on the approach to Boughrood.*

The described walk is a pleasant circuit around the older part of the village, *including a section through riverside common, using uneven grassy paths and quiet tarmac roads.*

*Please note that in wet conditions the surface of natural paths can be prone to become more uneven and difficult to negotiate.*

### **Start point for the walk**

There is a small car park close to the river bridge, just off the A438 at the western end of the bridge, with toilet block adjacent. There is a separate disabled WC with Radar key operation. This small car park is quite frequently used by Outdoor Activity groups arriving in minibuses with canoe trailers. If the parking area is full, roadside parking in the village is usually available.

### **Relevant OS Maps**

Explorer Map OL13 – Brecon Beacons National Park (Eastern area) or

Explorer Map 188 – Builth Wells

Outdoor Leisure Map 161 – The Black Mountains

### **Detailed Walk description**

Leave the car park with the WC on your right and pass Glasbury scout hut. Go through an easy access gate and follow a stone surfaced and somewhat uneven path, ramped up and over the flood bank to reach a large grassy riverside common. This is a good location for a picnic. The river's broad shingle beach is a popular destination for canoeists and bathers in the summer months. A few benches are due to be installed during 2008. Behind the riverside meadow, Glasbury House is an early Georgian manor house standing behind a wall in 7 acres. It has been used as an outdoor education centre since 1963.

Follow the grassy, uneven path for 200m across the common and follow another path, on the right, which leads to a grassy ramp up and over the flood wall. Looking across the field you will see the confluence of the Rivers Wye and Llynfi. After 30m from the flood wall, go through an easy access gate near the rear entrance to Glasbury House on the right. Continue along the quiet tarmac lane ahead, passing the Old Vicarage on the left. After another 100m, there is a seat on the left, with a view overlooking the river towards hills further west. This is a pleasant restful spot. In another 100m, reach Glasbury village green and bear gently right to join the B4350 road next to the war memorial. Note that if you turn left here Maesllwych Arms Hotel is 80m further along on the right. At the war memorial, turn right and use the roadside pavement to return to the car park in another 200m