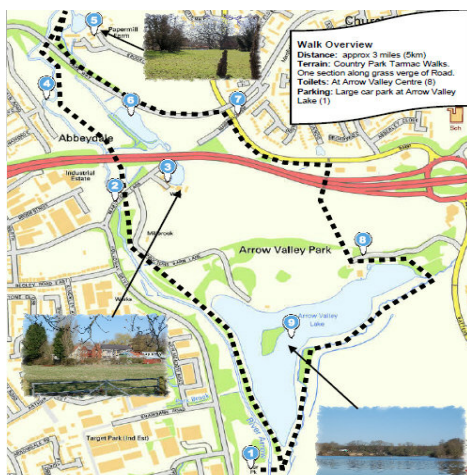


Walks in Redditch

Arrow Valley Walk (A2) Papermill to Arrow Valley Lake

Distance: approx 3 miles (5 km)
Terrain: Country Park Tarmac Walks
 One section along grass verge of road
Toilets: At Arrow Valley Centre
Parking: Large Car Park at Arrow Lake



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The walk begins at the Arrow Valley Lake Car Park off Holloway Drive. Leave the car park towards the Lake, turning left to follow the West Bank of the Lake. Continue along this route. The Lake was man-made by the New Town Development Corporation as part of the Arrow Valley Park project. You can walk close to the Lake or along the tarmac path by the Lake. The river, to the left, has been canalised to allow the Lake to be produced and the area drained.



Continue along the tarmac path, past the end of the Lake, and follow the route of the River Arrow. Spend time looking at the wide range of flora and fauna which can be seen in the Country Park. After about ¾ mile a road crossing appears. Marfield Lane is a continuation of Beoley Road and, in its day, was one of the main routes out of Redditch. In the 19th Century there was no road bridge and there were many fatalities in the ford. Taking a short walk to the right there is the Beoley Mill, which was a Needle Mill. This is now factory units and cannot be visited. Continue along the path following the River Arrow.



The River Arrow at this stage continues it's normal course. It is no longer canalised by the Bordesley Monks or by the Development Corporation. This area is a typical flat river flood plain. Continue along the tarmac path alongside the river until eventually arriving at the Beoley Papermill.



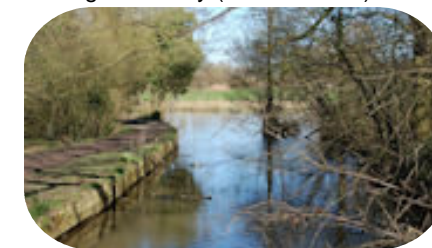
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Beoley Paper Mill and Papermill Farm have been converted into private dwellings. There are two pools which originally fed the mill and the first record of paper making here was in about 1650.

Return along the path and before the bridge for the bus route turn left and ascend to the bus route. Turn left and walk along Park Way (the bus route).

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To the right is a small lake which was originally the mill pool for Beoley Mill.

Walk along the bus route until it crosses Papermill Drive. Before the bridge, cross the road and take the path descending to Papermill Drive. Follow the grass verge along Papermill Drive until arriving at the underpass before the buildings. Follow the path to the right and eventually arriving at the Arrow Valley Lake.

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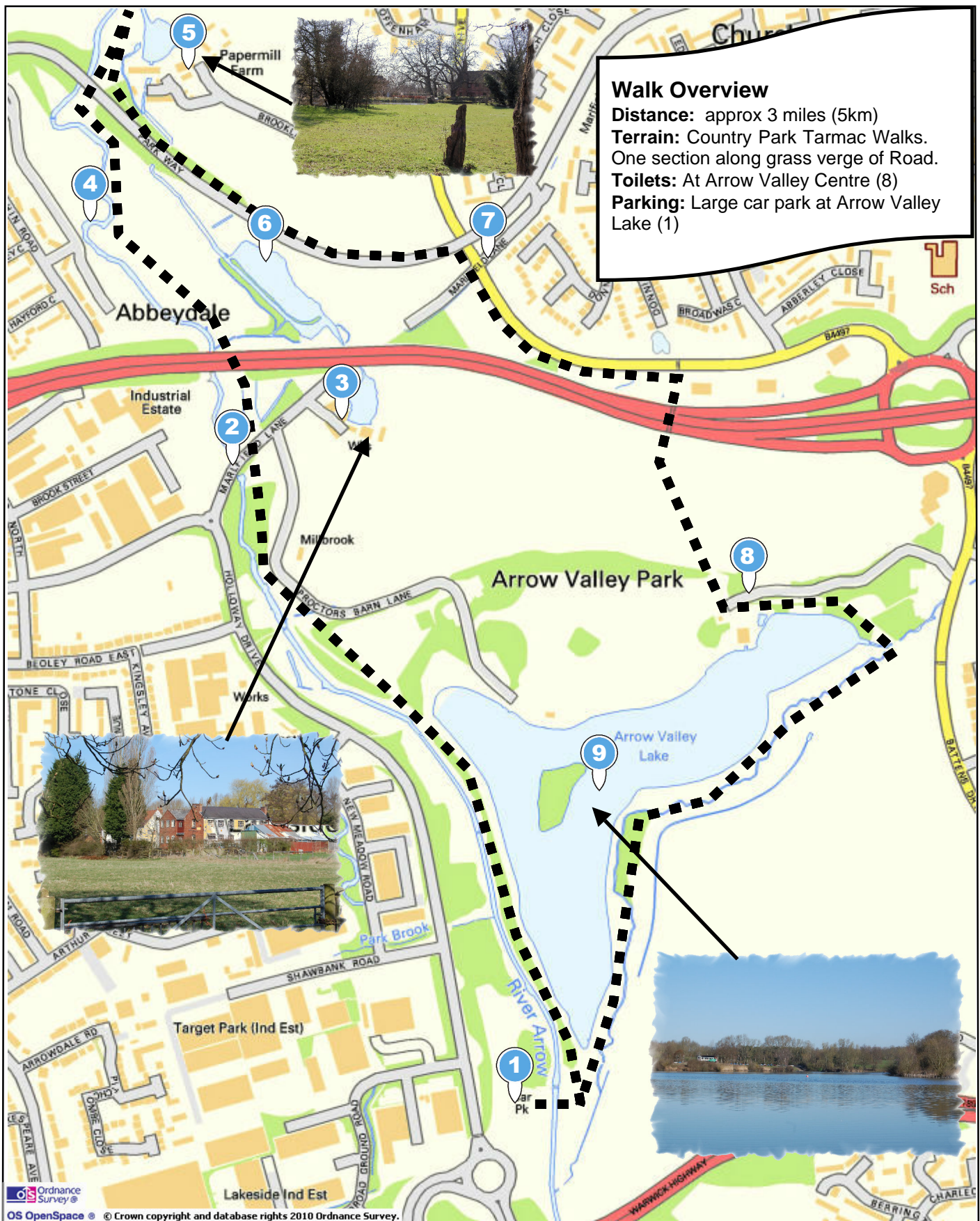
At the Lake, turn right and follow the path around the Lake. The Arrow Valley Visitor Centre, situated on the edge of the lake, has a cafe, Gift Shop and toilet facilities. The Arrow Valley Park has four way-marked trails around the Lake which are available from the Centre. The trails range from one to four miles.

Continue along the path around the Lake and eventually arrive back at the start in the car park.

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Arrow Valley Walk (A2) - Arrow Valley Lake to Papermill Farm



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