Usk Valley Walk
5-day Self-Guided Walking Holiday

A five day riverside walk through the Vale of Usk, from the Roman fort at Caerleon to the market town of Brecon in the heart of the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Day 1
Caerleon to Usk - 10 miles (16 km)
Begin at the old Roman town of Caerleon, originally called Isca after the River Usk, and explore the Roman fortress baths, Legionary Museum and amphitheatre. The first day is a gentle climb through woodland followed by a river-level walk to Usk town.

Day 2
Usk to The Bryn - 10 miles (16 km)
Leaving the peaceful little town of Usk, known in Welsh as Brynbuga, the walk continues along the riverbank. You will pass some of the most beautiful stretches of the river today, with plenty of opportunity to see kingfishers and other wildlife at close quarters. The Abergavenny area has a growing reputation for excellent food, and enjoys a stunning location on the edge of the Black Mountains too.

Day 3
The Bryn to Crickhowell - 11 miles (18 km)
Enjoy views of the Brecon Beacons without any major climbs today as the trail continues past Govilon along the Monmouth and Brecon canal, passing lime kilns and other industrial archaeology. The restored canal is popular with narrow boats, whose bright colours and cheerful flowerpots enhance the natural environment, while the towpath makes for easy walking.

Day 4
Crickhowell to Talybont-on-Usk - 9 miles (14 km)
After breakfast it’s worth exploring Crickhowell Castle, before the journey continues westwards through the wide and fertile Usk Valley, first veering away and then rejoining the canal by the village of Llangynidr. A series of five locks are passed as the route ascends to the high point of the walk at 300m above sea level. Then it’s down to Talybont-on-Usk with its sparkling reservoir and marvellous situation in the shadow of the Central Beacons.

Day 5
Talybont-on-Usk to Brecon - 8 miles (13 km)
The final day takes us through the landscape beloved by Henry Vaughan, the 18th Century poet who lived near Talybont, and on to the thriving market town of Brecon. Here fine Georgian townhouse and the buildings of Christ College, a school established by Henry VIII, provide the perfect backdrop for an annual Jazz Festival and numerous other cultural and artistic events.

Tour summary
Duration 5 days
Distance 48 miles (77 km)
Grading Moderate
Price £465 per person based on 2 people sharing a twin/double room. Contact us for sole traveller/single occupancy rates.
Meals Cooked breakfast included. Packed lunches & evening meals can be arranged on your behalf if required.
Options Add an extra night at any stage of the tour, prices from £40pp per night.

Remember, this itinerary is just the starting point.

Please contact us if you have any special requirements and we will be happy to tailor the tour to suit you.