

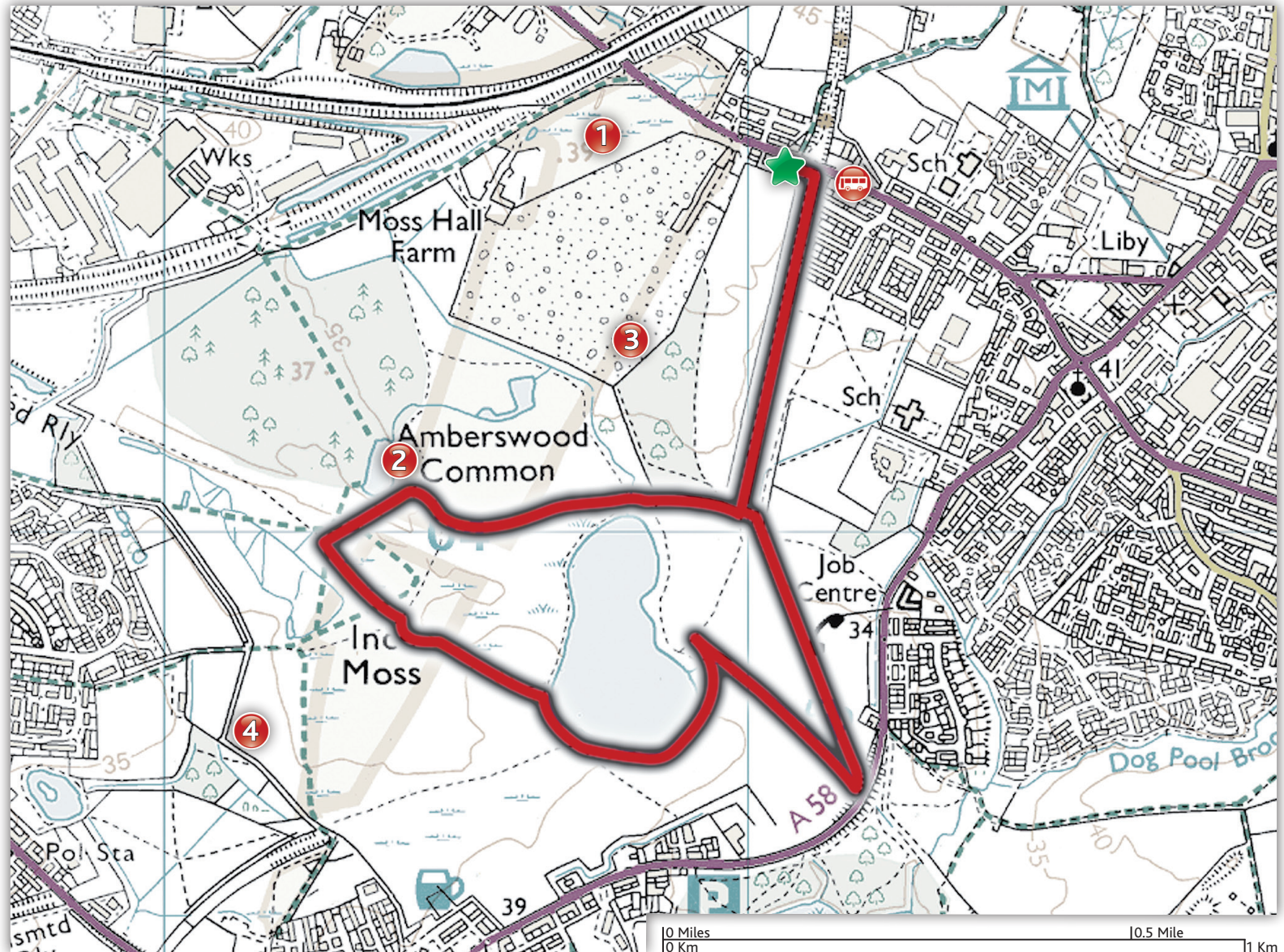


AMBERSWOOD COMMON

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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

Amberswood is a former open cast mining site that has now been transformed into one of the borough's best green spaces and one of the key sites within Greenheart. There are over 6km of paths linking areas of woodland, wildflower meadows, grasslands and wetlands. The Friends of Amberswood community group work with Groundwork and Wigan Council to help manage the site.

ACCESSIBILITY

The routes are along hard surfaced footpaths and are accessible to wheelchair users, prams and cycles.

TOILETS

There are no public toilets.

START POINT

This route begins and ends at Amberswood. Parking available at Greenheart car park, Wigan Road, Hindley, WN2 3BU.

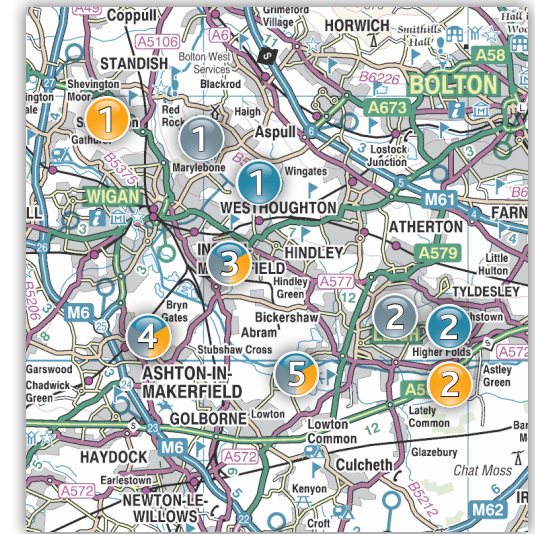
BUS STOPS

Bus services run from Wigan & Leigh bus stations with stops on Wigan Road.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Early 19th century maps show the route of a Roman road between Moss Hall Farm and the main road. An excavation west of Walmesley Park proved inconclusive.
- 2 The high water table at Amberswood allowed the easy creation of ponds and larger water bodies for flora and habitat. Before the industrial revolution the high water table made the land difficult to drain and allowed the mosslands to flourish.
- 3 The hills and mounds are colliery spoil that has been regraded since the closure of the mines.
- 4 Ince Moss forms part of a green wedge extending south to Wigan Flashes.

OTHER ROUTES



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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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