



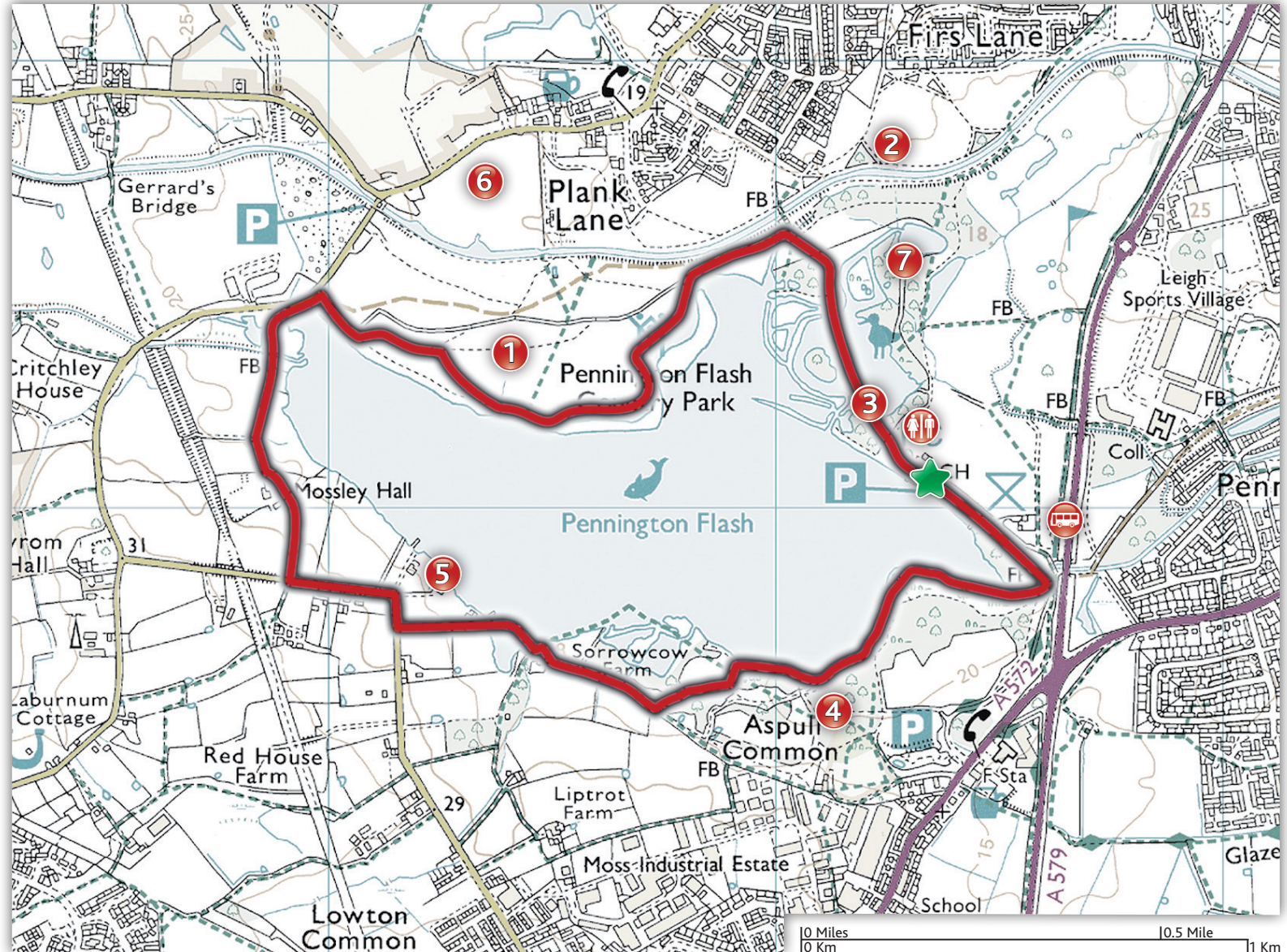
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PENNINGTON FLASH CIRCUIT

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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

Flashes are lakes formed over time from mining subsidence; Pennington Flash, a legacy of the Borough's industrial heritage, is an excellent example of this phenomenon. Towards the end of the 19th century, the land now under the Flash was farmland. Following reclamation and improvements, Pennington Flash Country Park was officially opened in 1981.

ACCESSIBILITY

Most parts of the walk are on hard surfaced paths and pavements, however it is unsuitable for wheelchairs or pushchairs.

TOILETS

Toilet facilities are available at Pennington Flash Country Park

START POINT

The route begins and ends at Pennington Flash Country Park. Car park available at Pennington Flash, St Helens Road, Leigh WN7 3PA (small charge).

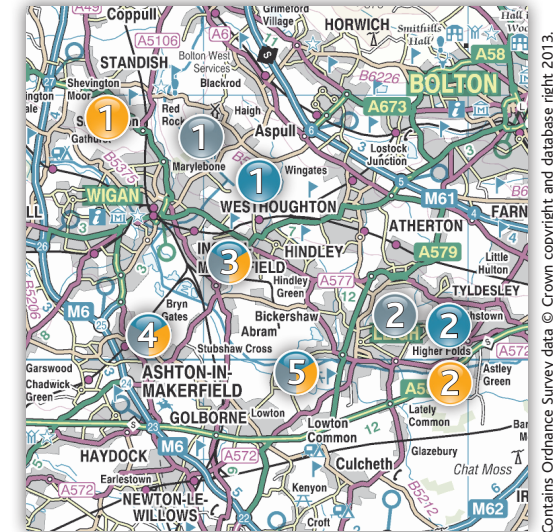
BUS STOPS

Bus services operate from Leigh bus station to St Helens Road stop.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- 1 Ramsdale's Ruck is a spoil heap created when the Flash was partially filled with colliery waste.
- 2 When this part of the Leeds Liverpool Canal was constructed in 1820 the canal was level with the surrounding fields. The land around it sunk because of mining subsidence.
- 3 The path along here is the route of an old railway line that serviced the colliery.
- 4 The southern part of the Flash was filled with domestic waste to prevent the regular flooding of St. Helens Road.
- 5 The Flash is used by Leigh and Lowton Sailing Club. Visit www.llsc.org.uk
- 6 The pit at Plank Lane closed in 1992. Redevelopment of the area is part of the Greenheart Country Park project.
- 7 There are a number of bird watching hides around the wetland area.

OTHER ROUTES



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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