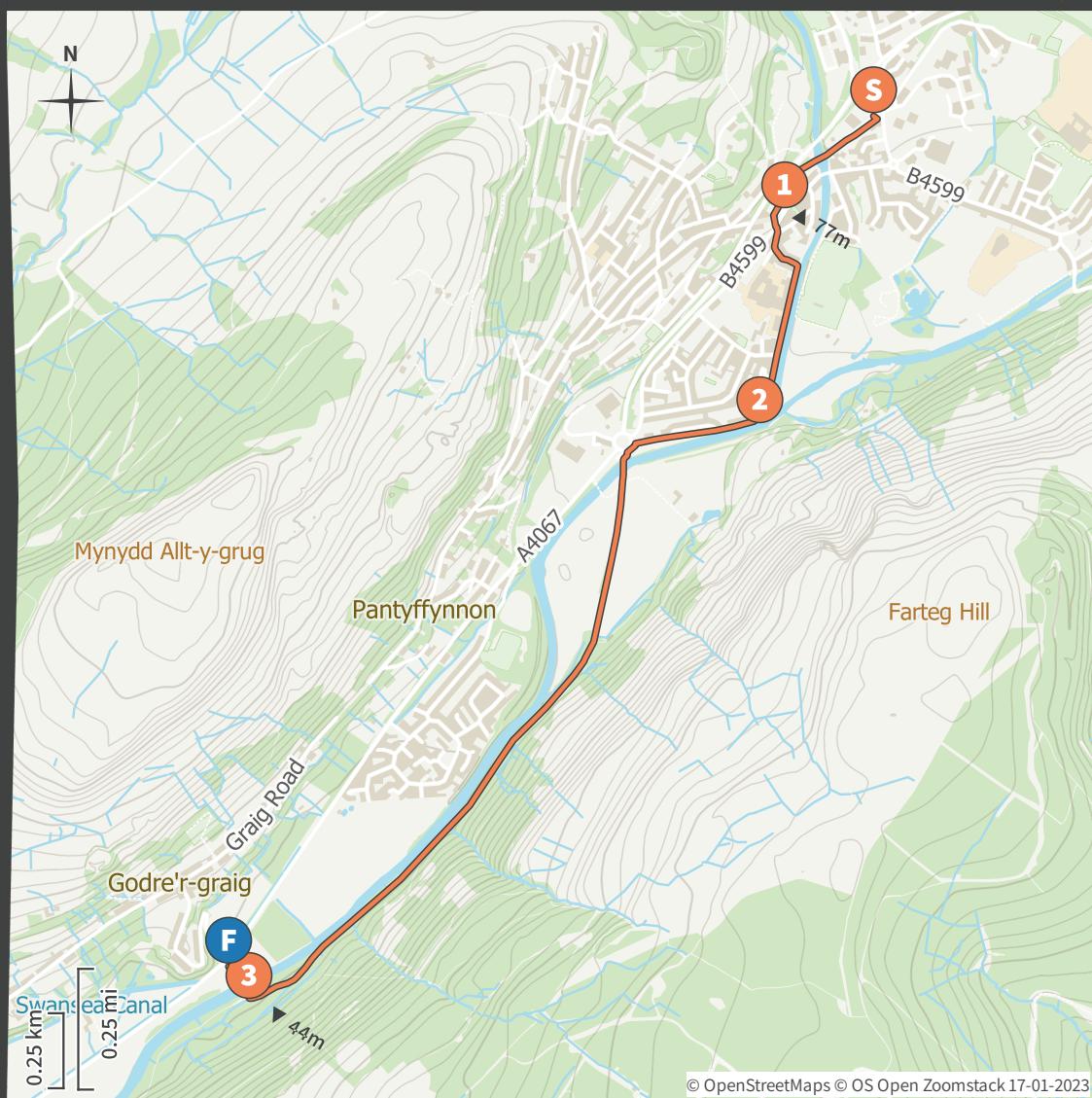




# Accessible Waterway Viewing

An accessible riverside stroll taking in the Twrch and Tawe.

Accessible tarmac paths and pavement. A 3-mile linear route, there are car parking facilities at either end.



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Easy Access



20m



Linear



4.2km | 2.6m



01:05



**S** Starting from the Aubrey Arms (Home Bargains car park) turn R along the tarmac path following cycle route 43 markers across the Ystalyfera (Twrch) Aqueduct and Weir. This impressive structure, built by Thomas Sheasby in 1794-98 using hydraulic mortar from Aberfan, it is the largest aqueduct on the Swansea Canal. Listen to the roar of the water passing over the weir and enjoy stunning views across the valley to the Darren Mountain. Continue along the path to an open area with an information board and benches. Turn L onto Gurnos Road.



**1** There is a short section here where travel on the road will be required due to the position of dropped kerbs and fixed bollards. Cross the road heading towards St David's Church and turn L onto St David's Road. Constructed in 1889-90 the church was consecrated by the Bishop of Saint David's in June 1891. Continue ahead to the river and bear R on Glan Yr Afon. Follow the river passing Ysgol Gyfun Ystalyfera on the R. As the river widens, where the Twrch flows into the Tawe, keep an eye out for Grey Heron who call the river home.



**2** Continue following the road turning L at the roundabout and take the footbridge crossing the river heading along the tarmac cycle path. Enjoy a rest on our sculpted bench here, created by local chainsaw artist Garry Turler of Wildboar Carvings. Follow the cycle path passing another footbridge on the R. As you head along, tracing the route of the old railway line, there are a number of small waterfalls to the L of the path. These are especially picturesque in Winter months when there has been plenty of rainfall.



**3** A moving memorial can be found as you approach the next footbridge. On 15 September 2011, four local miners tragically died in the Gleision mine disaster. A stone memorial plaque and bench sit alongside mining equipment and photo tributes left by family and friends of the men. Cross the footbridge into a gravel parking area where this route finishes (SN 75307 06519).



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