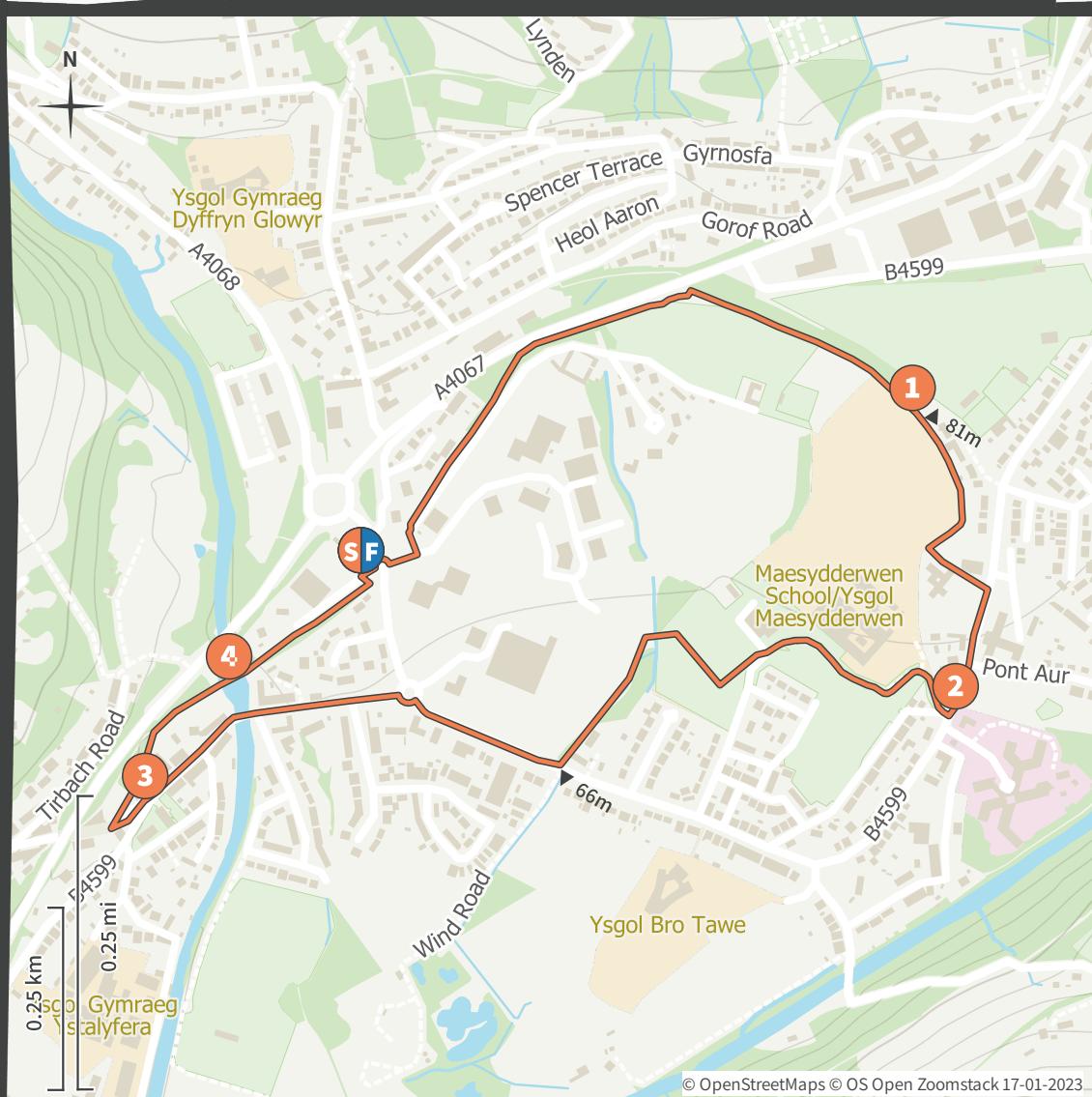




# Aqueduct Accessibility Loop

Enjoy this accessible tour of local industrial history.

Accessible tarmac paths and pavement. Busy road to cross at junction of Gurnos road and St Davids road.



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Easy Access



13m



Circular



3.5km | 2.2m



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Starting from the Aubrey Arms, cross Gurnos Road towards Woodlands Business Park turning L at the bollard/bin. Continue to follow the path for 0.25 miles / 400m. Turn L through the gate at Llys Ynyscedwyn. The stepped down wall here is all that remains of the Ynyscedwyn House and Estate belonging to local landowners the Gough family. Continue along the path, following National Cycle Network 43 and bear R at the tunnel. With the old estate wall visible on the R follow the tree lined path around the Maesydderwen School playing fields.

**1**

Follow the tree lined path past gardens and turn L at the motorcycle barrier. Continue straight along path turning R onto Heol Ynyscedwyn. Follow the road to the site of the Ynyscedwyn Ironworks. The impressive arches and chimney, built in 1872 were part of a proposed steel mill on the site. Take your time to explore and learn about the area's industrial history where George Crane and David Thomas successfully developed the use of anthracite for iron smelting, in hot blast furnaces, here in the 1830's.

**2**

Use crossing and continue straight ahead towards school. Turn L at mini roundabout and follow path round past the school and Ystradgynlais Sports Centre. At the path junction turn L, continuing past Tesco. Exit the gate turning R and continue along Wind Road. At the roundabout turn L onto Gurnos road. Follow the road passing Ystalyferra (Twrch) Aqueduct and Weir. This impressive structure, built by Thomas Sheasby in 1794-98 using hydraulic mortar from Aberafan, it is the largest aqueduct on the Swansea Canal.

**3**

Continue along Gurnos Road as it begins to travel uphill opposite St David's Church. There is a short section here where travel on the road will be required due to the position of dropped kerbs and fixed bollards. Take tarmac path on R passing benches and an information board. Follow the cycle route 43 markers as you cross over the Twrch Aqueduct. Listen to the roar of the water passing over the weir as you wonder at the feet of engineering and enjoy stunning views across the valley to the Darren Mountain.

**4**

After crossing the aqueduct continue along the path for 0.15 miles / 250m until emerging at the start point opposite the Aubrey Arms (Home Bargains car park).



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