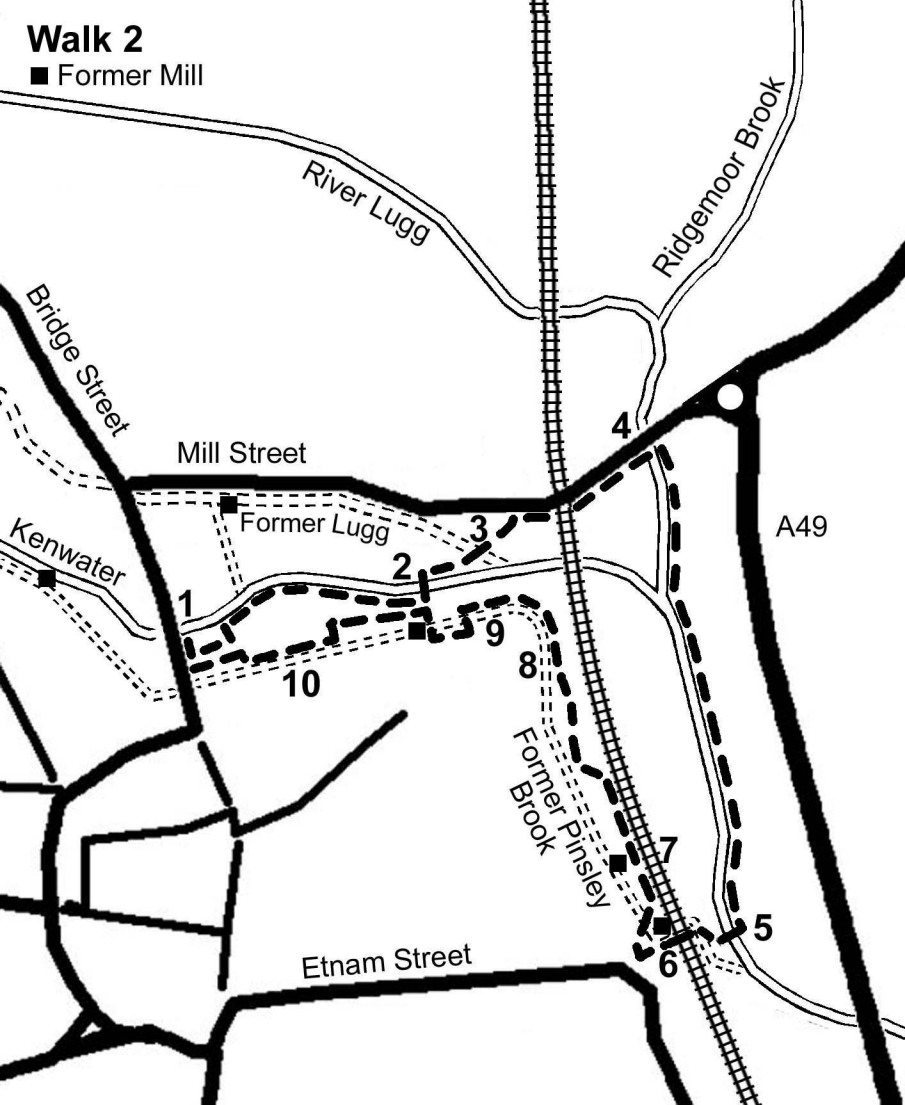


Walk 2

■ Former Mill



Walk 2: This is a short circular walk on good paths, but includes steps.

- 1 Set off, as in all our walks, from the Kenwater Bridge and head downstream, past the Fire Station, and following the line of the river. Turn left at the end of the car park and onto the Priory Bridge .
- 2 This cast iron bridge was made in Worcester and installed in 1844.
- 3 Turn right at the other side and follow the path as it leaves the river .On your right look out for a length of iron balustrading; this is all that remains of Poplands Bridge over the River Lugg. As you can see from the map the Lugg, which used to power the mill in Mill Street, has been given a completely new course through Leominster.
Turn right when you reach Mill Street and cross the railway line, continuing over the stone bridge, and ..turn down the path beside the river alongside Brightwell's site.
- 4 Now you can admire Ridgemoor Bridge, which is not possible when you are crossing it by car. This fine stone single arched bridge, probably dating from 1815, used to cross the Ridgemoor Brook, but is now the re-routed Lugg, having joined the Ridgemoor Brook upstream.
- 5 Continue down the side of the Lugg, and cross back towards the railway line by the concrete bridge. A footpath leads over the railway line to the White Lion Inn on the right. You are now on the course of the Pinsley Brook.
- 6 The White Lion was once a corn mill, close to Pinsley Mill, which was the medieval Priory's mill. It has only very recently been demolished.
- 7 The Pinsley Brook is a stream probably canalised by the monks who built the Priory founded in 1125, but possibly by those building the earlier monastery founded in 633. It defines the boundary of the Priory lands to the east and was used to power several mills.
- 8 Follow the line of the Pinsley northwards, first beside the railway line, and then through the Millennium Meadow. The path follows its course as it turned west at right angles towards the Priory.
- 9 The stone building you can see on the left is the Infirmary building, the only part of the Monastery still remaining. You can see the pointed arches under it where the Pinsley ran underneath the monks lavatories. Turn left at the end of the grassy meadow ('Pinsley Mead'), and up the path to the side of the Priory, turning right down the lane called The Priory. The brick cottages on your left at the top of the lane are on the site of a very early monastic fulling mill.(1193). This was powered by the Pinsley which continues eastwards while you have to return to the car park down The Priory.
- 10 If you wish, you can see the line of the Pinsley at the top of the car park, still evident between two boundary walls. It ran back under Broad Street, west towards the Kenwater. Your walk ends back at the Kenwater Bridge.