

# Tintern

## the heart of the Wye Valley and in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

### Angiddy Valley & Ancient Iron Works

Once one of the most heavily industrialised valleys in South Wales, the Angiddy is reputed to have supported up to 22 water wheels. Many of the leats serving these wheels are now public rights of way, making it possible to walk from the Wireworks car park to the Old Furnace and beyond almost entirely off the road. Little above ground evidence remains of the mediaeval corn and oil mills, but the Furnace has been extensively researched and excavated. It went out of blast about 1826 when charcoal-fuelled smelting became uneconomic. There is a small car park at the site.



The sites of forges and wireworks are mainly on private land and unexcavated. The turbines beneath the Wireworks car park cannot currently be viewed. The wireworks site was subsequently used for tinsplate works and then for many years by the Forestry Commission.

The only remaining water wheel is at Abbey Mill, although its catchment pond is now overlaid by the Royal George Hotel car park. Abbey Mill has a long history of industrial use: there are records of a corn mill, a large and wire works on the site at different periods. Use as a wood tannery continued until the mid 20th century, still utilising water power. The tidal dock was filled in as a flood prevention measure fairly recently.



The bridge across the Wye carried the railway from the Wireworks to join the Chepstow to Monmouth line. This was a goods only branch; Tintern Station being well to the north of the village.

### Ancient Iron Works

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**34 Tintern Angling Club**  
(1.5 miles/2.4 km) Fly fishing club offering annual membership and day tickets that can be arranged in advance from Abbey Mill.

**35 The Fountain Inn**  
(2 miles/3.2 km) Country Inn offering B&B and serving real ales and home-cooked food. Dogs, walkers & parties welcome. Real open fires.

**36 Ravensnest Fishery**  
(2 miles/3.2 km) Premier fly fishing in two trout stocked ponds. Day tickets available.

**37 Grange Springs Fishing Lakes**  
(3 miles/4.8 km) Premier coarse fishing with top quality fish and in stunning location.

**38 Fair Oak Fishery**  
(2 miles/3.2 km) Fly fishing for the discerning angler in two daily-stocked, spring-fed lakes and a novice pond for anglers of all ages.

#### KEY

- Shop/Public House/Hotel/B&B
- Place of Interest
- Park or Garden open to public
- Woodland
- Public Footpath/Bridleway
- Wye Valley Walk
- P Public Car Park
- T Public Toilets
- ☎ Public Telephone
- ✉ Post Box
- B Bus Stop

0 100 yards  
0 100 metres

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**31 Craig Barn** (1.1 miles/1.7 km)  
Very popular holiday cottage peacefully nestled in forests above Tintern.

**32 Forest Cottage B&B** (1.2 miles/1.9 km)  
Private detached cottage situated on small organic farm in Tintern Forest.

**33 Grove Groomers** (0.6 miles/1.0 km)  
Dog groomers

**25 Wye Valley Hotel**  
The place to stay or eat in, cosy bar and dining room. Excellent food. Fine Ales and Wine.

**27 Parva Farm Vineyard**  
Oldest commercial vineyard in Wales. Tours, wine tasting, farm shop, exhibitions and plant sales.

**30 Wye Valley Sculpture Garden & Sculptures**  
3 Acre organic garden & sculptures.

**29 Kingstone Brewery**  
Award winning micro-brewery using traditional natural methods. Real ales, bitters, unique brews. Shop, tours and tastings.

**26 Parva Farmhouse**  
Family-run 17th century Guesthouse with en-suite bedrooms & licensed Restaurant. River and valley views.

### St. Michael's Church



St. Michael's Church is built on the Welsh bank of the River Wye. Much of the church dates back to medieval times but it took its present form in 1846 when it was enlarged. Worship to St. Michael may well have taken place on the site long before that as it is thought a Celtic Church was dedicated to St. Michael around 765 A.D. This is border country and the soldiers of the time revered the great archangel Michael as their saint. Whatever your faith, we welcome you to enjoy the tranquility of our church, a place of quiet reflection, where you join the many who have passed through its doors over 13 centuries in fellowship and peace. It is open from 10.30a.m. to 4.00p.m. every day with a service every Sunday at 10.30a.m. Visitors are very welcome.

**22 The Coach House**  
Original stable and coach house for the Old Rectory. Now a lovely holiday let.

**23 The Old Rectory B&B**  
Original rectory of St Michael's & St Mary's churches. Charming Victorian B&B. Lovely river views.

**24 Tintern Garage**  
VW & Audi Specialists and other German makes. Servicing and general repairs.

**21 Stella & Rose's Books**  
Extensive collection of rare & out of print books - all subjects. Warm welcome awaits you.

**20 Rose & Crown**  
Sizzling steaks on a platter. Log fires. Dogs & walkers welcome. Food served all day. B&B available.

### Water Wheel

Abbey Mill old water wheel was made around 1870 and stopped on 22nd March 1951, electricity taking over from powered energy. Abbey Mill played an important part in the Industrial history of Tintern and the Angiddy Valley. Formerly a corn mill to Tintern Abbey, later an iron-wire works and lastly a wood turnery and sawmill. Abbey Mill still stands proud for people to enjoy after surviving more than 860 years of change. The Wheel lovingly restored in 2009 turns again.

**15 Abbey Mill**  
Arts, Crafts and Gift centre. Local - Welsh - British and Around the World. Licensed Coffee Shop. 1 Site - 5 shops - 7 Days.

**18 Ashwell Court**

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**14 Wye Valley Crafts Association**  
High quality, locally made crafts, gifts and art.

**Offa's Dyke Path** (1 mile/1.6 km from footbridge)  
**Devil's Pulpit** (1.25 miles/2 km from footbridge)

**2 The White Monk**  
Giltshop and tearoom.  
**3 The Anchor Inn & Tearoom**  
A cosy pub with original cider press in bar, serving home-cooked food, wines, real ales and ciders. Tearoom offering freshly prepared food and hot & cold drinks.

**1 Cadw, Tintern Abbey**  
Giltshop and visitor centre.

**5 Tintern Village Hall**  
Centre of village activities.

**6 Codi International Ltd**  
Garage Equipment Sales & Service.

**7 Pianos Galore**  
New, used and reconditioned pianos.

**8 Zero Point Data Ltd**  
Business data solutions.

**9 The Filling Station Café**  
Coffees, teas, homemade cakes and hot & cold snacks.

**10 The Royal George Hotel**  
Country Inn & Restaurant established as Iron Masters Cottage in 1539.

**11 Wye Dean Practice**  
Doctors Surgery providing general medical services.  
**12 Craficalia**  
Workshops, courses & resources for local crafters.



**St. Mary's Church (ruin)**  
This was the Parish Church of Chapel Hill. It ceased to be in 1972; the building was severely damaged by fire and sold. The consecrated graveyard is still used for burials and contains many interesting memorials.

### Lime Kiln Wood

The Heritage Lottery Fund restored lime kiln is on the footpath signed to Reddings just off the Wye Valley Walk. Some fossils are evident in the associated small quarry area.

**Lime Kiln Wood**  
(0.5 miles/0.8 km)

To CHEPSTOW

### Offa's Dyke Path & Devil's Pulpit

A way-marked but steep walk from the tramway bridge leads to Offa's Dyke path and the Devil's Pulpit. Built from 'sea to sea' by King Offa of Mercia, circa 785 AD, this 80 mile earthen barricade is thought to have been built to keep the Celts out of England. A walker's paradise, much of it is still traceable along its route from the Wye valley to Wrexham. Originally it would have given unobstructed views over Wales but now lovely forestation has grown along the Dyke. The Devil's Pulpit offers a magnificent view of Tintern Abbey and Valley. According to local legend, the Devil used this rock formation 'pulpit' to seduce Abbey Monks away from Christianity and their work, to join him there.

See photo on reverse.

### Tintern Abbey

Tintern Abbey, a magnificent 13th-century abbey nestled along the Wye River, was originally founded for Cistercian monks in 1131, where the glory of nature reflected their faith. It's ageless beautiful tranquil setting was beloved by both Wordsworth and Turner. Travellers have been flocking to this riverbank for hundreds of years, trains brought Victorians by the thousands. Soaring archways, vast windows with delicate tracery, it also offers fascinating insight into the daily life of medieval monks. The sublime grace of this exceptional religious house remains as enduring as ever, the best preserved medieval abbey in Wales.



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