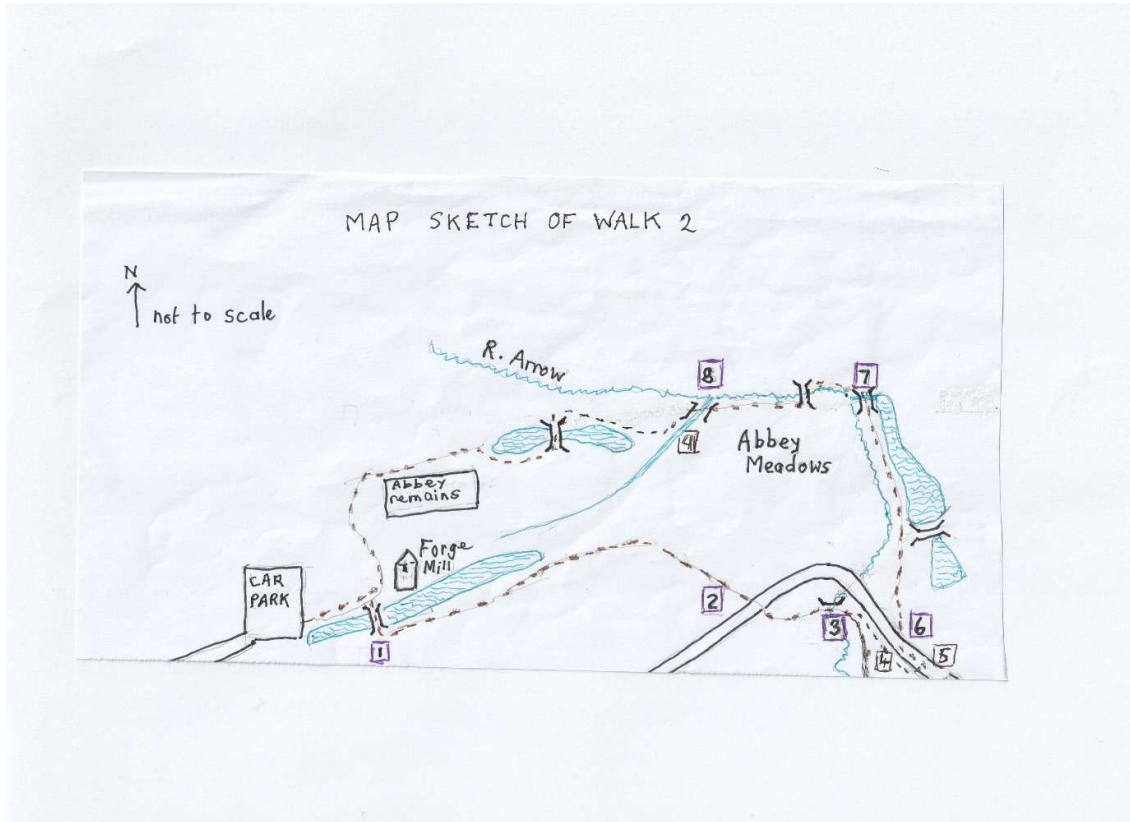


## AWESOME AMBLERS WALK 2 – Forge Mill Four Pools walk

**Description:** A flat, scenic, historic walk through Redditch parkland starting at the old needle mill and passing the remains of Bordesley Abbey and the monastic fishponds. You can find information about all these at Forge Mill museum where there is also a refreshment kiosk with seating. Look out for water lilies in flower from June on the mill pond. Good paths with one short section which can be muddy in wet weather. No stiles. 2 miles, starting from the **first car park** in Needle Mill Lane, Redditch, not the museum car park.



- 1.** From the first car park walk to the museum car park. With your back to the fields walk the path between Forge Mill House and Forge Mill Cottage, which crosses the mill pond. Then turn left to walk through grass and trees between the pond on your left and the back gardens of houses on your right.
- 2.** Through a gap in a very high hedge, then follow the main path across a field to the bus route. Cross the bus route and follow the sign for the "Millers Trail", then follow the cycle route left into the park. Where a narrower path crosses the main path turn left to cross the river.
- 3.** Just before the underpass take a paved cycle path off to the right, signposted "Studley". You will see an expanse of grassland. Take an unpaved path along the lefthand edge of the grassland and follow it briefly until you reach a path going up left onto the bus route.

On the bus route cross over to the far pavement and turn left.

Take the first path on your right which will take you down to a paved path. Go right along this path passing through a very pretty stretch between pools on your right and the river on your left.

**7.** After stretches of boardwalk you will cross the river again by the golf course, turn left and shortly cross the river yet again to emerge into the Abbey Meadows.

**8.** Turn right, keeping the river on your right, as far as a gate and a bridge over a stream.

**9.** Turn left on the path and you will soon reach a brick bridge on your left. Here take a path across the grass on your right heading towards the fish ponds. Cross the bridge through the middle of the pond and turn right. Maintain direction, passing by the enclosure round the abbey remains on your left. You can then head **left** back to Forge Mill and the car park.