



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

49th ACROSS WALES WALK

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GATE
DISCIPLINE
PLEASE!

Revised 2008 new steps at Bwlch
Gate facilitate use of pre-2004 route.

- | | Start | Anchor Bridge | SO173 855 |
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| 1 | Follow road uphill as far as summit of road. Opposite car park/picnic area, take gate on L onto track along Kerry Ridgeway. Continue through various gates to viewpoint at Two Tumps. | | |
| 2 | In 300yds after indistinct ditch of Cross Dyke bear R at fingerpost SO 115 850 to cross stile and follow row of posts to thin conifer copse. Bear R to cross stile onto B4355 at Black Gate SO 107 853. Go left through two gates into track. | | |
| 3 | Follow track through gate until reaching sheepfold at SO 102 852. Go R through convenient gate and uphill keeping fence on R. | | |
| 4 | Descend to pass through gate then bear L following distinct track. Follow track through gate x2 to road (A483) at SO 094 859. | | |
| 5 | Go L on A483 for 650 yds then turn R over stile at Bwlch Gate SO 089 858. Go ahead, descend slippery steps *CARE* and L on track to cross stile. | | |
| 6 | Cross field to gap in hedge in LH corner. Follow LH field edge (small conifers) to cross stile/gate. | | |
| 7 | Descend to stile at lowest point of field and cross into wood and down slope *CARE*, through gate then R down slippery steps *CARE* crossing stream to stile. Go L on track to cross 'causeway' rising into field. Cut across highest point of field then descend to gate. | | |
| 8 | Follow rough/muddy track to footbridge. Cross further field to gate. | | |
| 9 | R on metalled track for 150 yds then L at stile up bank. | | |
| 10 | Ascend field to gate in middle of facing hedge. | | |
| 11 | Bear right ascending across field to gate/stile in corner of field (under Ash tree) then to stile on R immediately before farm buildings. | | |
| 12 | Cross ditch *CARE* and descend bank with steps *CARE* to road then L uphill to CP1. | | |
| | CP1 | Llwyn-Madoc | SO 077 862 |
| 13 | Leave CP1 up hill and take RH fork in road. Follow road downhill and uphill to T-junction. Here take gate ahead at 069 864 and bear left to gate. | | |
| 14 | Follow track downhill to wood yard (Ty'n-y-wern/Wergliodd-gam) and ahead passing L of building with sat dish to stile and R to descend grass bank *CARE*. | | |
| 15 | Cross ditch+fence and ahead across field passing to L of two prominent oak trees to edge of woods. | | |
| 16 | Enter woods and descend, shortly bearing L. Descend wet path further to cross stile and footbridge crossing Mochdre Brook. | | |
| 17 | Climb steep bank *CARE* directly uphill through trees. Line of footbridge may be used as a guide. NB keep out of very muddy gully on R. At clearing go ahead through thin hedge to field. | | |
| 18 | Ascend directly up field, to single footpath post (poss. missing) in mature hedge, to gate at black/white house (Penthryn) at SO 061 868. | | |
| 19 | R on track to road then L on road uphill. Follow road until track and gate on L with very faded and overgrown sign 'STRICTLY NO DOGS NO MOTORBIKES' at SO 053 873. | | |
| 20 | Follow track uphill and on approaching 'col' take LH fork in track and in 25 yards go R through gate. Cross short stretch of rough ground to join track and follow track down valley. | | |
| 21 | Follow track through gates to road and down to Llandinam at SO 025 884. | | |

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| 22 | R onto A470 then in 250 yds take road on left by statue of David Davies, crossing R Severn. | | |
| 23 | In 350 yds, before Broneirion Lodge, go L onto track at SO 022 886. | | |
| 24 | Follow track R through gate at Troedyrniew. | | |
| 25 | Follow track uphill a short way through bracken. Where more obvious path levels and bends left, strike uphill on less distinct path through bracken then bear R to oak trees. Do not follow path through fence but strike directly up RH side of bracken-filled gully on indistinct path through bracken keeping trees on R, to top of gully. | | |
| 26 | Go ahead to R of old gatepost (in hedge) and skirt to L of 'domed' thistly field to new galvanised footpath gate at edge of wood. | | |
| 27 | Follow path through wood continuing uphill (ignore track joining from L not shown on maps) until farm track at SO 017 882. | | |
| 28 | At junction of tracks take gate ahead into field joining Severn Way. | | |
| 29 | With hedge on R, continue to gate at entrance to wood and continue on path ahead. | | |
| 30 | Follow path, to gate then to muddy ditch. Continue through next field with hedge on left. Strike R across next field via post in middle to track at gate and low bridge. | | |
| 31 | Follow track around RH edge of harvested wood and onwards to track and metalled road. | | |
| 32 | At T-junction SO 001 874 turn L dir. Gwastadcoed then in 30 yds R onto muddy brideway. Descend to gate in RH lower corner. | | |
| 33 | Follow brideway/track to join road at farm (Wigdwr). Follow road downhill then rising to short lane on R at SN 989 864. | | |
| 34 | Turn R leaving Severn Way to gate/stile then cross field ahead to foot bridge and two stiles L of house. Go L on track by Pwllpridd to road. | | |
| 35 | Turn R following road by Oakley Park and uphill and on to CP2. | | |

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| | CP2 Cefn Bach | SN 975 867. |
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| 36 | Follow road down from CP2 (<i>have you checked out?</i>) taking <u>2nd track</u> on R (bridleway) at SN 972 865 signed Cefn Mawr to Farm. | | |
| 37 | Take kissing gate on L into woods to L of farm to gate then L down hedged lane to field with hedge on L passing L of farm building on track to B4569. | | |
| 38 | Cross road at SN 962 864 to follow track uphill. Stay on track as it bears round to L. | | |
| 39 | After rubbish dump in <u>wood</u> on L, at SN 956 862 take gate on R joining Glyndŵr's Way and follow field edge keeping hedge on L to gate. | | |
| 40 | With wood on left descend to cross stile then bear R across field to gate in lower RH corner. | | |
| 41 | Join road for 100 yds then go L to stile on RHS of entrance to Bron-y-geifr at SN 954 867. | | |
| 42 | Descend field crossing three stiles to gate on road (spot height 159). | | |
| 43 | Cross road into drive for Garth Farm. On 300 yds strike R up steep bracken bank to stile then ahead on ascending track past mature pine trees on R following track into next field. | | |

Woods subject to
clearance 2012

RIGHT HAND
way-marked
white arrows



Route of Glyndŵr's Way varies depending upon OS Map issue
- route of this National Trail may be subject to change.

**Please check in and out of CP2 to CP5.
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Revised 2008: FP
through Pen-y-banc now
closed.

TRICKY NAVIGATION
You must find distinct
traversing path through
bracken.

TRICKY NAVIG
Take care

Rev 2008:
Wye Valley Way
option adopted.
FC operations
may affect 'old'
route



GET YOUR
COMPASS
OUT. 303 deg
mag

- 44 Pass small quarry on L into further field at SN 945 872, then in 100 yds veer R on less distinct, shallower track contouring R of Garth Hill to gate into green lane bounded by trees. Follow lane to gate.
- 45 Follow Glyndŵr's Way as it takes sharp L across field then R along field edges then alongside drive to Pen-y-banc as far as B4518. Do not follow old route *through* Pen-y-banc.
- 46 Turn R on B4518 *CARE – limited grass verges, fast road, poor visibility* Take road L signed Llyn Clywedog at SN 932 868 *CARE* to cross Afon Clywedog.
- 47 At junction with gated side road on left, take gate ahead to field at SN 914 862.
- 48 Bear R through gate to strike across first field to gap, then follow LH side of hedgeline up second steep field to stile.
- 49 Ascend from stile bearing left until contouring sheep track is located (approx. 4m elevation above stile). Traverse on distinct path through gorse and bracken with steep drop on L *CARE*.
- 50 Follow path, level at first then slowly descending. Keep low by trees to join sunken lane just past derelict building on L.
- 51 Continue ahead crossing small bog/stream immed. before old grass/gorse-topped spoil heap at SN 906 865. Do not ascend spoil heap but instead turn immediately L between trees and spoil heap. Skirt spoil heap, cross stream on crash barrier bridge *CARE* to pass between game feed sheds and pheasant pens of Aberdaunant Shoot. Take broad footbridge on R in 15 yds over stream.
- 52 Ascend through gate then follow shale path to field. Bear R to follow track running along LHS of valley (Nant Gwestyn on 1:25,000 maps) through gate then progressively climbing out of valley to L.
- 53 At top, to second gate then cross flat ground to obvious road junction at SN 897 860. Cross cattle grid and bear L onto unmetalled track to Brithdir then follow obvious gated track to join road in valley of River Severn at SN 886 855.
- 54 Follow road to picnic site in Hafren Forest and CP3.
CP3 Hafren Picnic Site SN 857 869.
- 55 Leave CP3 (*have you checked out?*) under wood arch taking LH path and go ahead onto board walk signed "Cascades Trail". Continue ahead beyond end of boardwalk, past the Severn Flume following posts with both white and blue bands. Continue past covered picnic area to footbridge a little up the infant River Severn which joins from the right.
- 56 Cross footbridge and turn immediate L following "Wye Valley Walk". **DO NOT FOLLOW SEVERN WAY BEYOND THIS POINT.** Follow posts with Wye Valley emblem and single white band past second flume to T-junction with forest road.
- 57 Turn L along forest road following posts with Wye Valley emblem to join 'old' route at 833867 then turn R on forest road looping N then S to forest boundary gate at SN 829 868.
- 58 Continue for 400yds to highest point on track at SN 827 865 (just before track bends to right).
- 59 Leave track following 303 deg (mag) ascending steadily to 'col' W of Pumlumon Arwystli at SN 809 874 where boundary fence is joined.
- 60 Follow boundary fence on 268 deg mag, crossing it to reach boundary stone (marked '1865 ') and cairn at SN 799 871 (spot height 727m). NB Plynlimon's summit is first seen 0.6 miles distant from this point.

- 61 Cross second fence and, keeping it to your R, follow fence (bearing 264 deg mag) descending initially then ascending to cross stile in fence to attain Plynlimon summit and trig. point at SN 790 869.
- 62 *From summit look NW to identify nearby lower hill of Pumlumon Fach with valley of Maesnant running between it and the main summit of Plynlimon.* From trig point head N for 200 yds to large cairn then bear L descending to second smaller cairn. Descend ridge N to col. Join sheep track skirting reeds on L shortly bearing L to follow valley of Maesnant keeping stream on L. At crossing vehicle track turn L along it. After 1000m look for indistinct path at bend in track close to road to cut corner. Go L at road. Pass pumping station then R at next junction to cross dam to CP4.

CP4 Nant-y-Moch dam SN 753 862

- 63 Continue on road (*have you checked out?*) skirting Nant-y-moch reservoir to SN 737 867 then L onto stony track and ahead through gate.
- 64 Continue on track to take RH track at T junction then descend to cross ford (Nant Melyn). Immediately after ford at SN 729 864 cross fence or go through gate and follow path 250 deg mag by N shore of Llyn Craig-y-Pistyll. Now choose your route:
- 65 SCREE PATH: don't cross dam but continue ahead to scree *CARE* and steep descent to Leri valley. Continue to instruction 67.
- 66 FIREBREAK PATH: Cross stile onto dam. Take gate on R, descending rough track to cross outlet stream at pipes *CARE*. Bear R onto path traversing LHS of valley. Continue through gate until firebreak bears off L and downhill. Descend firebreak as far as prominent large rock in centre of firebreak (approx. halfway down). Here follow path on R through trees past farmhouse crossing stile to footbridge and ahead to path.
- 67 Follow path through gate to old mine workings and through further gates past farm at Llawr-y-cwm-Bach. Continue along track as far as gate at SN 701 856. Here leave farm track striking ahead across field in direction of the wind farm on horizon to stile in fence.
- 68 Continue ahead on path to rejoin track before Llanerchclwydau then at SN 691 857 take gate ahead, and follow line of thin hedge to gate and rejoin track. Continue to CP5 at Bont-goch.

CP5 Bont-goch SN 685 862

- 69 From CP5 (*have you checked out?*) follow track through gate to road. Go L on road and continue ahead to Bow Street.
- 70 At Bow Street go L onto A487 (T) then R on road signed Clarach. NB this road is often busy with traffic. Continue through Clarach to Finish at Clarach Bay.

Finish Clarach Bay SN 587 840

Congratulations, you've just walked across Wales!

Based upon surveys 1998 – 2012. Details may change. Entrants must determine suitability of route and choose route options in relation to their own abilities. Inclusion in this route description does not imply a Right of Way. No liability for error, accident or any other arising is implied or accepted.

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SCREE PATH steep drop, loose surface in places, steep descent
FIREBREAK: descent to pipes and pipe crossing very difficult, particularly when wet

EASILY MISSED

Use hi-visibility clothing/torch after dark!

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