

Builth Wells to Llangammarch Wells - 12.5 miles

Overview

Starting in Builth Wells, the walk is over open access land with views over the Cambrian Mountains using the Epynt Way. It is possible to walk the Epynt Way even when training is in progress. There is an artillery range a few miles away and there might also be army exercises nearer but do not be alarmed. The Epynt Way path is very well waymarked; each post is topped with a yellow cap.

Map and Grid References

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Builth Wells/Llanfair-Ym-Muallt
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Route

Turn left at the statue of a Welsh Black Bull (The Gore), to walk along the tree-lined promenade by the River Wye, (Wye Valley Walk). Do not go over the Irfon bridge but continue alongside the river for a short distance, where you leave the surfaced path to walk slightly right along a green track up to the A483 road. Cross over and proceed into Irfon Bridge Road. The road rises to a corner and layby where you cut half right over a stile and footbridge to follow path between gardens and the river. The path crosses a tributary stream and bends left upstream for a short narrow section, before turning right to run between fences to Nant-yr-Arian. At junction, turn right.

Within a few meters, go left to cross a stile by a field gate. Climb up the field alongside the wood leading with the stream below on your left, to cross a stile by a field gate into a green track. Continue ahead to cross a third stile and onward along the track; this gives out at a gate into a field. Follow the hedge on the left up to another field gate. Go left through it and climb up with a hedge now on your right. Ignore the first gate, but turn right through the second one to follow a track which bends left, through a gate, passing between stables and a bungalow at Lower Hall Stables.

Go left onto the road to walk up by a community hall and a church. Just past the church, turn right to walk along a track. Keep ahead to walk through three field gates and with a barn to the right. Continue along a corralled track and then follow the fence on the left down to the woodland. The track sweeps slightly left through the wood and leads down to another field gate. Follow the hedge to your left to another field gate. Descend steeply, over the Cneiddion brook, and through a final field gate.

Go left at the junction to climb up to a field gate to Brynbanedd Farm. Keep ahead on the track, through two more field gates. The track drops down left to a gully where it crosses a stream and rises up right through a field gate. The track continues to curve right, away from the stream and then bends to the left alongside a hedge. Go through another field

gate where the track levels. Proceed through a final gate to the open access hillside of Moelfre. Make sure to identify your route at this point! Once through the gate, leave the farm track at approximately 45 degrees (left) along a bridle path that is not well defined. Your route rises gently across the shoulder of Moelfre. Keep ahead through a field gate to pasture. Ahead along a slope to another gate by a small outcrop, quarried in recent times.

Once through the gate, go ahead over a track and pass a solitary oak, just inside an oval hard surface circuit. As you approach the opposite boundary fence turn right to walk parallel to it and through a field gate to the right of the corner. Go by fence at first, but peel off left along a green track which curves right up the bank and then straightens and rises through an oak wood to field gate. Go ahead alongside a hawthorn hedge. Through field gate then descend to another. Head down the field to a point to the left of the bottom right corner. Through small gate and ahead to another which leads onto a track.

Go left towards Pen-y-waun; the bridleway passes a stable and a drive leading off to the right. Continue ahead through a field gate, turning immediately right on open access land. Proceed ahead near to the fence on the right. As the fence and another bridleway peels off right you reach a junction. Keep ahead to rise up to a sunken track which curves slightly left through bracken and gorse to reach a junction, where you cut right to dip down to a stream and through a gate onto Ministry of Defense land where there's a red flag. Go slightly right up a short sunken section beneath the finger post to a track known as Warren Road. Continue ahead along it. Beyond a junction of tracks come to Post 131 and here you leave the track and ease slightly right down the hillside. The path then curves left and climbs up, just to the right of the coniferous plantation, and left of the ravine, Cwm Graig Ddu. You are heading to the viewpoint on the road ahead – with a red flag usually flying a little further down the road. Keep ahead through wet ground and to waymark Post 138. Proceed very slightly right, climbing steeply up to viewpoint. Go right by picnic tables and left up steps to the road.

Leave the Epynt Way and head right, alongside the B4519 road to cattle grid. At the right hand corner, leave the road to walk ahead down green path, past a solitary sentry hut and then twists slightly right and left across wet moorland. Follow the path down the ridge, through a field gate. Descend steeply through two field gates at foot of the hill. Keep ahead on the track to pass Troed-Rhiw Isaf and then walk down a tree lined lane. Continue down this winding lane for 1.2 miles to Llangammarch Wells Post Office. Continue on for just over half a mile to Irfon Valley Pods campsite and the way station.

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