

WALK 10

TREFEGLWYS AND LLYN EBYR

DESCRIPTION A walk of approximately 10 miles, taking in views of the Trannon and Severn valleys and passing alongside Llyn Ebyr through old, deciduous woodland.

START The Red Lion pub, Trefeglwys, (GR 971908).

DIRECTIONS From Llanidloes, take the B4569 North to Trefeglwys. The red Lion will be found on the far side of the village on your left.

1 From the Red Lion car park, turn LEFT and walk north, through the village and take the first turn RIGHT after the primary school. Continue along this road as it passes through a small estate, enters open countryside and reaches the bridge over the river Trannon. After crossing the bridge, ignore the gateway to your right signposted Pen y Wern and, instead, go through the field gate AHEAD and walk across the middle of the field to a footbridge crossing a broad ditch. After crossing the bridge, look for the stile diagonally to your LEFT, cross the stile and go through the field gate AHEAD, following the fence around the white house (Wern), keeping it to your right, until you come to the concrete drive. Turn LEFT along the drive, cross the cattle grid and turn RIGHT, keeping the hedge to your right until you reach and cross the footbridge over the Cerist. *(This footbridge was missing at the time of writing and was due to be replaced. If it is not in position when you reach the river, simply turn LEFT along the Cerist to the next bridge, marked with a 10mph limit, cross it and immediately turn RIGHT through the field gate and follow the Cerist back to the original bridge site at point 2)*

2 Turn RIGHT and continue along the Cerist until you reach a field gate next to a farm bridge. Go through the gate and turn LEFT between the two fences.

As you emerge into the open field, walk up towards the top RIGHT hand corner of the field into Pant Farm. Walk through the farm and, at the farmhouse, turn RIGHT along the tarmac road. After about 500 yards you will pass a tarmac lane joining you from your left and about 50 yards past the lane you will note a bridleway gateway set back from the road on your left.

3 Go LEFT through the gate and follow the track through the trees, on through a field gate and, keeping the fence line to your left, proceed through a further gate into open fields and on to Cylch Farm. Walk through the farm buildings and follow the track down, past the bungalow to the tarmac road. On reaching the road, turn LEFT and continue to Bwlch y Llyn farm. Go through the farm gate

to your front and, keeping the buildings to your right, pass through another gate out of the farm. Follow the track to the RIGHT between an old shed on your left and a fence on your right. After about 50 yards take the lower path to your RIGHT into the trees and alongside Llyn Ebyr. Walk through this deciduous woodland and, ignoring the track turning up the hill to your left, pass through the gate AHEAD of you into a coniferous wood.

On emerging from the wood into open field, follow the track as it climbs up the slope to your LEFT and away from the lake. Follow the track around the side of the hill and through a field gate at the top, right hand corner, to Pen y Castell farm.

4 Do not enter the farm but, instead where you join the main farm track, turn LEFT along the track, away from the farm and on through the field gate AHEAD of you into open fields once more. On your right you may enjoy extensive views across the Severn Valley to the wind turbines along Yr Allt Gethin and Waun Debarthog above the village of Llandinam. Continue, keeping the hedge to your left, through another gate and, passing a stone water trough on your left, pass through the RIGHT hand gate of the two in front of you. Follow the hedge for about 150 yards as it then curves off LEFT up and through a gate. Continue with the hedge on your left until you reach a belt of small trees. Turn RIGHT in front of the trees and follow them down until you pick up the track once as it curves off RIGHT and through a field gate hanging on living oak tree. Continue along the track, bearing slightly LEFT towards the woodland fence. Turn LEFT along the fence and after a short distance go through the gate AHEAD into the wood and bear right along the track, taking the right fork a little further in until you reach the gate leading out of the wood into open fields.

5 Keeping the fence line to your left, follow the track until you reach a small stand of birch trees, where you go through the gate AHEAD and descend, keeping to your left around the shoulder of the slope. You will soon come in sight of a small wooden cottage called Cwm y Garth. Pass the cottage and then follow the track down past Trewythen Fach to the tarmac road, at which point, turn left and follow the road some two miles back to the Red Lion.