

Offa's Dyke Walk

Day 1 Friday 29th April, 2011.

We will begin the walk just outside Oswestry, Rhycroesau, there is a good carp ark and the trail is well marked and the first 2 miles are gentle road walking, get the old legs going and if good weather lovely views. We follow the trail then walk on the Dyke to a farm Orseddwen. Having gone over the style at the farm, watch for the marker on the left, I missed and added a good mile extra walking down the road. From here the trail is well marked to Craignant. (approx distance 6km)

The trail crosses the road here and we head down into the valley and up the other side following the dyke to Bronygarth. (3km but it will be steep in parts) *Lunch Break*

Cross the Ceriog valley and climb steeply up towards Chirk. We can either walk through the castle ground or follow the way markers to Fron Isaf, looking at the map we will drop down to the canal, walk along the tow path and we can then either cross the viaduct or drop right down and cross the river by the old bridge. Meet at the Trevor Basin. (Total distance first day approx, 9 miles)

As we will have missed the royal wedding I suggest a royal supper at Inchfad, Pendwll Road, Moss to watch the wedding and prepare for day 2. relaxing with a little alcohol. Beds available for any who wish to stay, I mean this it could help with transport the following morning.

Day 2 Saturday 30th April

The track passes through the old Chemical factory Monsanto which is not really pretty walking so I suggest we meet at the car park on the Trevor basin. (9.30 am) The path crosses the main road and climbs onto the Panorama. It then takes a pretty well known route along the Panorama, *A quick run up Dinas Bran Castle will be an option for those who need a bit of a challenge. I will not be one.* We work our way to Worlds End (8 km). This will be steep walking so I suggest perhaps we have the lunch stop here. We have the final very steep climb up from Worlds End then across the moors to Llandegla. The path heads towards the forest along a broad walk (6km) The route through the

forest is clearly marked but do watch out for Mountain Bikers. As you emerge from the forest you take a short walk down a farm lane, the way marker is on the left just after the buildings. Follow the hedge right hand side of the field, there is a stile at the top corner. Cross the field and up to the road. The path is then marked into the centre of Llandegla, we will finish at the car park on main street just below the post Office on the right hand side of the road. (again we will have covered a distance of about 9 miles)

Day 3. Sunday 1st May

Llandegla Moel Famau.



This will be a challenging but beautiful day as we cross the Clwydian Range I think, it will be pretty hard going as we have a few Moels to conquer. We leave Llnadegla, there is a car park right in the centre of the village just past the Post office. The trail begins at the church and we walk along the Alyn River. The trail is well marked, just keep following the acorns and climbing the styles. The first part was muddy today through fields of sheep and horses. Quite easy walking. You climb steadily and keep to the road past Moel y Waun, (*whew we don't climb that one*). The road drops down straight before bending round to the left,- we keep straight on - following the acorns-. There is a gate leading to a fishing lake and café, we pass close by and head ever upwards. We keep to the fence, forest on the right. Steep climb to Moel y Plas, but at the top, what views!! You get your first glimpse of the Moel Famau and the Jubilee tower, that's where we are heading but it is a long way off. We should walk a little further before a lunch stop. (*We walked down to the lake here and circled back but today we will walk forward, You feel on top of the world.*) We walk to Moel Llanfair (*We go around that one*) Moel Gwyn and on to Moel Eithinen. It is hilly country, but amazing especially today with clear sunny weather. We will follow the path to Loggerheads and finally the car park at the foot of Moel Famau. A distance of about 10 hilly miles (evidently the cattle grid has gone from here, it is a pay and display car park.

The final day Monday 2nd May

The final leg to Bodfari and could be final day for my knees. Summon the troops about 9.30am and meet at the car park, ready to ascend the Jubilee tower. Having conquered this landmark we go on across the mountains to Bodfari.

I really have not studied this last piece so I need to get planning and do some investigation on the ground. We need to close with a celebration supper if we are able to stay awake or move.

