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Walk 10 – Llangylenin church/ Tal-Y-Fan

Grade – Strenuous

Start point – Ty Gwyn pub

Time – 2hr 30min/

3hr 45 min with Tal-Y-Fan

Distance – 5.5Km/3.3mils

or 8.5 Km/5.1mils with Tal-Y-Fan

Walk description – A mixed walk through woodland, a good dose of history, open hillside and the chance of a summit- Tal-Y-Fan. Wonderful views down the Conwy valley.

- From the pub walk up the village to the first bend in the road and take the farm access road right (footpath sign) to Cefn Cae farm.
- Go straight through the farm yard and go through the metal gate.
- Go over the next wooden stile/gate and follow the track along the right hand side of the field to next stile on your left and go over it.
- With the fence on your left walk to a gate and a wall stile. Choose either to get onto the wide track.
- Turn right and head along the track for 100m.
- At the sharp bend go straight ahead into the field using the stile.

Notice the dog grave with inscription just right of the stile

- With the hedge to your left go to the far end of the field.
- Go left over a stile and then with the fence to your right follow the path to the top of the field and then onto the road by a gate.
- Turn right and follow the road for 100m and turn left up a wide track by the footpath sign.

- Carry on up to the top of the track and go over the step over stile ahead.
- Follow the wall on your left past a gate and then, at 2 o'clock go around the rubble bank to your right.
- Head for the wide track and large wooden gate behind the bungalow and go through the gate and on up the track for about 250m.
- Look for a yellow footpath arrow on your right nailed to a tree and turn right to the stile. Go over the stile and go ahead on a vague path up the bank for about 100m to a ruined house.
- With the house to your right go over a ruined stone wall and head up the hill.
- Go over another ruined stone wall and head up to a good wall and go over the stile.
- Bare left and keeping the wooded bank to your left walk onto a flattish and sometimes wet open area. You should be able to see Llangylenin church after about 10 minutes.
- Head for the metal sheeted fence and go over the stile to the left of it. Go to the T junction at the end of the track.

At this point it is well worth going right for a visit to the church which has a lot of information inside. Entry is via a gate in the wall. Make sure you keep the gate shut.

- If not going to the church turn left at the T junction and go through 3 gates.
- Take the obvious wide grass track ahead and follow it keeping the large hill to your left. The path tends left and goes up a zig-zag. With the shallow valley to your right carry on for another 200m to a Y junction. (Do not be tempted to take any paths going off right before the Y junction).
- Take the right hand path at the Y junction and go over a small stream.

- Carry on, meeting a low ruined wall on your left. Continue along the obvious path/track keeping the wall (in various states of repair) to your left for about 700m until you see a metal gate straight ahead in a wall.

Be on the lookout for the Carneddau semi wild ponies that roam this area. This is a favourite spot for them with quite large herds gathering locally. The big basin seems to offer some shelter. Do not approach them too closely.

You now have the option to go up Tal-Y-Fan. Turn right and with the wall to your left just follow the wall, steeply up. Follow the ridge and wall to the summit triangulation point, which is over a stile. Keep as close as you can to the wall on the ascent/descent. Should take about 45 minutes to get to the top and 30 minutes return the same way.

If not going up Tal y Fan then-

- Ignore the gate and turn left and head down to a wall and go over the stile.
- Keeping the wall to your right carry on downhill for 400m to a derelict wall going left.
- Turn left and follow the wall until you come to another derelict wall that shoots off right. Follow this wall until you come to a very distinct farm track.
- Follow this down to a gate and go over the step over stile to gain access to the surfaced road.
- Turn left and walk back down the village to the start.

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