

Open to Offas

Route Description 2025

15.5 mile route

Abbreviations used

R/L=Right/Left; TR/TL=Turn Right/Left; BR/BL=Bear Right/Left; RH/LH=Right/Left Hand
OD=Offas Dyke; GR=grid reference (all have the prefix SJ)
All bearings are magnetic and are shown: {305}

On this route you only visit Checkpoints 3&5

TR past church and continue straight on up road. After 400 yards, at road junction, TL and continue to crossroads. TL up road. Ignore private road on R ('Llety') and continue past farm on L. Road becomes a track. Continue for a further 1.4 miles to main ridge ignoring narrow path to L shortly before ridge.

Go through gate/stile and TL on OD path along ridge. [*You have now merged with the longer routes*]. Continue for 1.7 miles to reach Jubilee Tower on summit.

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Leave tower on {225} and follow the main descending path (OD path) to the right of the kissing-gate Descend on main path for 1.6 miles to reach the top carpark at Bwlch Pen Barras (GR SJ161605). Turn left and go through gate next to sign "Coed Moel Famau" **Self clip 1** and follow path adjacent to road for 2/3 mile or 1 km to the lower car park.

CP 3 6.2 miles	PICNIC SITE	Drinks and Snacks Stop Toilets	GR171610
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At this point you diverge from the longer routes to cut out the southern loop

Go through car park to onto an enclosed path at far (east) end. At the end of the path, turn right to road and go down the lane opposite. Stay on lane for ¼ mile round bend, past cottage to second cottage. Immediately beyond cottage, turn right through adjoining gate and follow bridle track for 1.4 miles. At farm buildings and barn, follow path to the left and go through metal gate. Descend for 100 yards and turn left on track at edge of wood. Follow path at edge of wood, through gate and field to meet for a farm road. Follow track downhill and continue to main road A494.

Cross road with care (fast moving traffic) and take path opposite. Cross stile and follow path to bridge and cross stream to stile at far right of the field.

Curve R after crossing stream & continue along RH side of field. Cross stile and continue on path over metal fence with spring on L, past old quarry on L and through two further fences to reach old metal gate on R.

Continue on track for 100 yards to pass through another gateway. 10 yards beyond, opposite cottage, double back L on footpath, narrow at first, uphill through trees {340}. *You have now rejoined the longer routes.*

At top, the path widens to become a broad track. Continue, ignoring all turns, for nearly ¾ mile, following signs for Maeshafn, to reach stile by gate. Cross stile and BR on wide track to reach road. TL downhill. In 100 yards, BR on track. In 200 yards, shortly after bungalow

on R, BR on track (B&B sign, Bryn Girion Cottage). After ½ mile, follow path L *between black metal fence on R and wooden fence on L* signposted Cadole 1 mile. Emerge through kissing gate into field. Stay close to fence on R to go through gate near corner of buildings. Ahead with fence on L & buildings on R to go through further kissing gate on to tarmac drive. Turn L.

BR at next two junctions (following waymarks). Go straight on past buildings and over stile into woodlands. Keep ahead to reach main road A494 (GR 202626). **Cross with care** and go through gate opposite. In 100 yards, BL on track, signposted Tea Gardens, and go gently uphill and then steeply down wooden steps. At bottom TL over bridge towards buildings.

CP 5 12 miles	LOGGERHEADS	Drinks and snacks Stop Toilets GR	198626
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Retrace steps over bridge and TL. Follow the Leete Path for 0.8 miles passing kennels & cattery on left to road. Cross road and continue along the Leete Path for a further 1.6 miles until you reach a road. The path is well signposted and at all path junctions, follow ‘Cilcain’, ‘Leete Path’, or ‘Devil’s Gorge’. [At one junction the sign is on a post on the L a few yards before the junction].

When you reach the road (GR 188652), TL downhill. Cross bridge and **continue with care** on road *steeply uphill*. At sharp RH bend go straight ahead on footpath (signposted Pentre Cilcain). Continue ahead through three kissing gates to reach steps/stile in corner. Go up steps and over another stile. TL along field edge to cross next stile. Continue ahead, ignoring waymarked gap in fence on L, and go through trees to reach lane at gate/stile. TR uphill past to reach village. TL at crossroads to Village Hall.

FINISH	CILCAIN	Food & Drink	GR 176652	15.9miles
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Well done! We hope you enjoyed it.