



OPEN TO OFFAS 2026

16 Mile Route Guide

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Event Details

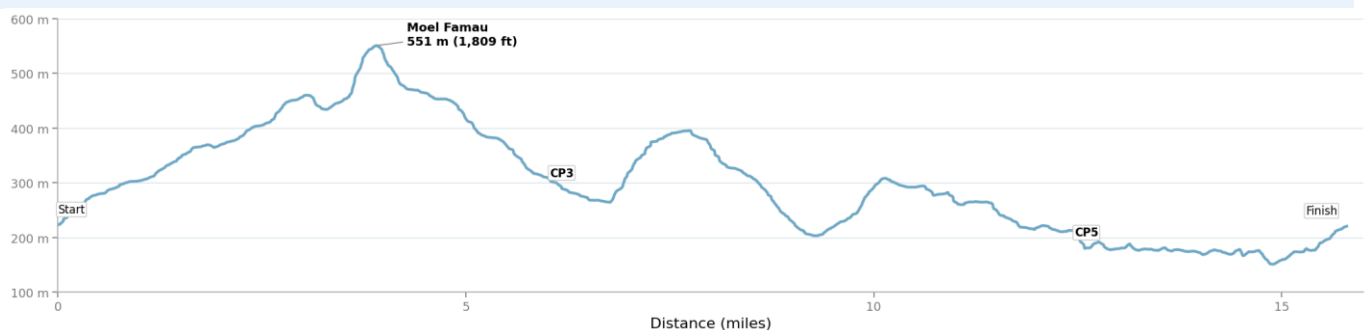
Distance: 15.8 miles (25.4 km)
Ascent: 3,262 ft (994 m)
Highest point: 1,809 ft (551 m)
Start / Finish: Cilcain Village Hall
Mass start: 09:30

Before You Start

Carry this Route Guide and the GPX file.
Collect your tally card and present it at every checkpoint.
Mobile coverage is intermittent. Do not rely on online maps.
Respect residents, livestock and other countryside users.
Tell a marshal if you retire.
Emergency: call 999, then Event HQ on **07963 777726**.

Abbreviations

TR Turn right TL Turn left BR Bear right BL Bear left
SO Straight on GR Grid reference (SJ)
Magnetic bearings are shown only where they assist navigation.



START

Cilcain Village Hall

Next Checkpoint

Coed Famau Car Park

6.2 miles • ↑ 1,309 ft • ↓ 1,091 ft • Highest 1,809 ft • 15.8 miles remaining

ROUTE

TR past the church.

Climb the road.

TL after 400 yds.

Continue to the crossroads.

TL, signed Moel Famau.

Ignore the private road on the right signed Llety.

Continue past the farm on your left.

The road soon becomes a track.

After a further 400 yds, **pass** three gates on your right.

Continue for approximately 1.4 miles.

Go through the metal gate

Ignore the narrow path on the left shortly before reaching the ridge

Go through the gate/stile.

TL onto the Offa's Dyke Path.

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Note: The 16-mile route now joins the shared route.

Continue for a further 1.7 miles to the Jubilee Tower.

Moel Famau

GR SJ161626 5.0 miles

Leave the Jubilee Tower on {225}.

Follow the main descending Offa's Dyke Path, keeping to the right of the kissing gate.

Descend for 1.6 miles to the upper car park at Bwlch Pen Barras (GR SJ161605).

TL through the gate beside the Coed Moel Famau sign.

Follow the path beside the road for $\frac{2}{3}$ mile (1 km) to the lower car park.

CHECKPOINT 3

Coed Famau Car Park

GR SJ171610 6.2 miles

Refreshments

Drinks | Snacks | Toilets

Next Checkpoint

Loggerheads Visitor Centre

6.5 miles • ↑ 1,061 ft • ↓ 1,416 ft • Highest 1,297 ft • 9.6 miles remaining

Note the 16 mile route now follows a different route to the other distances

Leave Checkpoint 3 through the car park.

Go to the enclosed path at the far (east) end.

At the road, **TR**.

Go down the lane opposite.

Continue for $\frac{1}{4}$ mile around the bend.

Pass the first cottage.

Continue to the second cottage.

Immediately beyond the cottage, **TR** through the adjoining gate.

Follow the bridleway signed Plymog.

Climb for 1.4 miles.

Go through the small metal gate.

Pass the feeding troughs on your left.

Pass the stone footpath marker on your right.

Continue through three metal gates.

At the farm buildings, **continue** straight through two further metal gates.

Follow the path as it **BL**.

Go through the metal gate.

Descend for 100 yds.

TL onto the track beside the wood.

Continue along the edge of the wood.

Go through the gate.

Cross the field to the farm track.

Follow the track downhill to the A494.

A494 ROAD CROSSING

Traffic is fast-moving. Cross with extreme care.

Cross the road.

Go through the gate opposite.

Follow the path to the bridge.

Continue to the gate at the far right-hand corner of the field.

Curve R after crossing the stream.

Continue along the right-hand side of the field.

Go through the gate.

Continue through the wooden gate.

Cross the stepping stones.

Pass the spring on your left.

Pass the old quarry on your left.

Continue through another gate.

Pass the old metal gate on your right.

Continue on the path opposite Armon Cottage.

Double back L on the footpath signed Maeshafn.

Climb steeply through the trees {340}.

Note: The 16-mile route has rejoined the shared routes.

At the top, **continue** on the broad track.

Ignore all side tracks.

Follow signs for Maeshafn for ¾ mile.

Cross the stile.

BR onto the wide track.

Continue to the road.

TL downhill.

After 100 yds, **BR** onto the track.

After 200 yds, shortly after Bryn Tirion Cottage, **BR**.

Continue through Aberduna Nature Reserve.

After ½ mile, **TL**, signed Cadole 1 mile.

Continue between the black metal fence on your right and the wooden fence on your left.

Go through the kissing gate.

Stay beside the fence.

Go through the gate beside the buildings.

Continue to the next kissing gate.

TL onto the tarmac drive.

BR at the next two junctions, following the waymarks.

Continue past the buildings.

Cross the stile into the woodland.

Continue ahead to the A494 (GR SJ202626).

A494 ROAD CROSSING

Traffic is fast-moving. Cross with extreme care.

Cross the road.

Go through the gate opposite.

After 100 yds, **BL**, signed Tea Gardens.

Continue gently uphill.

Descend the wooden steps.

At the bottom, **TL** over the bridge towards the buildings.

CHECKPOINT 5

Loggerheads Visitor Centre

GR SJ198626 12.7 miles

Refreshments

Drinks | Snacks | Toilets

Next Checkpoint

Finish – Cilcain Village Hall

3.1 miles • ↑ 851 ft • ↓ 714 ft • Highest 727 ft • 3.1 miles remaining

Retrace your steps over the bridge.

TL onto the Leete Path.

Continue for 0.8 mile, passing the kennels and cattery.

Cross the road.

Continue on the Leete Path for a further 1.6 miles.

At all path junctions, **follow** signs for Cilcain, Leete Path or Devil's Gorge.

One sign is on a post a few yards before the junction.

At the road (GR SJ188652), **TL** downhill. **Take care on this road as visibility is limited**

Cross the bridge.

Continue uphill on the road with care.

At the sharp right-hand bend, go straight ahead on the footpath signed Pentre and Cilcain.

Continue through three kissing gates.

Reach the steps and stile in the corner.

Go up the steps.

Cross the stile.

Go through the kissing gate.

TL along the field edge.

Cross the next stile.

Continue ahead, ignoring the waymarked gap in the fence on your left.

Continue through the trees.

Reach the lane at the gate/stile.

TR uphill into Cilcain.

At the crossroads, **TL** to Cilcain Village Hall.

FINISH

Cilcain Village Hall

GR SJ176652

15.8 miles (25.4 km)

Total ascent: 3,262 ft (994 m)

Refreshments

Food | Drinks

Congratulations on completing the Open to Offas 16 Mile Challenge