



OPEN TO OFFAS 2026

24 Mile Route Guide

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Event Details

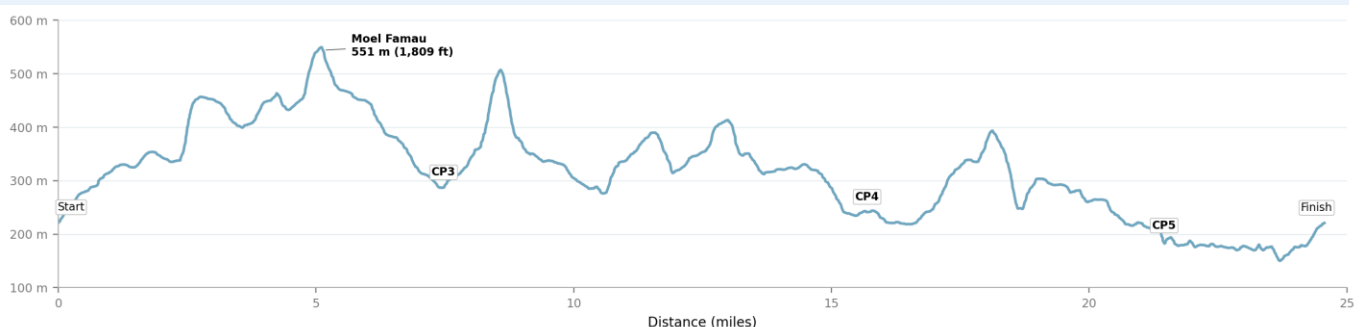
Distance: 24.6 miles (39.5 km)
Ascent: 5,364 ft (1,635 m)
Highest point: 1,809 ft (551 m)
Start / Finish: Cilcain Village Hall
Mass start: 08:30

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

7.5 miles • ↑ 1,599 ft • ↓ 1,384 ft • Highest 1,809 ft • 24.6 miles remaining

ROUTE

TR past the church.

Climb the road.

TL after 400 yds.

Continue to the crossroads.

SO, signed Moel Arthur.

The road soon becomes a track.

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

Continue for approximately 1 mile, passing through two gates.

At the road:

TL.

Continue for 50 yds to the car park.

Note: The 32-mile route leaves the course here for an additional 8 mile loop

Go through the gate immediately left of the cattle grid beside the Moel Famau Country Park sign.

TL and **climb** steeply with the wall on your left.

At the top, **continue** on the Offa's Dyke Path for 0.8 mile.

Note: The 16-mile route joins the course here.

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 ⅔ mile (1 km) to the lower car park.

CHECKPOINT 3

Coed Famau Car Park

GR SJ171610 7.5 miles

Refreshments

Drinks | Snacks | Toilets

Next Checkpoint

Llanarmon-yn-Iâl Old Schoolroom

8.3 miles • ↑ 1,803 ft • ↓ 1,962 ft • Highest 1,671 ft • 17.1 miles remaining

IMPORTANT

Check out with the checkpoint marshal before leaving. Participants wishing to shorten their walk may **follow** the Direct Route to Checkpoint 5 (see end of this Route Description).

Continue on the 24-mile route

Retrace your steps to the upper car park at Bwlch Pen Barras.

After $\frac{2}{3}$ mile, where the path enters the car park, **cross** the road to the opposite car park (GR SJ162605).

Walk to the far end of the car park.

Take the steep path on the right, starting beside the wooden post.

Go through the kissing gate.

At the top of the wooden steps, **TL** along the embankment.

After 120 yds, **BR** off the embankment to the summit.

Foel Fenlli

GR SJ165601 8.7 miles

Leave the summit on {175}.

On reaching the embankment, **descend** carefully on {140}.

Rejoin the Offa's Dyke Path, aiming for the right-hand side of the forestry below.

Note: Navigation note: Follow the Offa's Dyke Path until you reach the gate signed Gweryd and Llanarmon-yn-Iâl.

Cross the broken fence.

Go through the kissing gate.

Continue beside the forest.

Go through the second kissing gate.

BL across the field.

Continue with the fence on your left.

Go through the kissing gate at the forest corner.

Continue with the fence, then the wall, on your left.

At the Offa's Dyke fingerpost, **TR** onto the grass track.

After 100 yds, **BR**, following the Offa's Dyke waymarks, with the line of trees on your left.

Continue on the main track to the A494 (GR SJ166582).

A494 ROAD CROSSING

Traffic is fast-moving and roadside barriers provide little protection.

TR uphill on the road.

At the brow of the hill, cross with extreme care.

Ignore the first track on the left.

After 80 yds, **BL** onto the tarmac track.

As the track bends right, **continue** ahead through the gate.

TL uphill with the fence on your left.

As the gradient eases, **BR** to the gate ahead.

Go through the gate.

Continue over the small hillocks.

Go through the kissing gate beside the Offa's Dyke signpost.

Continue ahead on the track.

After $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, at the head of the valley, **BR** onto the narrow footpath beside the Offa's Dyke signpost.

At the end of the path, **cross** the stile.

TR down the wide track (GR SJ170569).

After 400 yds, immediately after the sharp bend, **TL** through the kissing gate.

Continue with the fence on your right for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

Cross the stile into the lane (GR SJ168558).

TL for 10 yds.

TR over the stile on your right.

Climb with the fence on your left.

At the top, **TR** around the head of the valley.

Go through the kissing gate.

TR with the fence on your right for 60 yds.

TL downhill, following the waymarks.

Go through the kissing gate at the bottom of the hill.

Continue to the kissing gate beside the mast.

Follow the track downhill.

Cross the stile beside the gate.

After 20 yds, sharp **TL** onto the track leading to the gate.

SOUTH END

GR SJ171542 13.4 miles

Leave the Offa's Dyke Path here.

Go through the gate signed Gweryd and Llanarmon-yn-lâl.

Follow the bridleway.

After ½ mile, **pass** the lake on your left.

Pass to the left of the large building containing the café.

Continue for ¾ mile to the T-junction with the road.

Go through the kissing gate opposite.

BL across the field on {070} towards the gate in the field corner.

Go through the gate.

Continue ahead with the hedge on your left.

Cross the stile beside the gate.

In the next field, look for a stile in the hedge on your left, before reaching the far end of the field.

Cross the stile.

TR between the hedges.

Continue up the steps.

Follow the path between the walls to the road.

Go straight ahead up the cul-de-sac.

At the top, take the footpath to the right of the bungalow named Shangri La.

Emerge onto the road opposite the church.

TR.

Cross the road carefully.

Continue with the church wall on your left.

At the end of the wall, **cross** the stone stile on your left.

Follow the path to the Old Schoolroom and Checkpoint 4.

CHECKPOINT 4

Llanarmon-yn-lâl Old Schoolroom

GR SJ191561 — 15.8 miles

Refreshments

Food | Hot and cold drinks | Toilets

Next Checkpoint

Loggerheads Visitor Centre

5.7 miles • ↑ 1,114 ft • ↓ 1,303 ft • Highest 1,294 ft • 8.8 miles remaining

Leave the checkpoint building.

TR onto the drive.

TL at the gate entrance.

Follow the road towards the front of the Raven Inn.

Immediately **TR** onto the tarmac track.

Follow the footpath to the right of the garage.

Continue between the hedges.

Cross the stile.

BR {010} across the field to the gate.

(Livestock may be present in this field.)

Follow the path signed Livestock-free alternative by going through the gate on the right.

Follow the riverside path.

Cross the stone footbridge.

Go through the kissing gate.

Continue up the track to the road (GR SJ191571).

Go straight across the road.

Continue uphill on the lane opposite.

Ignore all side roads for 1 mile.

At the sharp right-hand bend, **TL** onto the lane signed No Through Road.

Continue past the green-roofed barn on your right.

After 10 yds, **BR** onto the track.

After approximately 230 yds, watch for the gap on your right.

Go through the gap.

Continue between the walls.

Go through the kissing gate.

Continue ahead through the bracken and gorse.

When the fence forces you left, **follow** the path to the limestone escarpment.

Continue to the summit of Bryn Alyn.

Bryn Alyn

GR SJ197588 17.8 miles

Descend from the summit to the right.

Continue on {010} to pick up the faint path.

Follow the path to the track.

TL downhill beside the ruined wall.

Follow the track around the right-hand bend.

As the track bends left, go over the waymarked stile ahead.

Descend the narrow woodland path.

At the bottom, **go through** the gate.

TR onto the lane.

After 100 yds, **TL** down the track beyond the house.

After 40 yds, **TR** onto the narrow footpath climbing through the trees {340}.

Note: The 16-mile route rejoins the course here.

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 21.5 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

24.6 miles (39.5 km)

Total ascent: 5,364 ft (1,635 m))

Refreshments

Food | Drinks

Congratulations on completing the Open to Offas 24 Mile Challenge

Direct Route – Checkpoint 3 To Checkpoint 5

Note: Available for participants who choose to shorten their walk.

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 ¼ 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}.

You have now rejoined the main route.

Continue from "The 16-mile route rejoins here" and **follow** the Route Description to Checkpoint 5 and the Finish.