

Hanson Quarry Woods (Clwyd Woods).

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Route Summary



These quiet woods are spectacular in May when the wild garlic (and bluebells) are in flower, but magic at any time of year. There is some historic interest on the full walk, or spectacular views into the quarry on the shortened route.

Route Overview



Category: Walking
Rating: Unrated
Surface: Smooth
Date Published: 29th July 2020
Difficulty: Easy
Length: 6.090 km / 3.81 mi
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Description



I'm not usually a fan of road walking, so apologies for the first and last parts of this walk, although the roads are quiet and the views good. For great views of the wild garlic (and bluebells) visit in May, though any time of year is magic. There is some historic interest on the full walk, or spectacular views into the quarry on the

shortened route.

History:

Trimm Rock Quarry located near Cilcain worked from the 1950s and produced stone for use within the construction industry.

A nature conservation programme was implemented following its closure in 2008, with the aim of maximising the wildlife potential of the property and to encourage new species to colonise. The quarry lake, estimated to be around five acres in size, is surrounded by towering rock faces.

The walk:

From Cilcain village centre, make your way up to the entrance to the woods via a personal gate. Before long you will pass a sign, Yr Hafan, an abandoned house ripe for restoration. I recall going to parties there 25 years ago.



As you walk on you will pass the ruins of a cottage. Does anyone know its history? This is the area of spectacular wild garlic in May. Don't just look. Find a recipe for delicious wild garlic and cheese scones!



The route passes a place where you can access the old Trimm Rock Quarry (waypoint marked on map), though this

would of course be "trespass" so I couldn't possibly recommend exploring the old workings. Could I? (There is a gap in the fence at the main entrance where you can get out).

(Alternative, shorter route from this point detailed below).

The path drops down a little and then climbs slightly steeply for 20 yards or so. This bit can be slippery, care is needed. As the path levels it curves to the right, heading south.

Carry on along the route through the woods and look out for a slight diversion on your right to a viewing point looking across the quarry workings.



Just a few paces further on, on the opposite side you will see the old power substation which still has some of its original equipment within.



200 yards further on you will see another abandoned cottage, (Trimmiu Farm) possibly the home of the quarry manager?



Follow the route to a personal gate at the main entrance to the quarry, turn right for a few yards along the road before taking the path left, back into the woods. Finally pass by a farm, Cefn-Ucha, on your left before rejoining the road back to Cilcain.

(**Alternative route** from 1st marked viewpoint & access to quarry: If you go to the fence where you can access the quarry, there is a shorter and interesting way back to the point you entered the woods. Turn around and with your back to the fence walk forward about 20 yards to a path on your left. Take that path and keep left at any junctions all the way back to where you entered the woods. You will walk close to the edge of the quarry and pass some great viewpoints. The path is mostly good, with some rough patches).

All proceeds from the sale of my walks (most cost 50p) goes to Nightingale House Hospice. Thanks for looking.

Waypoints

Gate WP0016

(53.18756; -3.21771)

Gate into woods

Stile WP0019

(53.18973; -3.21481)

Stile

Ruined cottage WP0022

(53.18952; -3.21165)



Ruined cottage

 **Entry into quarry possible here WP0024**

(53.18811; -3.21111)

Entry into quarry possible here.

Also alternative shorter route back to the entry point to the woods.

 **Quarry View Point WP0032**

(53.18418; -3.21090)

Quarry View Point

 **Old Quarry Substation WP0058**

(53.18390; -3.21018)

Old Quarry Substation

 **Quarry Managers Cottage WP0033**

(53.18323; -3.21138)

Quarry Managers Cottage

 **Main Quarry Entrance WP0035**

(53.18399; -3.21562)

Main Quarry Entrance

 **Space to park a car or two. WP0036**

(53.18390; -3.21611)

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