

**Moel Famau via the Zig Zag.** Fairly Strenuous - 6 miles.

One of my favourite Cilcain walks. There is a short, but fairly challenging climb to the summit of Moel Famau followed by a stroll along a section of the Offa's Dyke path with great views across the Vale of Clwyd and on a clear day Snowdonia and the North Wales coast. The Offa's Dyke section is a great place to watch sunsets at any time of year and you will just have enough time to get back to your car before dark. The walk is 6 miles long, climbing from 660ft (the old waterworks) to 1,818ft (Jubilee Tower).

1. Start at the Viewpoint Car Park and walk 0.43 miles east to Cilcain Church (well worth a look inside).
2. Turn right and walk 0.4 miles to a grey building, the Old Waterworks.
3. Turn right and walk South West West on a track for 0.25 miles
4. Turn left up another track and walk South past a white cottage (Cae Newydd) for 0.16 miles
5. Turn right heading South West past a reservoir for 0.84 miles. Continue when the track becomes steep and runs almost due South, taking a rest if needed at a crossroads with signpost and good views of Cilcain Village.
6. With the forest on your left, carry on up the hill for 0.42 miles to Jubilee Tower. (Distance so far: 2.5 Miles).
7. The walk now progresses North West along the Offa's Dyke path for 1.54 miles to a crossroads with a style and gate.
8. Turn right heading North East along a track with views of the Cilcain Reservoirs and Moel Famau on your right. After 1.25 miles you pass a cottage (Plas Newydd) and the track becomes a minor road.
9. Proceed for 0.4 miles to a crossroads where you turn right heading South East. After 0.32 miles you will have returned to the View Point Car Park.

An Ordnance Survey pathfinder map is recommended to help you enjoy these walks and for your safety and comfort suitable clothing and footwear (depending on the weather) should be worn. All distances and elevation are approximate. Allow 2-3 hours.

Walk details by Phil Parsons, Dec. 2010.

Mileage in grey circles. Route guide points in yellow.

