

## Moel Llys y Coed, Moel Plas Yw, Firewood Farm

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### Route Summary

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### Route Overview

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**Category:** Walking

**Length:** 13.080 km / 8.18 mi

**Last Modified:** 21st August 2020

**Difficulty:** Medium

**Rating:** Unrated

**Surface:** Moderate

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### Description

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**This is another splendid route from Cilcain offering spectacular views and ruined cottages to hold your interest. Although it is only 8.5 miles, there is a fair amount of climbing to help keep you fit. Nearly all the climbing is on long gentle slopes, take your time and enjoy.**

**If you don't have the time, or if this sounds a little too much for you, a quick look at the map will reveal that you can split this route into 3 shorter walks. The best section is from the Moel Arthur Road past Moel Plas Yw, the ruined cottage and Firewood Farm, so go for it!** (You could even drive to the Moel Arthur car park).

#### **Towards Moel Llys-y-coed.**

The walk starts at the village hall in Cilcain, setting off across the playing field to the kissing Gate in the left-hand corner. You will pass the back of the cemetery, then amongst woods, the Old Cilcain quarry, no doubt the source of stone for some of the buildings in the village centre.

After 1/3 mile you will see a large gate on the left. Ignore that and take the stile to the right leading past woods on your left to the Water Pumping Station. Carry on along the road passing Tre-lan farm, then turning left.

Join the bridleway for 1/3 mile before turning left and gently climbing to a farm track. Turn left for 10 yards and then turn right climbing up towards Moel Llys-y-coed. (You may encounter cattle in these field which can be a problem if you are walking with a dog). You will see a small wind turbine, but turn right before you get to it and walk alongside the fence to the next stile. head south-west across the field (no clear path) joining a track where you drop down to the edge of the forest on your right and the Moel Arthur road.

#### **Towards Moel Plas-yw & Firewood Farm**

Turn right onto the road and after 60 yards take the track on the left, a long steady climb onto the side of Moel Plas Yr.



Follow the route enjoying great view, peace and quiet. You will most likely walk through groups of sheep before coming to woods on the right hand side. As you pass alongside the woods you will see the entrance to a glamping site.



After a clearing you walk through woods on both sides and will see a ruined cottage, Pen-y-ffrith (feature photo) on the right.

Carry on down the track towards Penbedw, the late Captain Archdale's farmhouse, taking a sharp right towards Firewood Farm.



Walk through the farmyard and continue up the steep track through the dingle. The dingle woods clear and you enter a field. Head south-south-east down the left hand side eventually crossing two streams before coming to a minor road. On your right you will see a "not very exciting" Tumulus. Cross the stile and turn right onto the road. Pass a white cottage on your left, cross a cattle grid and enter the woods over a stile alongside a large galvanised gate.



Continue the route through the woods. The OS map doesn't show a track, but there is a clear vehicular track to follow. You leave the woods and join the track you walked on an hour ago. Turn left towards Cilcain. Pass Gronfoel Farm (where you can buy free range eggs) and carry straight on to the Cilcain car parks and Cilcain village.

All proceeds from the sale of my walks (most cost 50p) goes to Nightingale House Hospice. I highly recommend installing Viewranger on your phone so that you always know precisely where you are on these routes. Thanks for looking.

## Waypoints

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### Stile WP0004

(53.18161; -3.23832)

Be sure to take the stile to the right here avoiding the large gate to the left.

### Stile WP0014

(53.18360; -3.24111)

Be sure to cross the stile to the right here, not the large gate to the left.

### Pen-y-ffrith, Ruined Cottage WP0043

(53.20014; -3.26433)

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### Tumulus WP0057

(53.19358; -3.25581)



Try not to get overexcited!

