

Offa's Dyke Path around the reservoirs. Moderate - 4.6 miles.

A favourite short walk I often do "on the way to the pub." There is a steady climb to the Offa's Dyke path where you can see great views across the Vale of Clwyd and on a clear day Snowdonia and the North Wales coast. This is followed by a downhill stroll back to the village.

The walk is 4.6 miles long, climbing from 660ft (the old waterworks) to 1,320ft (Offa's Dyke path).

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 1 mile, passing reservoirs on your right.
4. At the end of the track you will have the dam for the most modern of the Cilcain reservoirs in front of you. Pass through the small gate and follow the track to the left of the reservoir for 0.22 miles until you cross a small stream.
5. Now change direction to North West West for 0.52 miles crossing another stream and heading up the "green motorway" (a grass path) towards the ridge.
6. When you meet a vehicle track turn left (West) to the Offa's Dyke path 0.1 mile. Enjoy the views.
7. Return down the 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.
8. 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.

Walk details by Phil Parsons, Dec. 2010.

Mileage in grey circles. Route guide points in yellow.

