

Penline Gate Plus

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Route Summary



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Route Overview



Category: Walking
Length: 7.920 km / 4.95 mi
Last Modified: 10th October 2020
Difficulty: Medium
Rating: Unrated
Surface: Moderate
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Description



Introduction:

The short walk to "Penline Gate" (where the Offa's Dyke path drops down into a col at the westernmost point of this walk) is an ever popular walk from Cilcain. This is an area characterised by field systems dating from the medieval period through to the late 18th and 19th centuries.

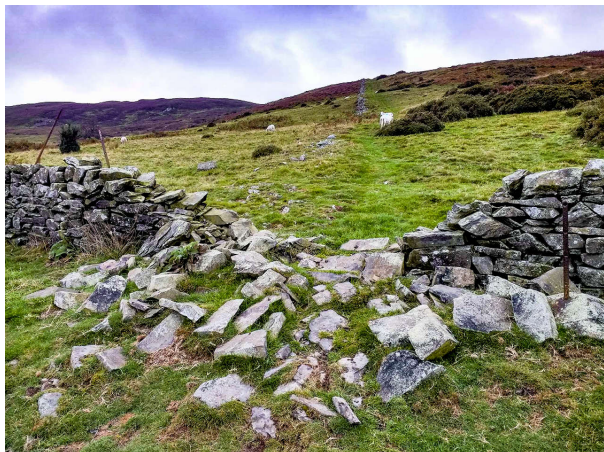
My route adds a little extra (points 2-4 on map) if you are up to it. It's only an additional 0.4 miles, but there is a moderately strenuous climb from the main track. Do it and you will be rewarded by stunning views towards Moel Famau and are unlikely to meet another walker. Too much? carry on along the main track to point 4 on map.

The Walk

Start from the tourist car parks. (There is also very limited parking by the Old Water Pumping Station).

From the tourist car Parks head west on the road to the crossroads and turn left heading south-west. Carry on along

the road until you pass a stone cottage, Plas Newydd (where afternoon tea may be available) and join a track. Carry on along the track passing through a gate to point 2 on the map, where you turn right through a gap in the stone wall.



Walk up the hill with the remains of another wall on your left. Stop for a breather and look back enjoying the magnificent views towards Moel Famau.



The track levels as you approach a left turn, point 3. Carry on to Penline Gate (4) enjoying more great views.



Walk up to the gate to get great views towards Snowdonia and then walk down the main track heading east. On your left you will see the ruined remains of some buildings, thought to be a place where refreshments could be taken when this was a regular route between Ruthin and Cilcain.

Just after the ruins take the wide grass path to the right heading down to a stream. Carry on to the right of the large reservoir, Cilcain 4. Pass through a small gate to join a track. Head down the track passing the Cilcain 1 & 2 reservoirs, built in 1896.

Join the road and turn left with the old Water Pumping Station in front of you.

At the Church (well worth a visit for its fabulous roof structure) turn right to visit the village shop or the White Horse Inn, or left to return to the car parks.

(All proceeds from the sale of my walks go to Nightingale House Hospice. Thanks for looking).

Waypoints

6 Cilcain 4 reservoir

(53.16743; -3.26416)

Cilcain 4 reservoir

7 Cilcain 1&2 reservoirs

(53.17119; -3.25240)

Cilcain 1&2 reservoirs

8 Old Water Pumping Station

(53.17360; -3.24043)

Old Water Pumping Station

