

23 DENBIGHSHIRE LLANDRILLO & CADAIR BERWYN

Distance: 10½ miles/16.8km Time: 5-6 hours Grade: Challenging



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The view of Llandrillo on the descent, between Point 6 and the end.



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It took until 1987 for someone to realise

that Cadair Berwyn's high point was in the wrong place. Cheshire walker Bernard Wright noticed the peak 400 yards south was a few metres higher than the trig point. At 2723 feet, the mountain is the highest in the Berwyn Range in north-east Wales. This walk starts and finishes in Llandrillo – a pretty village in a peaceful valley, featuring a cluster of whitewashed houses, a handsome parish church and a charming 18th-century arched bridge. The trail ascends Cadair Berwyn via the vast moorland on its western side, the gentle

nature of which contrasts sharply with the dramatic drops and rocky crags that face east.

1 Start Head to main road, turn L and, after passing war memorial, take lane forking R following Tegid Way. At end of lane where tracks fork, take R fork uphill. Follow for ¾ mile, heading through several gates. As approaching larch copse, turn R at crossroads.

2 1 mile/1.7km Follow track alongside wall, then fence, on R. Pass two planted forests, then continue along grass track cutting through field. Head through gate, then continue

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking Free parking by play area opposite Berwyn Restaurant, Llandrillo, grid ref SJ035371, postcode LL21 0SR

Is it for me? Prolonged ascent of moderate gradient. Mostly along tracks, but boggy on descent and route finding ability needed in places

Stiles 2

PLANNING

Nearest town Bala

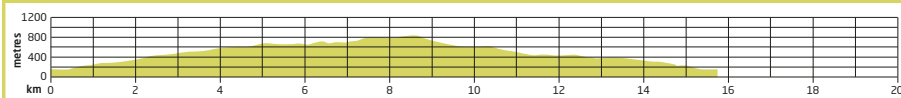
Refreshments The Dudley Arms (01490 440223) or Berwyn Restaurant (01490 440550, open Thu-Sun), both in Llandrillo

Public toilets By car park in Llandrillo

Public transport Frequent T3 bus between Wrexham, Bala, Dolgellau and Barmouth stops at Llandrillo (traws.cymru)

Maps OS Explorer 255; Landranger 125

GRADIENT PROFILE



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up R shoulder of Moel Pearce. Head through gate, then up another slope staying close to fence on L. On ascent, track forks and rejoins. Shortly after this, as track plateaus, take R fork, which leads to saddle.

3 4 miles/6.4km

At saddle go through gate. Path soon swings R and up to next ridge. Head through gate, then immediately R through another gate, then follow path uphill with fence close on R. At top, turn L to follow main ridge path to Cadair Berwyn trig point. Continue for 400 yds to true summit, then return to trig.

4 5¼ miles/9.4km

Turn L, cross stile and continue. Path forks then rejoins and plateaus before descending to footpath sign. Turn R here and follow path over stream and through gate, then continue, ignoring path forking R, and sticking to most obvious path ahead. Head through gate, then cross succession of streams. Pick up rough path (ignoring track forking R) and keep fence close on L.

5 8 miles/12.9km

Follow fence, then wall. Ignore gate on L and continue through another gate ahead. Walk down steep bank, cross stream, then immediately turn L. At cluster of trees continue up bank and pick up rough track with stream on L. This

soon meets another rough track before reaching gate.

6 9 miles/14.3km

Head through gate, then immediately through another gate (forking R off track), and follow fence on R. As you approach forest, take L fork through forest, ignoring rough track forking R. Continue to L side of forest. At fork, take R option continuing alongside forest. Soon track descends past farmhouse and becomes

lane. Follow footpath sign L through field to hedge R of large oak. Turn R and follow hedge to kissing gate, continue to road, turn L, and car park is on R. **CW**

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DATE WALKED

TIME TAKEN

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