



20 DENBIGHSHIRE LLANGOLLEN

Distance: 12 miles/19.2km Time: 6-7 hours Grade: Moderate



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River Dee in Llangollen,
near Point 1.

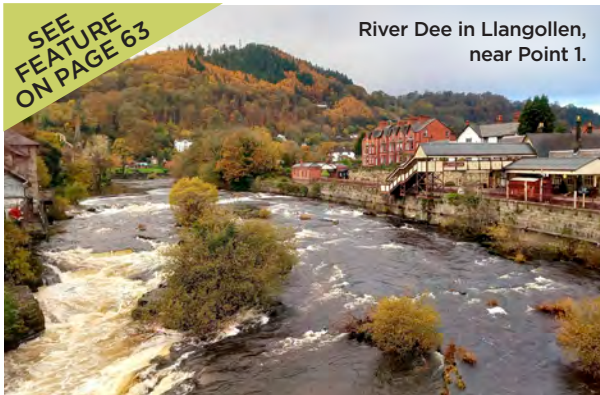


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A remarkable walk packed full of

attractions. After crossing the River Dee, which roars through the town of Llangollen, you'll then climb to the remains of the medieval hilltop fortress that is Castell Dinas Brân. Following this is a spectacular ridge walk over Trevor Rocks (he sure does!) with fine views over the castle and Dee Valley. Then a gentle woodland descent leads to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct – surely the greatest ever bathtub on legs ever built. Rising some 125ft over the Dee, this masterpiece of 19th-century engineering is part of a World Heritage Site and was

once described by novelist and historian Sir Walter Scott as the most impressive work of art he had ever seen. A gentle four-mile stroll along Llangollen Canal concludes a superb day out.

1 Start

From car park entrance, turn R, then L at T-junction. Cross bridge and turn R at T-junction, then first L up Wharf Hill. Cross canal then continue up footpath signed to Castell Dinas Brân. Cross lane and continue uphill, keeping R of field, and through kissing gate. Continue along track and across track junction, then through kissing gate, and take R fork. Head towards castle and take clear track to top.

PLAN YOUR WALK



ROUTE

Start/parking P&D off Market Street, Llangollen, grid ref SJ214420, postcode LL20 8PS

Is it for me? Two short but steep ascents, slippery in places, one spot where hand-on-rock is required. Mild exposure

Stiles None

PLANNING

Nearest town Llangollen

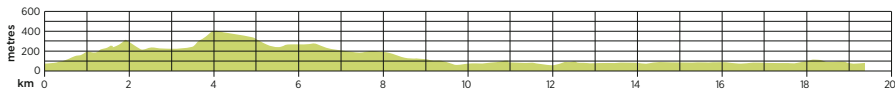
Refreshments Choice in Llangollen, Pontcysyllte Chapel Tea Room (01978 812786) and The Telford Inn (01978 820469), both in Station Road, Trevor

Public toilets Market St, Llangollen; and blue badge holders' car park, Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

Public transport Bus 5 Wrexham-Llangollen (arrivabus.co.uk); T3, also serves Bala, Dolgellau and Barmouth (traws.cymru)

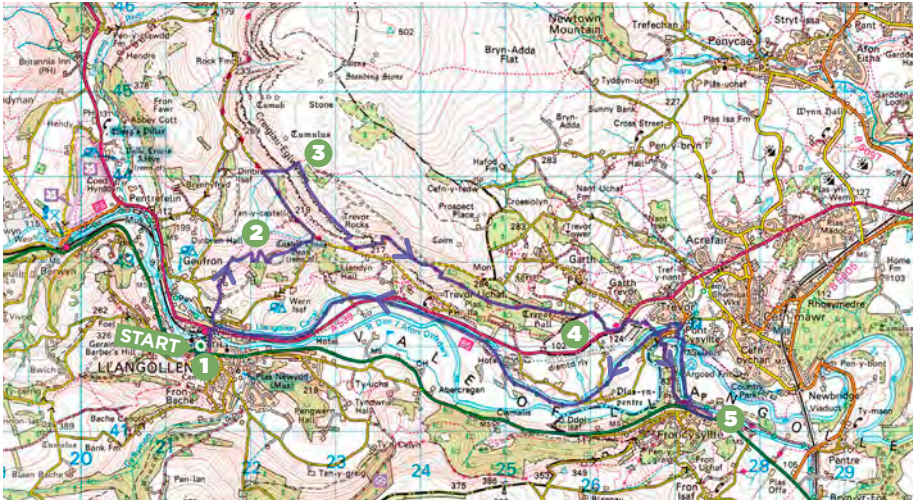
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2 1¼ miles/1.9km

Head R to walk through ruins, then keep R, crossing moat, then veer R to find clear track. Take L fork towards black iron gate, then descend to gate. Continue through field to kissing gate on R, then turn L along lane and L again along road. Follow for 700yds, then take sharp R at footpath sign. At stream, scramble up rock and find path following L of stream to waymarker at top.

3 2½ miles/4km

Turn R here and follow ridge for ¾ mile. As it descends, pick up path heading sharp R. This swings L, continuing at path junction to road. Turn L and follow road for over ½ mile. As it bends L, take clear track

branching R (Offa's Dyke Path). As approach gate, follow arrow R down path, then L through gate. Follow path into woodland and stay on Offa's Dyke Path, ignoring paths L and R.

4 5¼ miles/8.5km

Eventually reach track. Turn L here, continue straight at lane, turn L at main road, then – just after first house on the L – turn R along path. After tunnel, cut through the next field and cross footbridge over the canal. Head L along canal, then take first R (signed Froncysyllte). Path crosses track then leads to road. Turn R and follow B5434 to Froncysyllte. Turn L at main road and soon reach entrance to St David's Church on R.

5 5 6¼ miles/11km

From church, cross road and take path L of Fron Pizza and Kebab to canal. Follow canal, cross bridge, then continue with canal on L. After aqueduct, take sharp R, then keep R to walk under arch to road other side of aqueduct. Turn R on road, cross canal, then L to follow canal. Cross footbridge and stay on canal towpath for 4 miles. Once in Llangollen, approaching The Wharf Tea Room, turn sharp L to road and back to start. **CW**

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