

WALK 8

LLANDINAM TO HORNBY, RHYD FAES AND RETURN

DESCRIPTION A 6 mile walk along some tarmac road, bridleway and the Severn Way with views over the Severn valley and the village of Llandinam to the Llandinam Wind Farm. The route has no real climbs but does involve a fairly steep descent for about 200 yards near the end.

START Public car park next to the Lion Hotel (GR 026884)

DIRECTIONS From Llanidloes take the A470 North for about 6 miles until you reach the village of Llandinam. The public car park is on the left just before the Lion Hotel.

1 Turn LEFT out of the car park and walk along the footpath past the Lion and turn LEFT over the iron bridge crossing the river Severn by the statue of David Davies. Continue for about 300 yards when the road will bear sharp RIGHT and, after a further 300 yards, look out for the finger post on your right and a post box on your left. At this point turn LEFT up through the houses until, at the end of the road, you meet a stile on your RIGHT. After crossing the stile walk straight over the field to the next stile * where you emerge onto a tarmac road and pass through the field gate on the opposite side. Walk out onto the field and, after bearing RIGHT to pass through the gap in the hedge, walk to the far LEFT hand corner of the field and climb over the stile onto the tarmac road. Turn LEFT along the road and after about 200 yards, turn RIGHT at the junction signposted for Caersws and Trefeglwys. Continue along this road, passing a farm entrance on your left and follow it up the hill as it swings to the left. Turn LEFT into the second farm lane entrance, over a cattle grid, and walk along the lane to Hornby Farm.

2 Follow the bridleway straight through Hornby and, after passing through the farm gate, walk on along a short lane and out on to open fields. As you walk along the bridleway, if you look to your left you will see part of the Llandinam wind farm and, looking to your right, the wind turbines at Carno. Follow the bridleway until it reaches the tarmac road at Rhyd Faes.

3 At this point turn RIGHT along the road and then immediately LEFT, following the road down the hill to the 'T' junction where you turn RIGHT by Maes Derw bungalow. About 100 yards farther along the road, you will see the way marks for the Severn Way. Turn LEFT along the Way, following the way marks until you reach the point where the trail crosses a stream near some sheep pens. At this point, you bear diagonally LEFT over the field until you cross a small stream in the far corner and go through a field gate into woodland. Follow the track through the wood until you exit into open fields and continue, keeping the fence to your left until you pass through a gate where a track crosses your front from right to left, part of the Severn Way. Turn LEFT along the track until you reach the radio mast and then turn RIGHT through the wicket gate next to it. *(If you wish to avoid the steep descent, carry straight on past the mast until you join the tarmac road and then turn RIGHT over the stile * you crossed on the way out and, after crossing the field and leaving the houses, turn RIGHT along the road and continue back to your start point)* Descend the fairly steep slope, keeping the fence line to your left, for about 200 yards until you reach Troed Y Rhiw house. Turn LEFT along the drive and then RIGHT at the end to take you back over the iron bridge and RIGHT to return to your start point.