

RURAL RAMBLE:

PONTLLIW TO CRAIG CEFN PARC VIA FELINDRE



A fairly challenging walk through some of rural Swansea's finest countryside with the beautiful Lliw Reservoir country at roughly half way point.

The Walk in detail

Alight from the X13 bus in Pontlliw (GR 610012), walk 100m and take the first right on a minor road for 500m then right on a farm track to Gwenlais Uchaf (GR 618015) which you skirt to your right. Much of the subsequent section through fields and tracks (separated by a stream crossed on footbridge) is wet and marshy. A short section through dense woodland brings you to Crwcca Farm (GR 624023) opening to a farm track taking a minor road near Tyn y Cwm (GR 628027). Turn right and follow the sinuous minor road to Felindre lower village where you turn left then immediately right up a steep hill past Shepherd's Country Inn (right) to join a footpath (right) at GR 640030. This path contours the small valley which is an outflow for the Lower Lliw Reservoir whose dam appears on right. The path turns right across the top of the dam to the Lliw Reservoir Café (GR 650034) where refreshment can be obtained.

From here, head north on a well-surfaced path with the reservoir on your left and this leads after a walk of 3km to the wild and attractive Upper Lliw Reservoir. Cross the dam and proceed along the path through a small forest to arrive at the road at GR 660069. Turn right and after 500m take the left hand road down the highly attractive Cwm Clydach to Craig Cefn Parc walking through the village to the New Inn where you can join bus 14 back to Swansea.

Useful Information

Start point:	Pontlliw Post Office (GR 610012)
End point:	New Inn, Craig Cefn Parc
Map:	O.S. Explorer 165 or Landranger 159
Distance:	14 kilometres
Time:	4-5 hours
Terrain:	Easy to moderate with some rougher sections
Refreshments:	Lower Lliw Reservoir Café New Inn, Craig Cefn Parc
Toilets:	Lower Lliw Reservoir Café New Inn, Craig Cefn Parc
Trains:	Swansea 10 kilometres
Bus stops:	Pontlliw Post Office Craig Cefn Parc New Inn
Parking:	This walk is designed for public transport users. Suitable parking at High Street MSCP close to Swansea train station (routes X13 and 14 serve this)
Buses:	Outward X13 Swansea to Pontlliw Return 14 Craig Cefn Parc to Swansea
Tickets:	First Day Swansea Bay tickets give you a day's unlimited travel (adult, youth and family options) and can be purchased from the bus driver.