

## Round Moel Gyw From Rhiw Ial

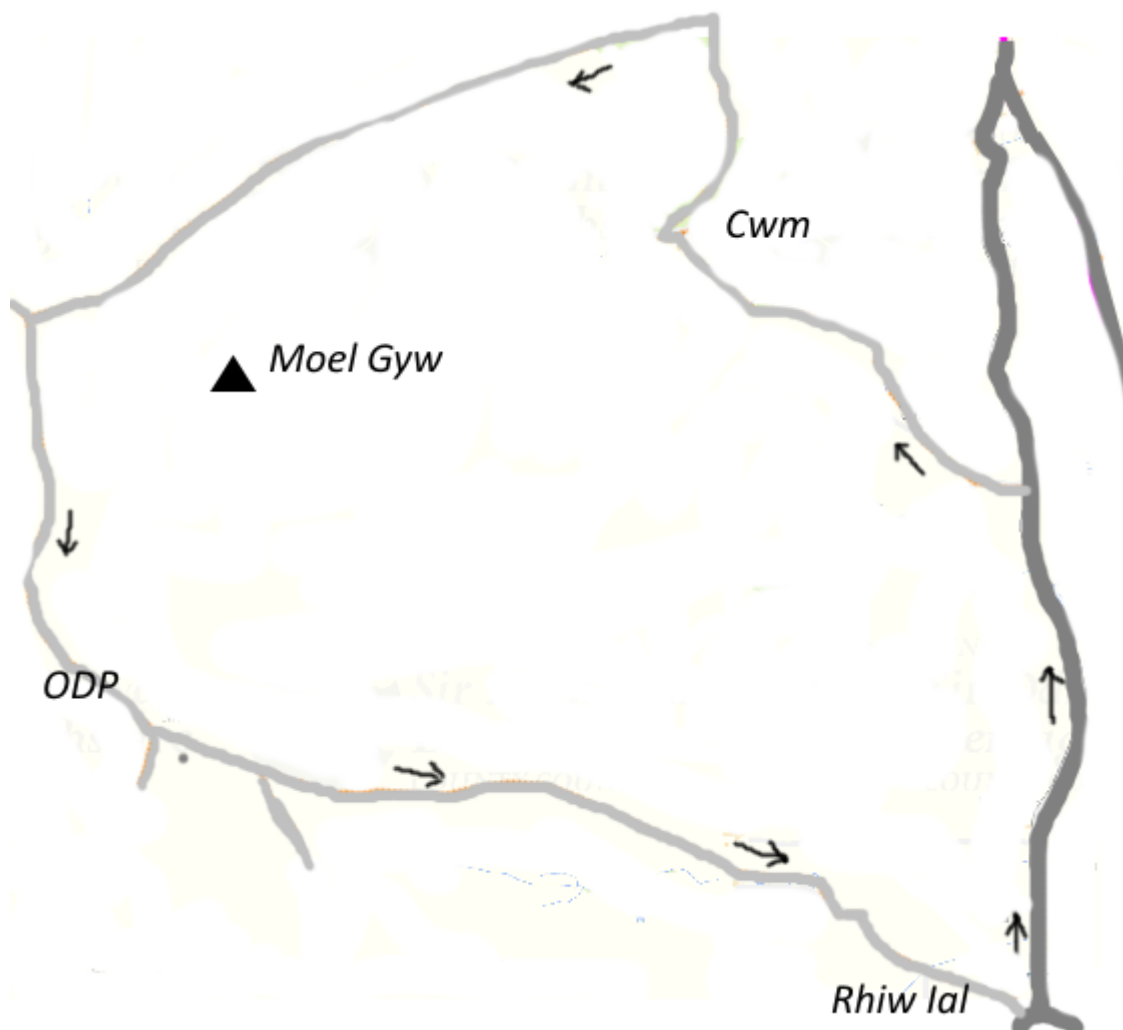
This is a great walk with views over the Alyn Valley and the Vale of Clwyd. It may not look as though it is very long but there is quite a bit of climbing (over 200m/700ft). You can start at Rhiw Ial Chapel, where there is a small amount of parking or, (making it a bit longer) in Llanarmon yn Ial village, a short distance south of the starting point, where there is a pub and shop.

Distance: 6.5km/4m

Map: OS Explorer 265 or Landranger 117

Start/Finish: Rhiw Ial Chapel, Llanarmon yn Ial MR 186565

Time: 1.5-2hrs



1. Walk north along the lane away from Rhiw Ial Chapel. After 1km/0.5mile you come to a track through a gate on the left with a footpath sign. Go through the gate. 100m up the track turn right over a stile.
2. Keep up hill along a track with the field boundary on the left and then bear to the right of the house and curtilage ahead. Aim towards a big sycamore tree. Once that is reached crest the ridge and bear slightly left down towards a stile by an ash tree above a pond on the right.
3. Go over the stile, take the middle of three indistinct tracks through sparse woodland to a stile just the other side of a small watercourse.

4. Cross that stile and go straight across a field towards a house in the trees. Look out for a marker post and go down across another watercourse then up to a stile on the left into a field.
5. After that stile bear right to behind the house you've been aiming at and a marker by another big sycamore tree.
6. Cross the stile behind a barn and go up through the woods. For a short distance this is left but it soon turns right and becomes a broad track.
7. Where the track splits, go left. You soon come to a stile into a field. Cross it and go straight across the field with a grubbed out field boundary on your right, aiming for the right hand corner of a wood ahead.
8. Cross the stile into the wood. The path is indistinct in the wood at the time of writing due to fallen trees but you can pick up a suitable route leftwards along or near to the right of way to where the path comes out of the wood at a stile into a long field.
9. There follows a long trudge (but with great views) along the hillside and a fairly obvious path for approximately half a kilometer or quarter of a mile until a gate is reached in the corner. Go through that gate and keep on in roughly the same direction with the field boundary now on your right until you reach another gate.
10. Go through that gate. You are now on the Offa's Dyke Path (ODP). Turn left and up hill along a broad path with great views to the right and Moel Gyw to your left.
11. After about another half kilometer keep left (straight on) at a fingerpost for Llanarmon yn Ial. Cross a track running left/right across your path and keep on a path through heather and birch to a concrete stile.
12. Go over that stile and diagonally across the top of the next field towards another stile over into the next field.
13. Turn left after that stile and go along the field boundary to the next stile. Cross that and keep along the field boundary until Llanarmon yn Ial comes into view fully. The path cuts across the field diagonally so you can use the chapel where you started to as a reference point; aim slightly to the left of it to keep on the proper route, though the field may have crops in it, in which case it may be advisable to keep to the edge.
14. As you drop down you will see a stile to the right of a house with an evergreen hedge. Cross the stile and follow the path down and then over another stile and right down to a stream.
15. Go left after the stream keeping it on your left and the house and garden opposite on your right until you emerge on the track leading into the house. Follow that track down past a pond on your left.
16. Where the track rises and there is a gate, turn left over a stile and across the field towards Rhiw Ial Chapel. There is one more stile to cross into the road and your starting point.