

Walk – Llanferres Round

A short walk overlooking the Alyn starting and finishing at Llanferres. This is similar but not the same as a walk in the Denbighshire Countryside Services booklet, as it uses several different paths. All paths are open, public rights of way, well signed, with stiles or gates.

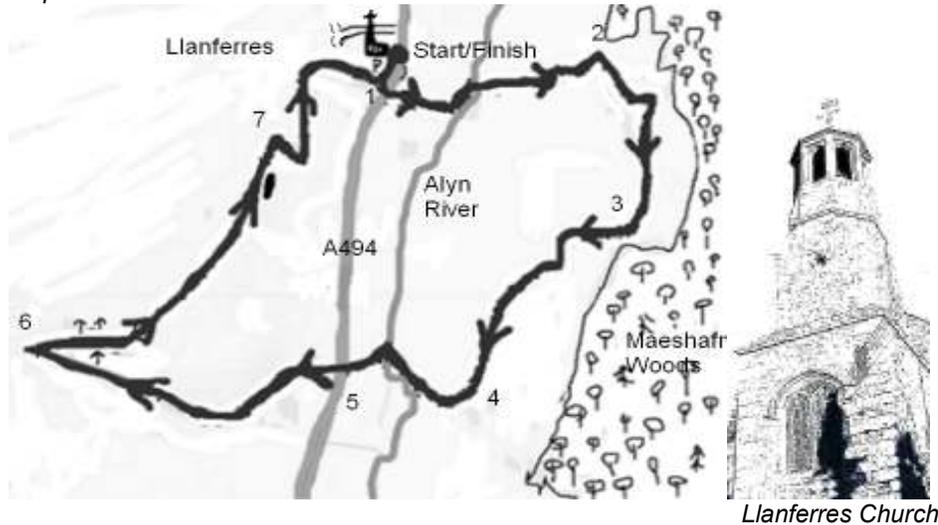
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Start/Finish: Llanferres Map Ref. 189606

Distance: 3m/5km

Time: 1.5 to 2 hrs

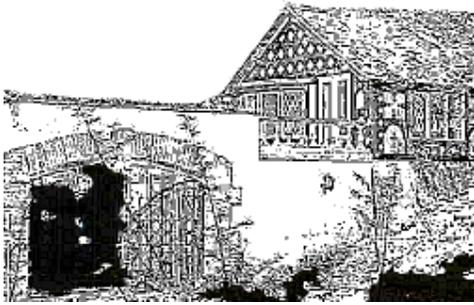
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Park in the old road opposite the church. It is worth stopping to admire the church for a moment with its unusual octagonal bell-cote.

1. Walk past the bottom of the Druids car park and with care cross the busy A494. Continue for a short while in the same direction until a sign-posted track appears on the left. Follow the track for a few hundred meters down towards the banks of the Alyn. After a short while the path crosses the Alyn over a bridge and climbs. Go through a five bar metal gate and keep climbing until another gate is reached.

2. At the gate turn right and go over a stile, which is alongside another gate. Cross a field diagonally, climbing slightly until the driveway of an interesting black and white house is reached. The path goes over another stile and up a concrete path curving round to the right onto another track. Follow the track up hill until a stile and cattle grid appears on the right. Turn right and follow the open drive across a field alongside the wood to your left, towards Mount Pleasant (a large white house on its own).



Black and White House

3. At Mount Pleasant the path curves left off the drive and there is a gate through into the wood. Ignore that gate but go through the gap in the fence giving into a field to the right of the wood and follow the right hand field boundary towards some trees. At the trees turn left and take the path under the trees until it reaches a stile on the right. Go over the stile and down across the field aiming right of a small copse. Take in the great view across the valley to Llanferres and Moel Famau. As soon as you round the copse turn left and follow the path through the edge of the wood alongside a fence.

4. At the end of the wooded section angle right to a small stream at the edge of the field by a stile. Turn right and follow the stream down towards the Alyn, through another field boundary and alongside the river until you see a footbridge and an open metal tractor bridge. Take the latter and climb up a track towards a stile giving access to the A494 at a lay-by.



View Across the Alyn

5. Cross the road, with care once again, and go straight up the narrow lane opposite. Carry on up the lane passing a farm and crossing a cattle grid. Note the evidence of quarrying on the right. The track climbs steeply. Ignore the first path signed on the right. At the next fork take the right hand option and pass the several holiday cabins overlooking the valley on the left. There is a second cattle grid to cross, confirming you are on the right track.

6. Eventually you reach a second path on the right, which cuts almost back in the direction you have come, but continues to climb to a small conifer plantation. Take that path through the wood and the left hand path across a field on the other side of the wood to a metal gate. Go through that gate and stop to admire the stunning views of Bryn Alyn, Maeshafn Woods and the

Alyn Valley. Cross the next field to a metal gate and follow the path through another gate, then alongside a farm-house. After the farm-house cross the field keeping level towards a hedge. Keep the hedge on your right and follow it to another gate.

7. After that gate turn sharply down hill to another stile whereupon the path curves left into a small track through the grounds of a house, past several other houses and eventually becomes the lane leading back down to the Druids Pub and the start/finish of the walk.

The walk can be started at the lay-by on the A494 or done in two halves from either there or the start location.