



# Clywedog short circular



Dragons back, Clywedog reservoir ©Phil Stallard

## Route detail

A walk along the Clywedog reservoir dragon's back ridge with spectacular watery views.

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| <b>Distance:</b>         | 5km/3m           |
| <b>Start Grid Ref:</b>   | SN 9109 8683     |
| <b>Start What3Words:</b> | agree.laugh.drip |

## Start

Start at the Clywedog dam viewing area. If you are lucky a water release on the dam may be happening, which makes a spectacular sight.

Walk on the Glyndŵr's Way along the viewing area, with the café behind you. At the end of the road you will see a fingerpost directing you right through a pedestrian gate.

Power up the hill on the bracken lined path until you reach another fingerpost at the roadside. Turn right here and walk a few metres to the cattle grid.

Immediately after the grid turn right through a wooden kissing gate. Here you leave the Glyndŵr's Way and join the Severn Trent scenic route. Walk up the green path, keeping the fence line to your right.

You will get a glimpse of Bwlch y gle dam to the east as you start out.

Pass through a second wooden kissing gate and you will get a fine view of Clywedog dam, and your starting point, far below. The old trees in the fence line give a clue as to the direction of the prevailing wind up here!

Continue with the fence line on your right until you see the remains of another wooden kissing gate. Go through and climb up through the larch plantation, passing a picnic bench on the way. The path continues uphill, trending to the left towards a single larch tree.

You are now on the top of the dragon's back. Catch your breath at another picnic bench and enjoy the views of both dams simultaneously.

## Glyndŵr's Way SHORT WALKS

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Continue downhill on the ridge, passing through bracken and trees.

At point A the path divides. Take the right-hand line which stays on the ridge. Shortly after this you will drop to a wooden handrail and then, suddenly, you are out on the point of the dragon's back, with the water around you.

Your return route is along the northwest side of the dragon's back. With your back to the point, take the right-hand path. Walk with the trees to your left, looking over the water towards the sailing club.

You will soon pass through a wooden gate and over a small bridge. Immediately bear right through another wooden gate. Pass over a long boardwalk and continue with the water always down to your right.

You will soon walk into a cool wooded area. Continue until you see a waymark post at point B, and here you

re-join the Glyndŵr's Way. Turn left and walk up the steps. Keep on going on the Glyndŵr's Way for 375m until you reach the road by the Chapel House. Remember to turn and look behind you at the top of the climb for a fabulous, long view along the reservoir.

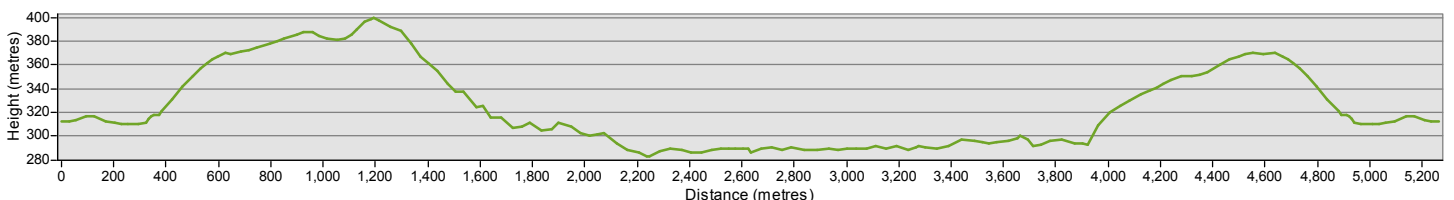
Turn left on the road and walk back to the cattle grid that you passed over earlier. Retrace your steps on Glyndŵr's Way back to the viewing area.

**Parking:** Plenty of free parking at the Clywedog dam viewing area.

**Bus:** n/a

**Train:** n/a

**General information:** A café with toilets is open Wednesday – Sunday at the Clywedog dam viewing area



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