



Glyndŵr's Way

10-day Self-Guided Walking Holiday

The youngest of Wales' three National Trails, Glyndŵr's Way is also the most peaceful and remote. It begins on the English border, and traverses open moorland, farmland and forest en-route to Machynlleth, on the edge of Snowdonia National Park. Then it's eastwards and inland again, past beautiful Lake Vyrnwy, to finish in Welshpool.



Owain Glyndŵr was proclaimed Prince of Wales in 1401. His army and guerilla forces fought against English dominion, a battle for Welsh independence which continues in less violent form until this day. Glyndŵr's Way remembers this folk hero's contribution to the Welsh nation. Machynlleth, where he established his parliament, is one of several sites enroute linked to his life and work.

Day 1

Knighton to Felindre - 15 ¼ miles (25 km)

Begin in the border town of Knighton, straddling Offa's Dyke, an ancient earthwork, and nestling in the Teme Valley. Today's route involves some climbing as you leave Knighton's black and white houses and head for the open views and heather moorland of Beacon Hill.



Day 2

Felindre to Abbeycwmhir - 15 ¾ miles (25 km)

Rewarding views of the Brecon Beacons to the south today. Overnight in Abbeycwmhir, site of the 12th century Cwmhir Abbey. Once Wales' largest Abbey, Cwmhir was destroyed by Glyndŵr in 1401 having fallen into English hands.

Day 3

Abbeycwmhir to Llanidloes - 15 ¼ miles (24 km)

Pretty woodland paths and excellent views of the Severn Valley as the route continues through Mid Wales to Llanidloes. Don't miss the beautiful black-and-white timbered market hall at the heart of this friendly town.



Day 4

Llanidloes to Dylife - 13 miles (21 km)

A reminder of the Industrial Age today, as the path skirts the spectacular Llyn Clywedog reservoir, also home to the Bryntail lead mine, which was in operation in the 18th century. Not that these man-made features really encroach on the natural landscape, with superb views over the Cambrian Mountains to the South.



Day 5

Dylife to Machynlleth - 14 ½ miles (23 km)

More watery scenery in the form of the Glaslyn Lakes, as well as the trail high point – Foel Fadian at 1,530 ft (510m). Finish in Machynlleth, site of Glyndŵr's Parliament House and a much more recently built attraction - the fascinating Centre for Alternative Technology.

Day 6

Machynlleth to Commins Gwalia - 13 ¾ miles 22 km)

Great views of Cader Idris as the route heads North from Machynlleth along Snowdonia's eastern boundary. Open moorland gives way to woodland and more sheltered walking as you descend to Cemmaes Road and the Twymyn valley.

Day 7

Commins Gwalia to Llangadfan - 14 ½ miles (23 km)

Pleasant walking through farmland and coniferous forest to the village of Llangadfan, named after the Breton Saint Cadfan, who came to Wales in the 7th century. A fine little 15th century church commemorates the holy man.

Day 8

Llangadfan to Lake Vyrnwy - 7 miles (11 km)

The impressive Vyrnwy dam is surrounded by superb scenery. The lake's RSPB reserve is a delight for birdwatchers, with peregrine among the 90 species recorded in the area. Don't miss the panoramic view from the Lake Vyrnwy Hotel – the perfect spot for a sundowner!



Tour summary

Duration	10 days
Distance	135 miles (216 km)
Grading	Moderate
Price	£675 per person based on 2 people sharing a twin/double room. Contact us for sole traveller/single occupancy rates.
Meals	Cooked breakfast included. Packed lunches & evening meals can be arranged on your behalf if required.
Options	Add an extra night at any stage of the tour, prices from £40pp per night.

Remember, this itinerary is just the starting point.

Please contact us if you have any special requirements and we will be happy to tailor the tour to suit you.

Day 9

Lake Vyrnwy to Meifod - 15 miles (24 km)

Today's path is shared with the Ann Griffiths Walk. The trail commemorates an 18th century Methodist hymn writer and a significant female figures in Welsh literature. This is one of the less strenuous days encountered on the walk, as the route follows the Vyrnwy Valley.



Day 10

Meifod to Welshpool - 10 ¾ miles (17 km)

A climb from Meifod brings you to the top of Broniarth Hill, and fine views of the Vyrnwy Valley. On through farmland until the Montgomeryshire Canal is reached. You may catch a glimpse of a steam train on the Welshpool and Llanfair light railway - a 16 mile narrow gauge line. The walk ends in Welshpool, home to 13th century Powis Castle, which incorporates the Clive Museum and has Italianate terraced gardens, an orangery, and an aviary.

