

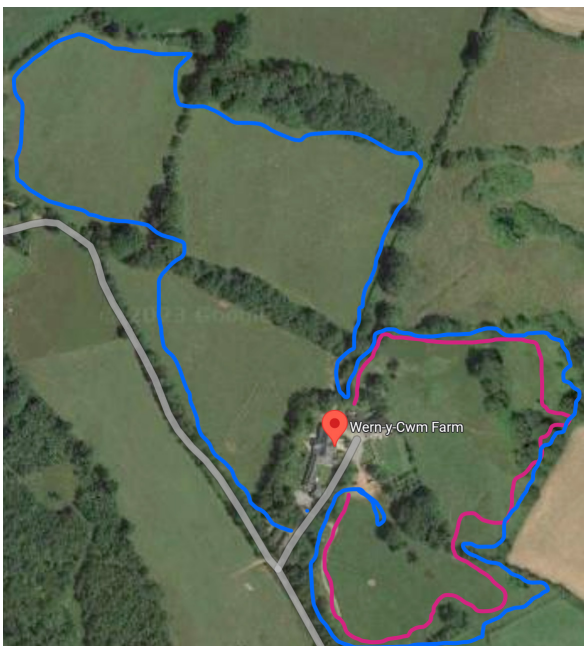
WALKING ROUTES AROUND & FROM THE FARM

*Although it is mostly just common sense,
please respect, and teach your whole party*

THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

- *be considerate to all who work here, say hello and be friendly*
- *look out for livestock, keep dogs on leads, do not try to catch the lambs, walk calmly around a herd of cows giving them a wide berth*
- *leave gates and property as you find them (if you open the gate, wait until your party are through, then close it, carefully replacing the chain)*
 - *do not block access to any gateways when parking*
- *keep to marked paths, unless on our farm, in which case follow the walking routes*
- *never drop litter, and if you see someone else's litter, please pick it up to put in the bin*
- *use the shovels to bury dog poo (un-bagged) in the hedge rows (not the flower beds) or bag it and place in the poo bins provided on the farm*
- *encourage your children to explore, make dens and have fun, but only once they understand the above*

You are welcome to walk respectfully through our farm fields which are outlined below, but outside this area please stay on marked footpaths or lanes.



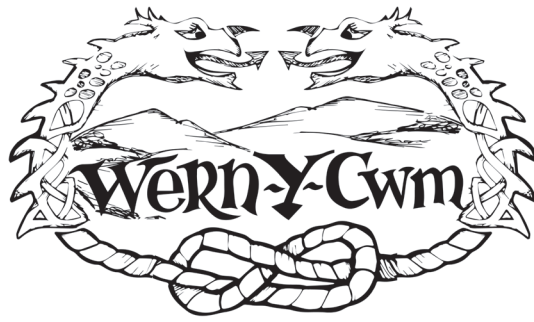
WONDERFUL WILDFLOWER WALK

This is a lovely short walk around the lower fields of the farm through 10 acres of wildflower meadows, woods and our tree plantation. Read more about what we are doing to increase biodiversity in the 'About Us' section of our website where you will find a link to our Wildflower Survey to print off and look out for the varied species on your way.

From the Car Park take the wide gate and follow the path around the first field, through the gate and into the field below the farmhouse. Take the little gate into the woods and hunt out the 600-year-old oak tree (planted at the time of Owain Glyndwr). Cross the boggy stream (you may need wellies) into the tree plantation, propping up any fallen over baby trees as you go, please. The path will bring you back to the farmyard via the back of the Cider House, going past the beehives on your left (the bees like to be left in peace as they are busy making honey).

If you wish to age a few more oak trees on your route, take a tape measure and have a look at the Woodland Trust's guide at <https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/how-to-record/recording-guide/how-to-record-the-girth-of-a-tree>

NB. The lower slopes of the farm do not have livestock on from April to November, ideal to let your dogs or children have a good run.

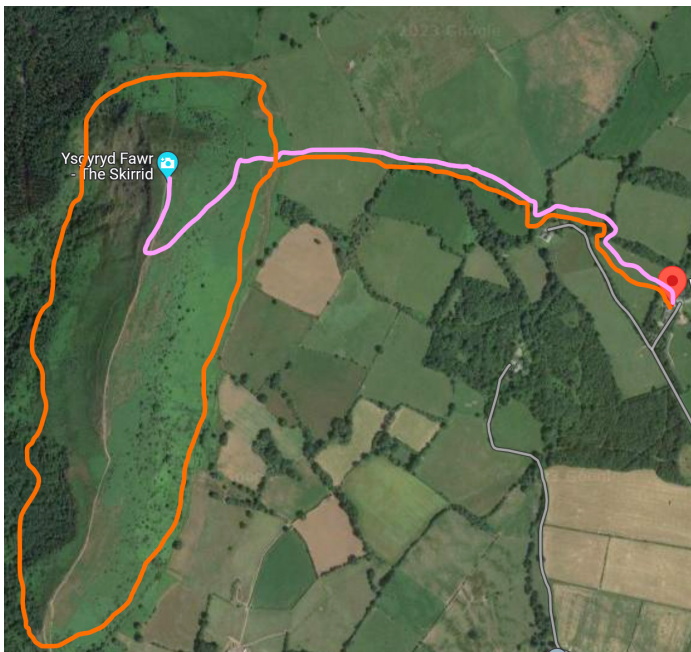


BEATING THE BOUNDS OF WERN-Y-CWM FARM

About 20-40 minutes around the farm, [see the blue route](#)

Beating the Bounds was a Medieval annual event to remind people of the boundaries of the Parish. Here on the farm, I regularly check the boundary hedges and fences to ensure the livestock can't get out or are not stuck, and whether the baby trees need propping up or the mature trees have any fallen branches. It is also a good opportunity to check the water troughs are not overflowing. If you happen to notice any of the above on your walk, please let us know.

Start your walk towards the entrance and turn right before the end of the drive to follow the rough lane past the wooden workshop and log pile. Enter the field and walk uphill crossing the field diagonally to the open gate. Turn left and circumnavigate the top field taking in the views from the upper slopes and walking back downhill with the little wood on your left. Make your way back towards the farmhouse. Just after the gate back into the farmyard, go through the gate on your left (you will see the Cider House garden over the wall), past the beehives and down the hill into the plantation. Cross the plantation into the wood, seeking out our 600-year-old oak tree and maybe stopping to play in the stream at the very bottom. Walk back up through the wood and into the camping field to end up back at the big oak tree for a swing before heading home for a cuppa.



TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD (OR SKIRRID)

About 60-80 minutes round trip for experienced walkers or take a picnic and more time, having rests along the way for the less fit. [See the pink route.](#)

Start the walk outside the Cider House following the gravel around to the back, past the water trough and into the 'building site' field. Go straight up the field following the sheep track, through the open gate and to the metal farm gate at the top. Through this gate, take the stile immediately on the right and you are on the footpath. Head uphill, through another gate and straight uphill across the field to the stile into the National Park.

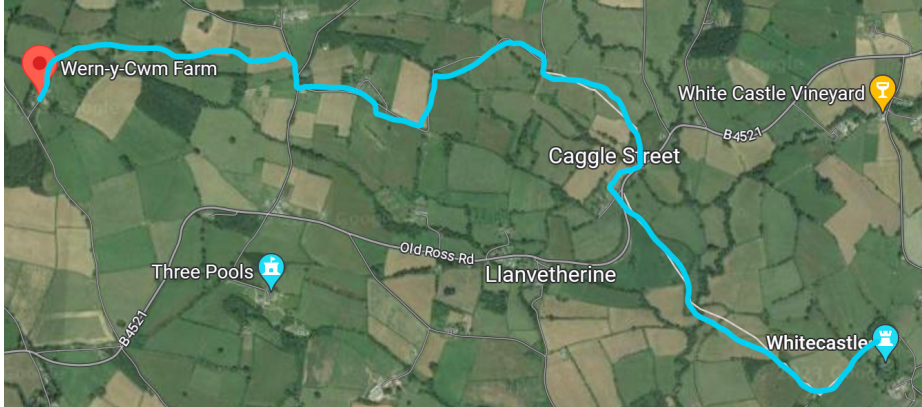
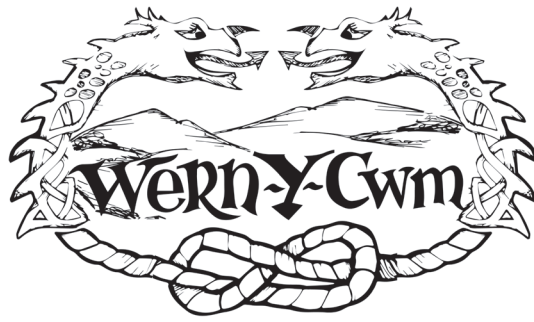
Scaling the Skirrid Mountain peak is a great achievement for those not used to walking. It is a short but steep stroll for regular hikers and the view rewards the effort 100 times over. We cannot stress enough how much we recommend this walk; it will make your holiday, and from Wern Y Cwm you can enjoy a virtually private access route. Drag the children and couch potatoes up, with bribery if you have to. The top makes a great picnic spot (but please bring your rubbish back down with you).

ROUND THE SKIRRID AND DEVIL'S ROCK

About 90 minutes for experienced walkers or as long as you like for everyone else. [See the orange route.](#)

Follow the same back lane between the Great Barn and the Cider House, then climb the stile into the National Trust national park and follow the path uphill for about 30 yards. At the path crossroads take a right turn and keep on going right around the mountain.

Before you go walking, check the 'About Us' section on the website to read the myths about the Skirrid, and then hunt out the big rock round the back. This walk is a little bit longer than scaling the peak but is truly beautiful. It will take you through meadows, deep woods, alpine-like rocky outcrops and along the most stunning moss-covered ancient boundary wall.



WHITE CASTLE & OFFA'S DYKE

About 60 minutes one way. See the turquoise route.

This is a lovely walk. We tend to leave a car in the Castle Car Park earlier in the morning with our picnic lunch in. This means you don't have to carry your lunch, and some of the party can drive back up the hill if they've had enough. At weekends the Car Park can get busy, so take the car down early to secure a spot.

Head down the back lane (between the Great Barn and the Cider House). Before you get out into the field take the right fork, going through the metal gate into the field over a muddy stream. This is not our land nor a footpath, but if you stick to the sheep path and respect the countryside code, our neighbour is happy for you to cross his fields to reach the lane. Walk diagonally across the field heading for a gap in the bushes (not walking down the hill). You will come to another gate. Go through this and keep following the sheep track past some big oak trees and head down towards the lane (you may wish to use Google Maps). Once on the lane turn right, then take the second lane on the left with a little triangle of grass, follow it to the end where you get to a footpath going left around the back of a cottage and onto a narrow historic green lane with steep banks either side. This will lead you right down to Cagle Street where you cross the Old Ross Road, turn a little to your right to see the Offa's Dyke path off the road on your left. Follow the path to White Castle.

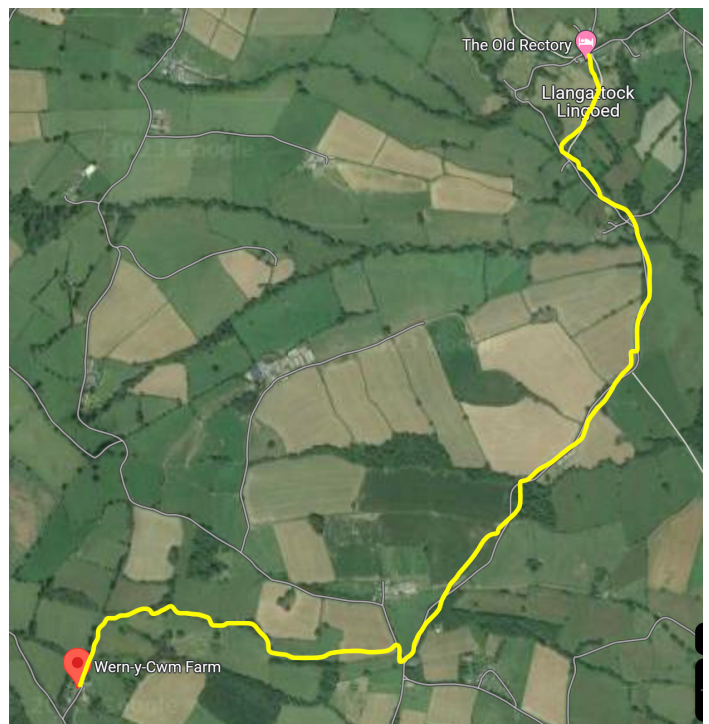
TO THE HUNTERS MOON (BEST PUB IN WALES)

60 minutes one way. See the yellow route.

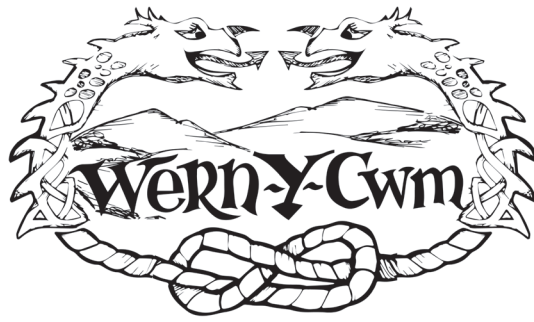
The Hunter's is our local and a historic country inn next to a picturesque little church and babbling brook. It has a pretty garden and a cosy parlour with warm fire in the winter, a great selection of local ales and some very drinkable wine. Food is tasty with locally sourced ingredients. If you are a big party be sure to book with lots of notice, they may wish to offer you a set meal as the kitchen is small.

Leave the farm as per the walk to White Castle above, then (for simplicity) when you have crossed my neighbour's fields and reached the lane, turn right, then immediately left. Follow this lane for about a mile until it turns sharp right (by a bridge). Don't follow the lane, go straight on to pick up Offa's Dyke path. Follow the path along the stream then up a steep field to the village of Llangattock Lingoe where you will find the pub.

There is a more complicated but direct cross-country public footpath route through Tump Farm (which can be VERY muddy) which you may prefer to take if you have a good map reader and an ordinance survey map or are using a public footpath App. I find the route via the lane quiet and pretty and easier to follow on the route home after a pint or two!



Again, we will often park a car at the bottom and the non-drinker can drive you home. Alternatively bigger groups might want to pre-book a minibus service to take you home, in which case try the local company, **Celtic Minibuses** on **01873 821640**. However, they do the school runs, so you will need to avoid these times/days.



WALK TO THE CROWN AT PANTYGELLI *(pronounced Pantygethli)*

About 1 hour 45 minutes one way. [See the purple route.](#)

This walk takes about 1 hour and 45 minutes for experienced walkers but may take longer for families or groups. Although it's only 6.4 km (4 miles), it can feel a bit longer. Afterward, enjoy tasty pub grub and local ale at the pub. There are cosy indoor spaces and a side room for larger groups or a terrace at the front with views of the 'other side' of our mountain. We usually leave a car at the pub in the morning, allowing us to relax at home after lunch, but adventurous walkers may prefer to return via the Monmouthshire side of the Skirrid.

Directions:

Begin by taking our private route up the Skirrid which starts behind the Great Barn/Cider House by entering the 'building materials' field (apologies for the mess but it's going to be useful for a project in the future). Follow the path to the first wooden gate, then continue up the steep field to a metal gate at the top. Pass through this gate and take the stile on your right and continue up towards the peak of the mountain; follow this footpath through another field to the next stile leading into the National Trust Skirrid National Park.

Inside the park, take the path to the right and follow it around the Skirrid for a few hundred yards, descending toward the valley. After crossing 2 or 3 fields, you'll reach the lane. Turn left and walk for about 1 km with the Skirrid on your left. You'll see a ravine on your right, followed by a footpath sign with a stile leading into a field. At this point, the Crown Inn will be visible on the hill below Llanfihangel Court across the valley.

Cross over the stile and follow the path down the field. Go through a gate, cross a bridge, and turn left. After 2 more fields, you'll arrive at a stile and path that crosses the Hereford Road. Follow through the woods and into a field, then cross 2 fields to reach a farm lane. Turn left and walk to the top, where you'll spot the crinkly tin village hall on your left and The Crown straight ahead. Bravo! You made it. We recommend you book as it's a popular pub.

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