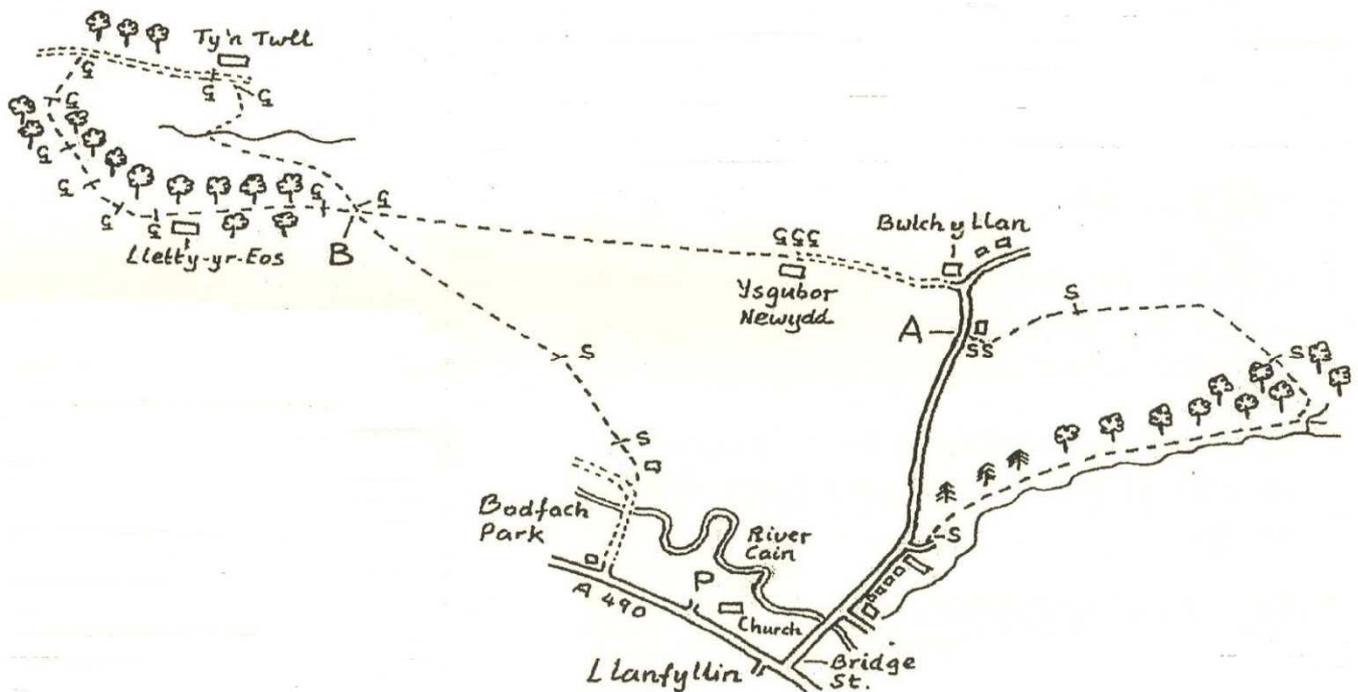


Walks from Llanfyllin

NORTH

The Dingle, Ysgubor Newydd, Coed Lletty'r Eos and Bodfach Park

A 4-mile walk full of variety, beginning with a delightful wooded dingle and continuing across open pasture with splendid views. More woodland follows, and then a descent through Bodfach Park. No steep climbs apart from a few steps near the start. Two shorter alternative routes of 2 miles and 3 miles.



From the car park in Llanfyllin turn left, then left again down Bridge Street. Cross the bridge over the River Cain, past the Wesleyan Chapel of 1904 and continue past some newer houses. Immediately after a larger black and white house at right angles to the road, turn right down a track. Soon you will see a stile on your left: cross this and follow the path through the densely wooded Dingle. At one point, where the steep bank has given way, the Council has built a short, steep flight of steps. Take care as you walk along: in places the hillside slopes down quite steeply into the trees. Join an old road coming down from your left and proceed until the path divides. Keep left here, ignoring the footbridge ahead, and continue through the more open, mature woodland with some fine Oak trees.

Cross a stile by a gate, and eventually, as the trees thin out, you will see another gateway ahead. Do not go through this but bear half left, climbing gently between two large Oak trees to pass through a gap by a footpath sign. Keep the field boundaries on your right, cross a stile by another gate and continue until you see a corrugated iron barn, partly painted green. (The fields are grazed by cattle so take care if you have a dog.) Cross two more stiles behind the barn to emerge onto the road. This is **Point A** on the map.

For the short walk, you can turn left here and follow the road back down to Llanfyllin.

For the longer walk, turn right for a short distance and then left at a bridleway sign by Bwlch y Llan (The Town Pass) onto a farm road. Follow this past a bungalow on your left up to Ysgbor Newydd (New Barns). At the time of writing you have to go straight ahead through the farmyard and garden, passing through three gates which can be hard to open. However, look out for a diversion which might have been provided since to the left of the farm. Follow the fence along the crest of the ridge, with an attractive prospect of wooded hills to the right and a fine view over Llanfyllin and the Cain Valley to the left.

Eventually, you will reach a footpath sign marking a cross roads (**Point B**). Here is another escape route back to Llanfyllin, but it is well worth continuing around the final loop of the walk.

Go right through the gate and follow the bridleway with the hedge-line on your right. Ahead is a sudden descent: the route (now a grassy track) traverses left to descend the slope, passing through a gateway. At the bottom, turn right past a pond and follow the track leading to Ty'n Twll (The house in the Hollow) a handsome building with a stone bearing the date 1739 and another recording a rebuilding by John Lomax, the squire of Bodfach, in 1887.

Pass through a small wicket gate a few yards to the left of the main field gate into a farm yard and turn left through another gate and along the farm's access road. Just after a break in the trees on your right, you come to two gates side by side on your left. Go through the second wooden gate with a bridleway sign and walk through the field with the hedge on your left. To the right, views of the upper Cain Valley begin to open out.

Pass through a wooden gate into mature broadleaved woodland. The path soon drops down to emerge through another gate and continues outside the boundary of the wood, with memorable views to the right. Pass through the next gate above Lletty-yr-Eos – a name that suggests nightingales once sang here. (There seems to be no link here with the footpath marked on the OS map which leads down to the main road.) The path now climbs gently through an Oak-Beech wood. At the top it seems to divide: fork right (this section is rather overgrown) to emerge through the final gate for a wonderful surprise view of Llanfyllin. Follow the fence for a few yards back to the signpost at **Point B**.

From here, the route drops diagonally down the steep grassy slope with Llanfyllin straight ahead. Make for the left hand corner of the trees surrounding Bodfach Hall, formally a hotel but now once again a private house. It was largely rebuilt by the Lomax family around 1870, but it contains the remains of an earlier rebuilding of 1767. Cross the stile just outside the wood, by a small pond, and continue diagonally across the next field to another stile near a gate into Bodfach Park. Make your way to the drive and follow it over the river and up to the main road. Turn left to return to the town centre.

Please:

- **Keep to the rights of way and marked footpaths**
- **Keep your dog on a lead and do not allow it to foul footpaths or pastures. Take extra care during the lambing season – January to June.**
- **Take care not to damage gates, fences or stiles. Leave all gates as you find them or re-fasten securely those that you have to open.**
- **Respect the environment and help maintain a viable countryside.**
- **Go equipped with adequate footwear: the walks cross open countryside even though close to Llanfyllin.**