

## **Rhosygelynnen and Cefn Llanerchi Bronze Age Sites Walk**

This is a guide for visiting the Bronze Age Sites up on Rhosygelynnen and Cefn Llanerchi.

The walk is a steep climb up a foot path at the beginning and onto moorland once out of the wood.

Conditions under foot will be very uneven, slippery and wet in places, I recommend sturdy foot wear for this walk. I don't recommend this walk in foggy / misty conditions or if we have strong gusty winds. Winter time is the best time of year for visiting these sites so please dress for the weather. The weather may be calm in the car park but could be blowing a gale up on top of the hill and the weather can change in an instant.

Please keep dogs on a lead as there is normally livestock on the open moorland where the Bronze Ages Sites are situated. Please bare in mind of young lambs in Spring time. Also respect others, the path is often used by walkers and mountain bikers enjoying the Elan Valley. Please close all gates behind you.

The walk is roughly 4.5 miles long.



The start of this walk is from the car park near Nant Gwyllt Church, map ref SN909 638.

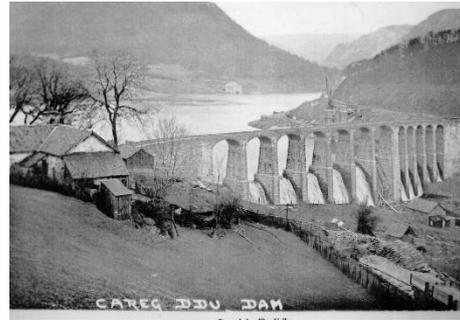


On foot exit the car park and walk along the road past Nant Gwyllt Church on the right and head to the wooden gate.



The footpath is slippery under foot and very uneven from here on so please be careful.

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Next to the path on your left just before the pile of logs is where Pen HenBren once stood, it was demolished after the construction of the dams. Garreg Ddu Dam is what we call a submerged dam. The dam normally only comes into sight during very dry times. The dam keeps the level at the right height for the water to travel to Birmingham by gravity.



When you get to this crossroads go straight on, the climb from here isn't as steep now.



The path bares round to the right here so stay on the well-used path.

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Now keep an eye out for the remains of another farm on the left-hand side of path. Llanerchi Long House, Map Ref SN90659 63523 is covered in moss but some of the stone work can be seen. It too was demolished after the construction of the dams.



Keep following the path and when you reach the gate above go through the gate and please make sure you shut the gate after passing through it.



Follow the path till you reach the communication mask in the above photo.

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On reaching the above communication mast turn left onto the track heading straight for it. There is a track going off to the right, take this track. Now look to the right and you will see the first Bronze Age Site.



Walk over to Cefn Llanerchi Stones, there are 2 recumbent stones, the largest stone is 4m long and the smaller stone is 2m long. Both would have been standing many years ago, Map Ref SN89843 63528. Just a bit further ahead is Rhos Y Gelynnen Mound.



Rhos Y Gelynnen Mound  
Map Ref 8979 6351 is listed Bronze age. It may be a natural feature.  
Now head back to the track running alongside the communication mast.

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Turn right once reaching the track running alongside the communication mast. Now follow the track.



Keep following this path, almost there.



Here is Rhosygelynnen Stone Row, 5 stones with 3 still standing and 2 fallen, Map Ref 90536 63080. It's a lovely stone row, well worth the walk.

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Now re-join the track and keep following it for a short distance. For roughly 300m.



You will see a small raised area to your right with rushes growing from it. Rhos Y Gelynnen Cairn is 7 m in diameter, Map Ref SN90621 63055. The cairn is a Bronze Age burial site.



Now re-join the track and head for the tree within the fenced area. On reaching the first post turn left and head straight ahead. Head for a slightly raised bit of land.

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Here you will find Rhos Y Gelynnen Cairn II which is 6m in diameter.

Map Ref  
SN90681 63099



And Rhos Y Gelynnen Cairn III, Map Ref SN90674 6310. The two cairns are best found during the winter months.



Now head back to the track and head back up the track and pass the stone row. Keep walking along the track till you reach the fence posts to the left of the track.



When you reach the point where the rushes are in front of you and the posts are on the left, follow the small grassed area round to the right.

Map ref SN90437 63106.

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Now follow a small track, keep to the sheep track on the left hand side of the track. It's a little bit wet under foot in places.



You will see Penglaneinion Standing Stones to your left, Map Ref 90385 63270.

After visiting the above stones head back to the track and follow the track back to the communication mast turning right and back down to the car park.

I hope you enjoyed visiting the sites.