

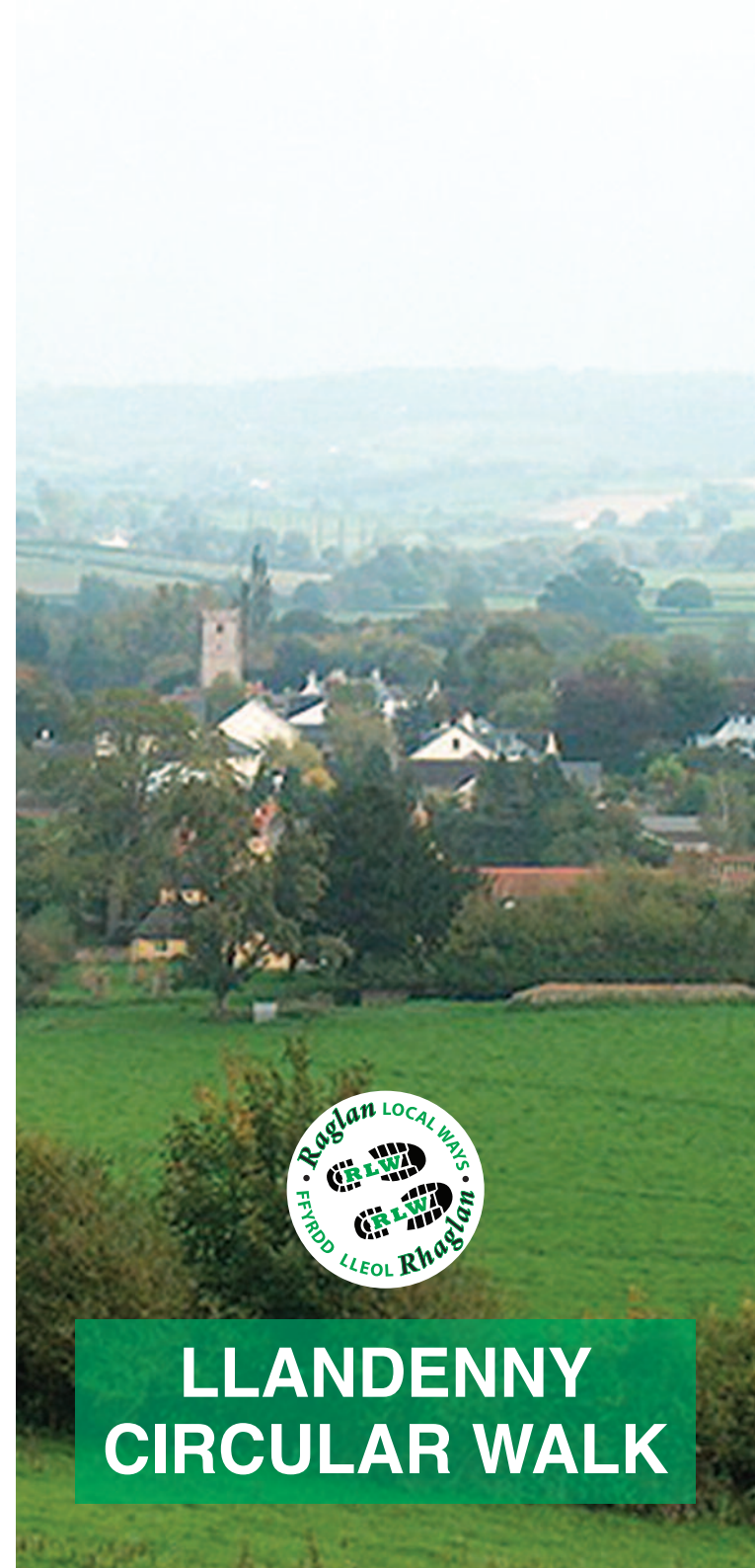
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## THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE.

- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home.
- Keep dogs under close control.
- Consider other people.



# LLANDENNY CIRCULAR WALK

# LLANDENNY ROUTE 1

A circular walk through undulating countryside and country lanes which starts and ends in Llandenny.

**DISTANCE:** Approx. 5 km, 3 miles.

**PATHS:** Generally good.

**TERRAIN:** Grass fields and country lanes.

**GRADIENTS:** Generally easy, 6 gates and 14 stiles.

**MAP REQUIRED:** O S Landranger SO 161

There is ample car parking on the road in the village of Llandenny, however, be careful not to block access to residents' driveways and homes. The walk starts and finishes by the small triangular "green" at the west end of Llandenny at Grid Ref. SO 413038.

1. Facing away from the village, take the track to the left leading towards Rock Farm. Just before entering the yard to Rock Farm mount the bank to your right and go through the gate into the field and turn left. Walk up the field keeping to the hedge on the left to a gate at the top of the field which joins a metalled road which is known locally as Cefn Tilla drive.

*From this point there is a good view looking back over Llandenny and the valley of Olway to the Llanishen/Devauden ridge.* Go through the gate and cross the road to a stile on the opposite side. Go over the stile and cross the field bearing slightly to the right downhill to a stile at the junction of the next two fields. Go over the stile and cross the small footbridge. The footpath now bears slightly right across

this field keeping to the left of the oak tree on the brow of the hill, and down to a small clump of trees beside a stream where there is a stile and a stone footbridge. *From this field there are good views of the Brecon Beacons to the west including the Sugar Loaf, Bloreng, and Ysgryd Fawr, and to the south Wentwood.* Go over the stile, cross the footbridge and head up the slope bearing slightly to the left passing under the power lines to a stile at the top of the field. Go over the stile into a narrow strip of land. Walk up to the top to a stile which joins a metalled road near The Cottage. Go over the stile onto the road and turn left.

2. Walk past the front of The Cottage, and at the end of the tarmaced area go through the gate and walk downhill keeping to the hedge and fence on the left. Cross the stream, go through the gate, and continue to another gate ahead. Go through the gate and cross the field keeping to the hedge on the left. At the top of this small rise go over the stile and head across the next field passing to the left of a large isolated tree to a stile in the hedge on the far side. Go over the stile onto a track and turn left. *Note, this is the junction of two paths. If you carry straight on this takes you past the back of Cefn Tilla Court to Llanolway Farm, and if you turn right it takes you past Ty Freeman Farm. Cefn Tilla Court was given to The second Loed Raglan in 1856 as a mark of recognition of his father's role in the Crimean War.*

3. Cross the stream by the bridge, go through the gate and cross the field. The line of the footpath bears slightly to the left of the clump of oak trees on the brow of the hill, then

slightly right to a gate in the hedge on the far side.



4. Go through the gate and walk bearing left to a stile in a fence. Go over the stile and walk diagonally up this field to a stile in the top hedge which joins a metalled road. Go over the stile and cross the road to a stile opposite, go over this stile and walk downhill towards Llandenny to another stile in the hedge at the bottom of the field. Go over this stile and cross this field keeping the hedge on the left to another stile. Go over this stile and continue walking diagonally to stile in the bottom left hand corner of this field.

5. At this point the footpath turns to your left behind Llandenny Village Hall. Go over the stile and walk with the hedge to the right. When you arrive at the hedge ahead, turn right, go through the gate, and walk the short section of Permissive Path until you join the Village Hall lane and turn left. *The Village Hall used to be the village school until the 1950s.* Walk down the lane which joins the road in the village opposite the Raglan Arms PH. Turn left and walk along the road back to your starting point.



# LLANDENNY ROUTE 2

A circular walk through undulating countryside and country lanes which starts and ends in Llandenny.

**DISTANCE:** Approx. 4 km 2.5 miles.

**PATHS:** Generally good.

**TERRAIN:** Grass fields and country lanes.

**GRADIENTS:** Generally easy, 4 gates and 9 stiles.

There is ample parking on the road in the village of Llandenny, however, be careful not to block access to residents drives and homes. The walk starts and ends by the small triangular “green” at the west end of Llandenny at Grid Ref. 413038.

1. From the village follow the metalled road in a westerly direction towards Llandenny Walks. Continue past the first lane on the left near Tump Cottage, and in approx. 100 metres, cross the stile on the left into the field.

2.



Walk down this field keeping to the hedge on the left. Approx. 100 metres from the bottom of the field bear slightly right to a stile in the hedge. Cross the stile and the footbridge and turn right.

3. Continue along this field keeping the stream on your right, to a stile. Cross the stile and cross this field to a gate. Go through the gate and continue with the stream on the right to the corner of the field. At this point cross a small footbridge, a stile, and another small footbridge into the next field.

4. The footpath continues up the field with the fence on the right for approx. 100 metres, then turns left to a gate in the opposite hedge. The small wooded area to your right is owned and managed by Gwent Wildlife Trust and known as Kitty’s Orchard. *The site is being used as an experimental area, the aim being to increase the diversity of wild flowers in the grassland.* Go through the gate and walk straight up the field to a stile in the hedge close to Fir Tree Cottage. Cross the stile into the lane and turn right. Walk up the lane to join a metalled road and turn left.

5. Walk along this road for approx. 500 metres. Just before “The Cottage”, cross the stile on the left on to the footpath in a narrow strip of land. Follow the path down to a stile. Cross the stile and continue down this field bearing slightly left to a small clump of trees by a stream. Cross the small stone footbridge and the stile into the next field.

6. The path runs diagonally across this field, keeping to the right of the oak tree at the top of the slope, and down to the right hand corner of the field. Cross the small footbridge and the stile into the next field. Cross this field bearing

slightly right to a stile in the fence by a metalled road. Cross the stile and the road, and pass through the gate ahead into the field. Walk down this field keeping to the hedge on the right to the bottom corner of the field by Rock Farm.

Turn right to pass through the gate into the track and turn left. Walk down the track to join the metalled road in Llandenny village.

Follow the written directions and the way marker arrows to enjoy your walk. Remember the countryside is dynamic not static. Changes may affect the accuracy of the description over time.



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