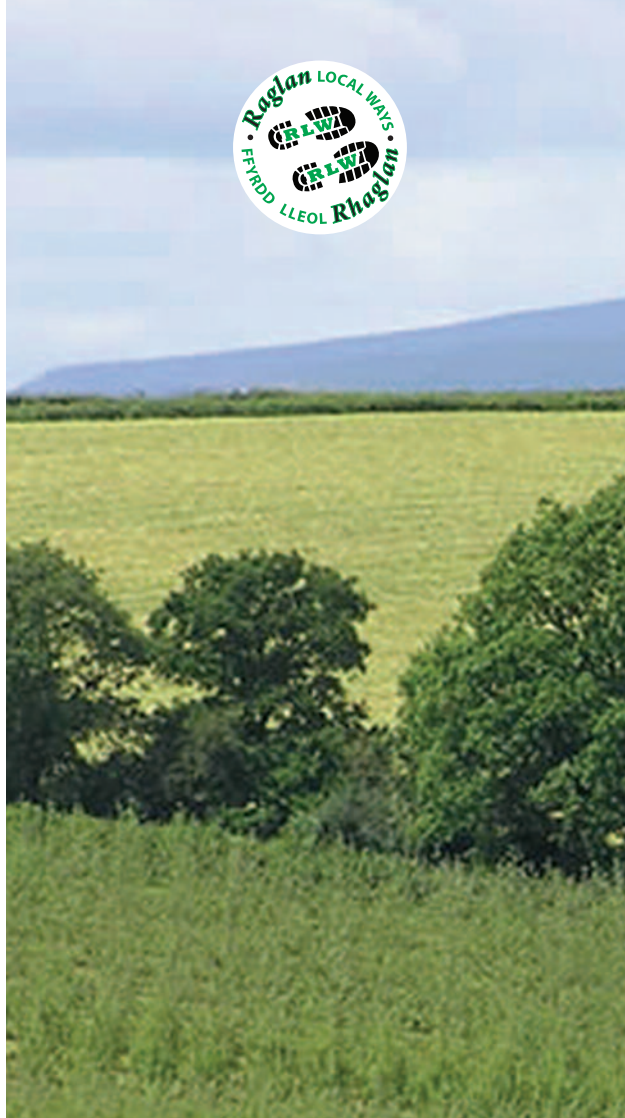


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 Alternative Short Cut: ◆

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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.



**LLANGOVAN  
CIRCULAR WALK**

# A CIRCULAR COUNTRYSIDE WALK

The walk starts and ends at Grid Ref. SO 446068

**DISTANCE APPROX:** 8 km, 5 miles.

**PATHS:** Good, can be muddy in places.

Terrain, Grass/Arable fields, Orchards, Country lanes.

**GRADIENT:** Few gradual slopes, 22 stiles.

**MAP REQUIRED:** Ordnance Survey Landranger SO 161.

There is parking space for 2 or 3 cars on the grass verge by the road junction Grid Ref SO 446068.

*Views from this point are superb, looking North to the Black Mountains, and around to Pontypool in the West. Almost all of Raglan village can be seen from this view point.*

1. From this road junction walk along the road in a southerly direction. After approx. 300 metres you will come to a stile with a finger post on the left. Cross this stile and follow the footpath down the edge of the field keeping to the hedge on the right to a footbridge at the bottom of the field. Cross the stream and the stile ahead into the next field. Continue across this field keeping to the hedge on the right to a stile in the bottom corner. Cross the stile and continue across this field keeping to the hedge on the right. Where the hedge turns slightly

right, do not follow but keep straight ahead to a stile in the fence at the bottom of the field. The stile is approx. 40 metres away from the right hand corner of the field. Cross the stile into the small wood. Follow the footpath straight ahead, then bear right to a gate in a fence in the middle of the wood. Go through the gate and continue down to a stile in the left hand corner of the wood.

2. Cross the stile and continue down the field following a line to the right of the small stream to a gate at the bottom of this field. Go through the gate and continue straight ahead keeping the fence on your right to a gate in the fence on the opposite side by a barn. Go through the gate and follow the road straight ahead past Court St. Lawrence to another gate. Go through this gate and cross this small field keeping to the fence on your left to a stile in the fence ahead. Go over the stile and continue with the fence on your left to a gate ahead. (Ignore the two waymarks on the gate post these indicate a different walk.) Go through the gate and follow the fence on your left for approx. 10 metres and turn left to cross a stile in the fence. Walk straight up this field to a stile at the top. Cross the stile and go through the metal kissing gate. (This gate also has a wire fastener which fits over a wooden post to keep it securely closed. Please ensure it is secure after passing through.) Continue straight ahead through the wooded area to a kissing gate which joins a metalled road. Go through the gate, cross the road, and walk down the road ahead towards Llangovan Church. *The church is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, (SSSI), and is not generally open to the congregation or visitors due to a*



*colony of Lesser Horseshoe Bats being in residence. Only a few services are held at Christmas and the early months of the year before the bats return from hibernation. A purpose built gap in the church porch allows them access on a direct flight path. A false ceiling has been built in the main apex of the church with access points to the roost. The Vincent Wildlife Trust currently manages the site, leasing the roof space from The Church in Wales. During the Summer at dusk and dawn it is possible to see the bats entering and leaving the church.*

3. Just before Church Farm there is a stile with a fingerpost on the left. Go over the stile and walk straight down the field to a stile at the bottom. Go over the stile, cross the footbridge and the stile at its end, and walk up the short bank to another stile. Go over this stile and walk up the field keeping the hedge on your right. At the hedge at the top of the field turn left and follow it to a stile by a gate in the corner. Cross the stile and walk across the track and go through another gate into the field. Walk diagonally across this field to a stile in the fence on the other side. Go over this stile into the wood and turn right. Follow the

path uphill past a marker post and turn left in front of the two oak trees. Walk down through the short wooded area and you will come out into a large orchard with a barn on your left. Turn right and walk uphill to the hedge at the top of the orchard and go over the stile in the hedge ahead into the field and turn left. Continue through the large gap in the fence ahead, and follow the fence on your left to a stile in the corner close to a large oak tree. Go over the stile, turn left and then immediately right and continue to walk along the hedge on your right to a stile in the hedge. Go over this stile into the adjacent field and turn left. Continue across the field keeping the fence on your left and go over the first stile in this fence. Walk straight down to a stile in a hedge at the bottom. Go over this stile into another very large orchard.



*The cider apple orchards at Springfield Cider were planted in 1998 and extend to just over 100 acres. Large areas have been set aside to encourage the development of wildlife habitat, and the expanse of orchard on the east side of Llangovan brook lies within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Sheep are*

*allowed to graze in certain areas and the current landowners have also made provision for private bridleways that meander through the orchards. Dogs must therefore be kept on leads at all times.*

4. Walk downhill through the orchard keeping the hedge, wooded area, and stream on your right to a footbridge. Alongside the footbridge is a large bridge with a gate into the next field used by farm vehicles and is a much safer crossing. Bear left to cross another footbridge and go through the gate ahead into another orchard. Walk straight uphill to two gates at the top which joins a metalled road. Go through the gate and cross the road turn right and walk approx. 15 metres to a gate by a fingerpost on your left. Go through the gate and walk to a stile in the top right hand corner of the field. Go over the stile and turn left. Continue along the hedge on the left to a stile in the hedge in the corner of the field. Go over the stile, and cross the footbridge. Cross this field to a gate in the top right hand corner. Go through the gate and turn left to another gate which joins a metalled road. Go through the gate, cross the road to a fingerpost and walk down the lane towards Trecastle Farm.

5. Pass the first small farm on the left, and follow the road where it bends to the left around a pond, and in front of Trecastle Farm. *The footpath around 16th century Old Trecastle Farm takes you past a Motte & Bailey which attracts wildfowl amongst other wildlife. The original site of the Castle Bailey is thought to be now occupied by the buildings of the farm.* Follow the track to a stile. Cross the stile and continue to a gate. Go through the

gate and walk straight ahead to a large opening into the next field. Ignore the track which now bends to the right, but walk straight ahead across the field to a stile in a fence. Go over the stile and walk across this field to a stile in the top hedge which joins a metalled road. Go over this stile and cross the road to the car parking area.

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.

