

VERTON WALKS

Woods and Meadows (via Plas-Yn-Coed and Cloy) 5 miles/ 8 km

Most visitors to Overton confine their walks to the area near the river. This pleasant ramble follows some less well-known paths across undulating countryside, through meadowland and woods. The route, like all others in Overton, is fully waymarked. Follow the directional yellow arrows to find the next stile or gate.

This route is not suitable for wheelchairs, buggies and small children.

There is a good bus service to Overton from Wrexham and Whitchurch, including a service on Sundays. Information: 01978 266166.

1. From the car park adjacent to Overton church, turn right (onto Church Road) and then left at the crossroads onto the main road (A539 Wrexham-Whitchurch). Immediately cross this road and go along the signposted gravel drive. Walk through the garden of Electricity House keeping the house to your right and enter the field over a low stile. Walk straight ahead across the fields over six more stiles.
2. Go ahead to climb the next stile where the waymarked path divides. Go straight on across the field and over the stile and small bridge. Keep straight on until you reach a stile adjacent to the large ash tree. Keep to the right of the field to the main road.
3. Turn left and walk for 50 metres and then turn first right along Plas-yn-Coed driveway. At the top of the driveway but before the black and white posts turn right through a white gate. Turn left and skirt the fence. Go through the second gate on your left and go over the stile adjacent to the pond. Note the Maelor Way arrows. You now follow part of this long distance path for about 1 mile.
4. Walk across the field. In the valley go over the footbridge into Plas-yn-coed Wood. Climb up the slope, bearing left at the top, to a gate. (There are two gates 40m apart; please ensure you go through the left one). Head slightly right to the next stile. Walk over the dismantled railway line (little evidence of the railway remains except a few concrete posts) and continue to the lane. Turn left and immediately right over the ditch bridge and stile.
5. Walk along the hedge on your left and cross the first stile. Turn right and keep to the same hedge. Continue on through two gates and into Cae Drinions Wood. Walk down the clearly defined footpath (TAKE CARE!), over the footbridge and up through the gate. Walk alongside the woodland to your right and cross the stile. Turn right along the lane.
6. Ignore the driveways on your left for Crossmill and Blackwood farms but cross the stile on your right beyond them (adjacent to a telegraph pole). Continue down

the slope and cross the stream. Keep the hedge on your left. The next stile is adjacent to the second pond on your left. (Note that ponds may dry out in summer.) Now keep to the right of the field. At the corner of the field cross the stile and turn half-left to walk diagonally across the field towards a small shed to go over the next stile.

7. Continue to the opposite corner of the field (keep the farm to your left) and over the footbridge. Continue up the slope to the next stile. Turn left along the lane (Cloy Lane) and right onto the main road. Continue over the old railway bridge, then immediately after passing a fencing company on your left, turn right over the stile beyond the driveway. Cross the next stile and continue along an enclosed path. After the stile, walk across the field moving steadily away from the hedge on your left. Go over the bridge. Continue up the slope then cross the stile towards the white house (Plas-yn-coed once more) to reach and cross the driveway. You are now back on the Maelor Way.

8. Walk ahead across the field, moving away from the fence on your right, and descend into the valley through a gateway at the stream. Head up the field to cross the next stile adjacent to an old ash tree. Turn left and keep the hedge on your left. Beyond the dip, walk up the slope and across the field to the next stile and then turn slightly right to cross the field towards a post and wire fence. Go over the stile and turn left. The next stile is 40 metres to the right of the next field corner. Turn half-right across the field to the opposite corner. Go over the stile. Turn left along the hedge until reaching the kissing gate leading onto an enclosed path around Overton School. Walk around the school fence until you reach the driveway. Turn right, then left on to School Lane to return to the car park.

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- 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