

Dingle and the Darkie walk directions

Approx. 4 miles / 2hrs, with an optional 1 mile gated route

This route starts near the Duke of Wellington Public House (grid reference SJ 272 428) and links the new World Heritage Site at Pontcysyllte aqueduct with the surrounding countryside. Walkers who wish to opt for a shorter walk can try out the 1.5 mile route which includes easy-to-use kissing gates.

Directions to starting point by car – Drive along the A539 from Ruabon heading towards Llangollen, when passing the Car Wash on the left and a large car park on the right, you will soon pass the Duke of Wellington Public House, turn right at the Crossroads, then immediately right to the parking area.

Parking – There is limited on-street parking near the Duke of Wellington Public House.

Buses – There are regular services at the start of this walk. Please call 01978 266166 for bus information or see our online bus timetables.

- It should be noted that the non low-mobility part of this route may be muddy in places and suitable footwear is recommended. There are also stiles, steep slopes and roads to negotiate.
- This route is not suitable for wheelchairs or buggies.
- Part of this walk is stile free, with kissing gates and only gentle slopes. Suitable footwear is still recommended.

Walk Directions

Starting heading away from the Duke of Wellington Public House to head right at the road junction to head up the hill. Shortly after, enter the Kissing Gate (KG) to the left.

Head across the field through another KG, turn left and after only 20m head right. Go straight ahead over the grassed bridge, to enter the field through another KG.

Cross the field and head through the KG in the corner (down a small dip, so depending on the time of year this may be slightly blocked by leaves), carry on gently uphill passing between a fence on your left and trees on your right. Go through the next KG and head through the other one in the distance. Head downhill across the small stream, heading straight up the field to cross through another KG.

** This is where the low-mobility route splits from the main route, if you are following the low-mobility route please continue reading from ***

Almost immediately turn left to cross over a stile, head across another field, over another stile into an enclosed path, then after about 20 meters cross over the stile on the right to bear left into the wood. Cross over the stile, down, then up through the wood, across another stile, and straight ahead. When you are

passing the large oak tree on the left there will be a stile (depending on the time of year it may be partially hidden in the hedge) in front of you. Cross over this and pass along to the left of the hedge. Pass through the gateway and almost immediately turn left. Cross over the stile to the left of the telegraph pole. Turn immediately right to pass over the cattle grid, then walk along the track then through the farmyard. Head through several gates until the track dips down and then up to the right, to pass through the gateway on the left.

Head straight across the field to cross over the stile, then bear 45 degrees to the left to cross over the roadside stile. Continue along the road to soon take the track on the right to cross down, over the stream, then fairly steeply up. Turn right in front of the stone cottage (with the holiday homes on the left) and carry on through the gateways. In the log yard, take the gate on the left and carry on straight ahead heading towards the tree line. Cross over the stile, over the footbridge, then straight ahead through the gates along a small track. Take the small metal gate ahead (to the left of the house with the double-gates) and along the track. Cross over and through several stiles and fields to eventually turn right at the roadside, turning right at the next two minor road junctions, to cross over the stile on the left into the field. Head straight downhill and cross over two stiles. Bear slightly to the left to pass through a gateway, then after 65 m turn right to cross over two stiles in a small wooded area. Turn left and head towards the black streetlight / horse arena. Bear right and pass through another small wooded area to cross over the stile.

Head straight across the large field and eventually you should spot an opening to the right in the tall shrubs. Cross over the bridge, carry on ahead, then bear right along a sunken grass track. Keep to the right of the wooded dismantled railway and go straight ahead when you will emerge into an open field. Pass to the left of the old building, turn right in front of it, and ahead down to an earth track. Turn left and head down to cross over a stile joining the 'Darkie'. Keep straight ahead along the surfaced path and you will rejoin the parking area adjacent to the pub.

*** Continuation of low-mobility route*

Go straight ahead through two gateways, bear right, crossing through a roadside KG. Turn right and head downhill along the road until you eventually turn left to reach the parking area adjacent to the pub.