

RED KITE TRAIL

The final communication before the event - barring disasters.

Maps required: 1:50000 = 146 + 147

1:25000 = SN 86/96 (969), SN 65/75 (990), SN 85/95 (991)

SN 64/74 (1013), SN 84/94 (1014)

I am in possession of the 1:25000 maps and the route described below, accepting that it hasn't been pre-walked, looks 100% viable (famous last words!).

See you all at Dolgoch YH on the Friday evening (15 March). Make sure you turn up as I've had to put off about a dozen interested LDWA people from various parts of the country. The party will number 21 (Nick Kaye, Chris Coy, Gerry Jackson, Alun Jones, John Short, Dan Hadfield, Gwyn Matthews, Mike Evans, Brian Evans, Andrew Alford, Chris Abrams, Charles Rule, Doug Aspinall, Andrew Clabon, Chris + Shirley Hume, Brian + Barbara Williams, Mike Dixon, Ian + Mary Partridge. Be on your best behaviour and wear the most colourfull clothes just in case Mary is caught in poetic mood.

Keep fit, stay slick, Nick

(Oh my God! it's catching!)

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

Saturday 16 March

Start from car park 1 mile S of Llyn Brianne Resr. dam wall	GR 787471
Track/road NE to junction with forest track	GR 805490
Forest track SE/S/E (via GR 825481, GR 830467) to road at Dinas Mill	GR 864477
Road SE to Llanwrtyd Wells	GR 879467
Stage 8.4 miles - Total 8.4 miles	
1150 feet	1150 feet
A483 NNE to track junction	GR 884474
Tracks/paths N (via Nant-y-cerdin, GR 872508, GR 871512, GR 870518, GR 875532) to road	GR 874537
Stage 5.5 miles - Total 13.9 miles	
925 feet	2075 feet
Road NE to track junction	GR 879541
Track NNW to track junction	GR 873547
Track NE to enter forestry	GR 880553
Track/path N to exit forest	GR 883565
Path N-wards via Nant Gwyn, Bwlch y Ddau Faen, Nant Paradwys to Llanerch Cawr	GR 902615
Stage 6.5 miles - Total 20.4 miles	
1350 feet	3425 feet
Track NE (above forestry), crossing Nant y Gro at GR 924628 to road	GR 937639
Road NE to track junction	GR 940641
Track ENE-wards to GR 960647 then N to road at Wernnewydd	GR 965656
R then L to cross footbridge over Afon Elan to Glyn Farm	GR 967658
Road N to the centre of Rhayader	GR 972680
Stage 7.4 miles - Total 27.8 miles	
1250 feet	4675 feet
A number of choices here in order to return to Llanerch Cawr - the following keeps distance and road to a minimum whilst still giving good going under foot.	
B4518 SW to Elan Village and footbridge over Afon Elan	GR 934652
Minor road SW through Elan Village, path along E shore of Caban-coch Resr, track through forestry to Llanerch Cawr	GR 902615
Stage 7.0 miles - Total 34.8 miles	
750 feet	5425 feet
Track via Rhiwnant then path over Cerrig Llwyd y Rhestr to path junctn	GR 842596
WSW across Drum Nantygorian to enter forestry/join forest track	GR 825587
Track SW then S to road	GR 805569
Road N to cross river then track S to Dolgoch YH	GR 806562
Stage 8.6 miles - Total 43.4 miles	
1375 feet	6800 feet (6400 feet descent)

Sunday 17 March

Start from Dolgoch YH GR 806562
Track N to road GR 803572
Road W to junction with track GR 762577
Track/path via Nantymaen to path junction GR 745595

Stage 6.0 miles - Total 6.0 miles
850 feet 850 feet

Path W beside Groes Fawr then to corner of forestry GR 733993
Contour across Esgair Fedwen to join right-of-way GR 718597
Right-of-way W, via Bryn-hownant, to road GR 695597
Road W to Tregaron GR 681597

Stage 4.3 miles - Total 10.3 miles
75 feet 925 feet

Return E along road to turn R at road junction GR 688595
Road S-wards to track junction GR 692581
Track W/S/SW through forestry to exit trees at in-cut corner GR 714564
Contour S-wards across hillside to forestry corner GR 716551
SSW to road GR 712543
Road SSE to forestry track (just S of the track to Bronbyrfe) GR 719528

Stage 6.8 miles - Total 17.1 miles
1150 feet 2075 feet

SW on forestry track to exit trees at in-cut corner GR 706511
SW over Bryn Mwysau and Bryn Ceiliogan to Blaen-Cothi GR 694487

Stage 3.2 miles - Total 20.3 miles
300 feet 2375 feet

Track SW over Cerrig Cyffion to track junction GR 682463
Track S-wards to road GR 684453

Cross road and follow track SW through forestry passing close by
Bwlch-y-gilwen (GR 668435) then S along top of (but just inside)
forestry to exit trees GR 667417
Track SW to A482 and Pumpsaint GR 656406

Stage 6.4 miles - Total 26.7 miles
650 feet 3025 feet

A482 SE to road junction GR 659403
Minor road SE to road junction in Caio GR 675399
Road/track NNE (forking L at GR 677402) to enter forestry GR 679405
Exit from trees GR 690421

N to top of ridge then follow ridge path NE over Cefn y Bryn and
Pen Cerrigiddos to Banc y Ddau Fryn GR 724450

Stage 6.2 miles - Total 32.9 miles
1400 feet 4425 feet

E-wards on path over Mynydd Mallaen to descend between 2 blocks of
forestry to about: GR 766438

N downhill to where grid line cuts forestry boundary GR 767440

Due W through forest for 50 yds to pick up forest track (not shown on
1:50000 map), follow track NW(ish) to cross stream (GR 7640 4425),
N(ish) for 100 yds where fork R, NNE for 350 yds to sharp L bend
(GR 7665 4460), NW (exiting from trees at GR 7655 4475) to road GR 765448

Stage 3.8 miles - Total 36.7 miles
75 feet 4500 feet

|| By heading NW from about GR 751444 then E steeply downhill beside forestry to
|| join the road at GR 765448 it is possible to reduce the mileage by 1.2 miles
|| Stage 2.6 miles - Total 35.5 miles

R on road to road junction at PH GR 768447
Turn L to T junction GR 769448
Turn L and follow road N/NE to car park (and cars) GR 787471

Stage 2.5 miles - Total 39.2 or 38.0 miles
300 feet 4800 feet (5200 feet descent)

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Dear Nick,

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Well what can I say, I thought that the Neath to Cardiff walk was excellent, but last week-end you surpassed that. Thank you very much for an

Elenith encounter
Perfectly organised
I over the 80 in 2 days
Cor, imagine it in the snow

Walk on the wild side
Aches and pains, only a few
Llanwrtyd for a swiss roll
Knackered, where else but at the end

I had arranged to take the Monday off work, it was a good idea. I was drained, it felt just like apres 100.

Thanks again, see you soon,

Andrew