# The Castles Walk

## Date: 15th December 1985

## Distance/Ascent: 18.9 miles, 3980 feet

## Leader: Nick Kaye

## Note: This route was devised and walked some years before the official Three Castles Walk was created by Gwent/Monmouthshire County Council. The routes are very similar.

## Route Description:

* Start at Skenfrith Castle (SO 452 202). Cross the B4521 at (SO 457 202). Minor road to Crossway and B4347 at (SO 449 191). North on B4347 to Tre-gout at (SO 447 194).
* Footpath west to track curving southwards to crossroads with B4347 at (SO 440 185).
* Minor road west to Letravane Farm then downhill westwards across Llymon Brook and up to Llanllwydd at (SO 417 178).
* Field path south-west downhill across brook and up to minor road at (SO 408 169).
* Road west for short way to (SO 405 167). Field path west past farm at (SO 397 166) and up to minor road via side of wood to (SO 394 167).
* Field path west and south-west to White Castle Farm at (SO 384 163).
* Up road to White Castle. North down minor road across Trerhew Brook to B4521 at (SO 380 180). Bridle path north to road junction at (SO 383 191)
* Road east to Upper Green and driveway to Llanfair Grange.
* Field path north-east and east to Inn on B4521 at (SO 399 194).
* Minor road north to Heald (SO 398 202) then field path to nearby road (SO 400 204).
* Up through fields and woods to summit of Craig Syfyrddin.
* North along summit ridge to road at (SO 409 225). Track north downhill across stream and into Grosmont and to Grosmont Castle.
* B4347 south-east to road bend at (SO 409 241). Field path to Little Cross and up through woods and across east end of Craig Syfyrddin crossing ridge at (SO 418 227) and descending south-eastwards to join minor road at (SO 429 218). Road down to B4347.
* South on B4347 to track at (SO 433 218), track east to Farm at (SO 439 219) and then south-eastwards through Coed-y-pwll woods at (SO 449 210) and down to minor road at (SO 453 205). Road into Skenfrith and car park.

## Weather: Quite a mild day but with a chilly breeze in exposed positions – mainly cloudy-bright with a little weak sun at times – finished in the dark – a very pleasant route and day – lots of barbed wire fences.

## Participants: Nick Kaye, Doug & Marg Wright, Derek Farmer, Clive Marchant, Chris Coy, Marcus Harling, Gerry Jackson, Peter Lewis.