

9 - Llansannan to Gwytherin 7.0 miles/11.3 kms

From the Church, walk past the pub and the sculpture (on the right) and take the lane Ffordd Gogor on the left. Just after the last house in the village and at the farmhouse of Gogor Canol take the path, left, through the farmyard.

As you leave the farmyard bear right. This again is the Clwydian Way. After crossing over the bridge turn right and walk with the river also on your right over the stiles. The path enters a woodland. Follow for about 800 metres. Here the track widens slightly - look out for a path going down to the right. Take this over the footbridge. You now have a short but quite difficult and slippery climb both up and down. Cross the next stile to the road and take the track opposite. (This section can be avoided by following the road and forking left after the farm - Gogor Canol - above.) Walk along the riverside to the former mill. Ignore the track going right over the bridge at this point. Continue up the now metalled road to the lane. Continue uphill to the cross roads.

Turn right along the road passing Acrau-uchaf on your left. At the road junction take the footpath right through the farmyard (Rhŷd-loew) and down to the river. Go left to walk alongside the river and over a footbridge. Follow the footpath uphill to go over a stile into a big open field. Cross this field diagonally half left to the far corner where you reach a gate. Go through the gate onto the farm track and bear left to go downhill along it. The track eventually becomes a path; follow this to Hendre Aled Cottage.

Go ahead behind the house with the white metal fence on your left to the next house at Hendre Aled. Go through and past the buildings and then take the footpath, left, through the gate (stile alongside with Clwydian Way trailmarker) and into the field and behind the barn.

The path now goes uphill and over two stiles to the farm at Cleiriach. After the second one turn right along the farm access road which then bends to the left at the Pilgrim's Bench (a magnificent viewpoint). Follow the farm road over a cattle grid and turn right on to the Common. At the road junction the Clwydian Way alternative is joined. Turn left along the road and at the next junction turn right.

Follow this lane until it bends sharply right. Go through the gate, left, and follow the track across a shallow stream and up the hill into the field. After about 70 metres, where the track goes left towards the sheep pens, leave it and go directly ahead towards a gate in the fence. Follow the path downhill with the stream alongside and to the left.

Continue until you reach the derelict buildings at Hafod-gau which are in a slight dip and surrounded by conifers. Go left through the gate and then another one to pass to the right of the building. Walk uphill, left, to reach a stile and cross over to the lane.

OS Outdoor Leisure 17 Cross over to the footpath on the other side of the lane. Walk with the fence on your left to go over two more stiles and a small footbridge. Continue directly ahead to a small ravine. Taking care walk down to ford the stream and take the path up the other side to a gate.

Continue ahead moving away from the right hand fence to go through gap in the hedge/fence and down through two gates to the lane. Turn right along it

Almost immediately turn left along the road towards the farm at Llethr. As the farm road bends to the right take the footpath, go through a kissing gate ahead, and cross over to a gate in the fence on the left. Go through it and walk with the fence on your right down to a gate and cross a stream. With the stream on your right go slightly left uphill through a gate to walk across the field to the hedge. Continue with the hedge on your right through another field and over a stile.

Go initially straight ahead but almost immediately left to go over the low hill. Bearing slightly right head for a stile in the hedge and fence line. Turn right and continue to the lane. Turn left down the road to the village of Gwytherin.