

The Corn Mill and Pen-y-Coed, Llangollen, Denbighshire



Strenuous Terrain

2.5 miles
Circular
1.5 to 2
hours

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Access Notes



1. The walk has long and steep climbs and descents throughout.
2. The path surfaces, particularly on the eastern side of the woodland, are loose and shaley and can be slippery in both wet and dry conditions.
3. There are a number of kissing gates on route, plus two stiles (both of which have large gaps alongside for dogs).
4. You will cross one hillside field that may be holding horses.

The Corn Mill, as the name suggests, is a converted mill which sits over the mill race and rapids on the banks of the River Dee. The interior is really beautiful with a great jumble of old beams everywhere, and the water wheel turning slowly behind the bar.

A 2.5 mile, fairly strenuous, circular pub walk from the Corn Mill in Llangollen, Denbighshire. The walking route climbs up to explore Pen-y-Coed, a woodland which occupies a prominent steep-sided ridge on the eastern side of Llangollen.

Getting there

Llangollen is located just off the A5, about 10 miles south-west of Wrexham. The walk starts and finishes from the Corn Mill on Dee Lane. Approximate post code **LL20 8PN**. The pub does not have a car park, so you will need to park in the short-stay pay and display car park on Market Street (£1 for 4 hours, correct Summer 2013). Leave the car park via the vehicle entrance and take the road opposite signed for the riverside walk. Follow the road as it swings right and then take the first left into Dee Lane, where you'll find the Corn Mill.

Walk Sections



Start to Queen Street



Stand in Dee Lane facing the Corn Mill. Turn right along the lane and you'll come out to the T-junction with the main road (with the river bridge to the left). Turn right and then take the first left into Bridge Street.

Follow the road passing a number of small boutiques and antique shops. Continue ahead into Church Street. On the right you'll pass the town's church. Llangollen

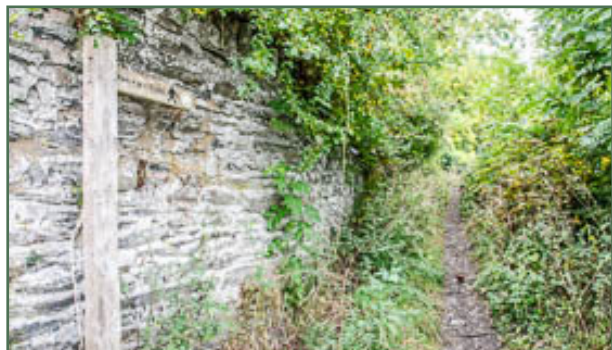
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translates as 'religious settlement of Collen', named after Saint Collen, a 6th century monk who founded the first church beside the river.

The road swings right and leads you to a T-junction with the main road, Queen Street.

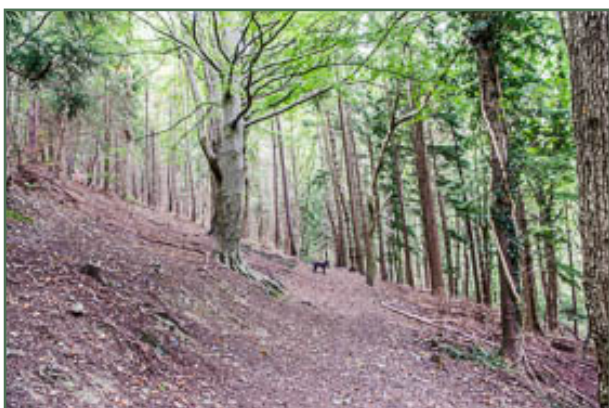
1 ➔ 2 Queen Street to Woodland Kissing Gate



Turn left for a few yards, cross over the road using the pedestrian crossing and then turn right into Brook Street. Continue past the small parking area on the left and, further up, cross over the side road, Horseshoe Pass View. A few paces later, fork left up the steep tarmac slope leaving the pavement.

Follow this access track winding uphill past properties and you'll come to a junction of paths with a tall stone wall ahead, and Penny-Coed signed to the right. Turn right onto this stone path with the wall running on the left. Pass through the kissing gate into a hillside field (which may be holding a horse). Continue on the main stone path still climbing uphill which leads you to a metal kissing gate into woodland.

2 ➔ 3 Woodland Kissing Gate to Ridge Top Path



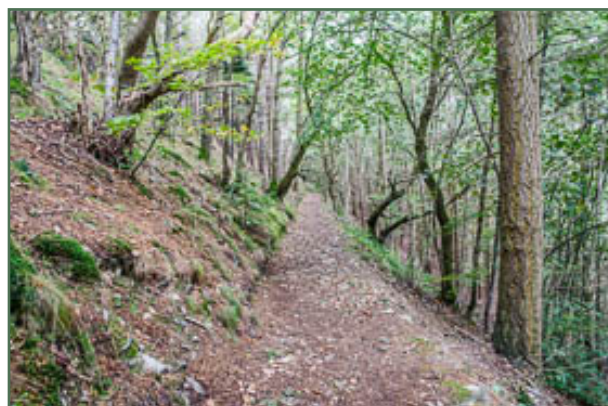
Pass through the gate, go down the steps and, a few paces later, go straight ahead at the minor crossroads. Follow this shaley path which follows a low ridgeline with the edge of the woodland sloping away down to the right.

Continue on the path for a level section and keep ahead as it begins to climb gradually. Soon you'll be following the woodland edge fence immediately on the right, with the grass hillside fields beyond. Take time to enjoy the views down to the valley and across to the hills opposite. Just before this fence-side path begins to descend, fork left onto another shaley path which heads steeply up into the wooded hillside.

Follow this path with extreme care as it is loose and shaley and can be slippery in both wet and dry conditions. At the top you will

come to the T-junction with a level ridge-top path – and you'll be pleased to know that the worst of the climb is now over!

3 ➔ 4 Ridge Top Path to Stile



Turn right along this wider path, using this piece of easier level walking to catch your breath. Just before the path begins to descend, swing left onto a less well-defined path, heading gently uphill between the trees. This soon levels off and continues to swing left before descending to reach a gap in a beautiful slate wall.

Pass through the gap in the wall and keep ahead on the path as it descends steeply (taking extreme care). Shortly you'll come to a T-junction with a path ahead. Turn left onto this path heading uphill with a low stone wall running immediately to the left.

The substantial remains of walls and revetments in this section of the woodland are associated with historical trackways and former enclosures and are of particular archaeological and historical interest. This trackway is the historic main access road from Llangollen to Tyndwr. The walls also provide an important habitat for a number of ancient woodland specialist plant species including dog's mercury, wall lettuce and wood meadow-grass. The Woodland Trust, the current owners of the woodland, are working to maintain the walls and revetments as well as to restore all the woodland to predominantly broadleaved native woodland.

As the wall on the left ends, you'll pass the remains of a gatepost on the left. Keep ahead on the obvious wide path and a little further along, the low stone wall begins again to the left. Continue as the track descends steadily and narrows from a track into a smaller path. At the bottom of the slope keep left through a kissing gate to continue on the path which descends to reach a stile.

4 ➔ 5 Stile to End



Cross this stile and the next one just a few yards later, then bear left along the ridge path. Follow the main obvious path, ignoring

any smaller paths off to the left or right. You will emerge out into the start of a grass hillside field. Ahead you will have great views of Llangollen in the valley below. Keep ahead along the left-hand boundary and you will see the kissing gate that you used to enter the woods on your outward leg.

From this point you will be retracing your steps back to the pub. Do NOT go through the kissing gate, just keep ahead on the stone path which leads down across the centre of the hillside field. At the far side pass through the wooden kissing gate, continue for just a few yards and then, at the T-junction with the tarmac slope, turn sharp left downhill. Follow this track zig-zagging downhill until you reach the road.

Turn right and then go left at the T-junction. Cross the pedestrian crossing, keep left and take the first road on the right, Church Lane. Follow this road all the way to the T-junction at the end. Cross over with care, turn right and then take the first left into Dee Lane where you will come to the Corn Mill for some well-deserved refreshments.

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Walking Safety

For your safety and comfort we recommend that you take the following with you on your walk: bottled water, snacks, a waterproof jacket, waterproof/sturdy boots, a woolly hat and fleece (in winter and cold weather), a fully-charged mobile phone, a whistle, a compass and an Ordnance Survey map of the area. Check the weather forecast before you leave, carry appropriate clothing and do not set out in fog or mist as these conditions can seriously affect your ability to navigate the route. Take particular care on cliff/mountain paths where steep drops can present a particular hazard. Some routes include sections along roads – take care to avoid any traffic at these points. Around farmland take care with children and dogs, particularly around machinery and livestock. If you are walking on the coast make sure you check the tide times before you set out.

