Welcome to Explore Llangollen!

This series of walks will take you to some of the most interesting off-the-beaten-track places in the area, and are designed to suit both novice and experienced walkers. The walks are free and are organised by Llangollen Ramblers, an independent group, so are always at to your own risk. Just come along to the ones that suit you. We look forward to seeing you!

- For each walk we will meet at the end of Llangollen Bridge, outside the Bridge End Hotel, at 10am (but note – for Walk 8 we meet at 9.15am). The nearest parking is behind the Ponsonby Inn (now closed) on the Wrexham road (Pay-and-Display)
- You will not need expensive walking gear, but you should always bring a waterproof. Stout shoes are strongly advised as some places get muddy in winter
- On all walks we will have a coffee stop, and the longer walks will have a lunch stop also, so bring your provisions and fluids. Coffee / lunch at a café in town afterwards is optional.
- Dogs? Well, some walks are not suitable on account of stiles or livestock so please respect the advice on dog-friendliness given on each occasion
- Please get in touch if you need any more information (07905 330788 / smithdinbren@gmail.com). Walks could be curtailed or even cancelled if the weather is bad, so please do get in touch if things look at all doubtful.

So – let's get down to the programme

WALK 1: Thurs 12th November - Pen-y-Coed Woods, Tansy's Rock, and 'Round the Valley'. 4 miles.

An easy walk with not too much change of contour after a short climb at the beginning to reach the woods. Pen-y-Coed, once owned by the monks of Valle Crucis, is a woodland with a history. It is now under the care of the Woodland Trust, who are gradually removing the conifers planted last century. And why was Tansy's Rock so named? We have no idea! A short, dog-friendly walk (on leads!).

WALK 2: Sun 22nd November - The Eglwysegs and Trevor Rocks! 7 ½ miles

There's a steepish climb on this walk to reach the summit of the Eglwyseg Rocks but the views from there are magnificent. Look down on Castell Dinas Brân and take in the prospect from the cairn above the Hooson Monument. A gentle return home through Trevor Woods and along the canal. Please do not bring dogs on this walk.

WALK 3: Thurs 3rd December - Foel and Bryniau Mawr. 4 miles

Here we are on the south side of the valley, the side that rises more steeply from the river. The walk begins with a sustained climb on a minor road, but the views compensate. Later there are prospects across Vivod Estate before a long return through lovely woodland. Dogs on leads welcome.

Walk 4: Sat 9th January - Over Three Trees to Fron and return by bus. 6 miles

A classic walk! A steady climb up the track known as Three Trees (? why) leads to extensive views over the Aqueduct and Dee Valley to the distant Peckforton Hills. A woodland path takes us down into Froncysyllte, followed by a crossing of the aqueduct (there's an alternative if you'd rather!) to catch the return bus in Trevor.

WALK 5: Thurs 21st January - Valle Crucis Abbey and Velvet Hill. 5 miles

Another Llangollen Classic! Gentle climbing at first followed by good views from the 'Rifle Range' path (we'll explain about that one!). Passing the abbey, you go on the skirt National Trust Velvet Hill

(Coed Hyrddyn) and take in the Horseshoe Falls before returning along the canal. Dogs on leads welcome.

WALK 6: Thurs 4th February - Horseshoe Falls and the Britannia. 8 miles

A gentle stroll along the canal to the Horseshoe Falls is followed by hillside paths encircling the valley of the Eglwyseg River. Valle Crucis Abbey is always below you. A little climbing is involved, but nothing too severe. Please do not bring dogs on this walk

WALK 7: Sat 20th February - Llandyn and the Panorama Walk. 4 miles

After crossing the hillside from Llandyn to reach the Panorama (aptly named), you return on the path around the foot of Castell Dinas Brân (of course you can go over the top if you like!) Unfortunately not suitable for dogs.

WALK 8: Thurs 11th March - Glyndyfrdwy, Valley of the Pandy, Vivod Mountain. 9 miles

This time we meet at 9.15am to catch the 9.30am bus to Glyndyfrdwy. From here, a climb up the valley of the Pandy stream leads to Ceiriog Forest, where we join the North Berwyn Way to the summit of Vivod Mountain (559 m). It's a long climb, but, the views, as you can imagine, are stunning. The return is across the aptly named Wilderness (as seen on the OS map), with a kink at the end ensuring a less steep descent into Llangollen. Please do not bring dogs.

And we go farther afield in the Spring……