

Graianrhyd and the Terrig

You can start this walk at the old Graianrhyd School or from the Treuddyn end at the layby in Ffordd yr Odyn. Points of interest include the crossing of the Terrig twice and the great views.

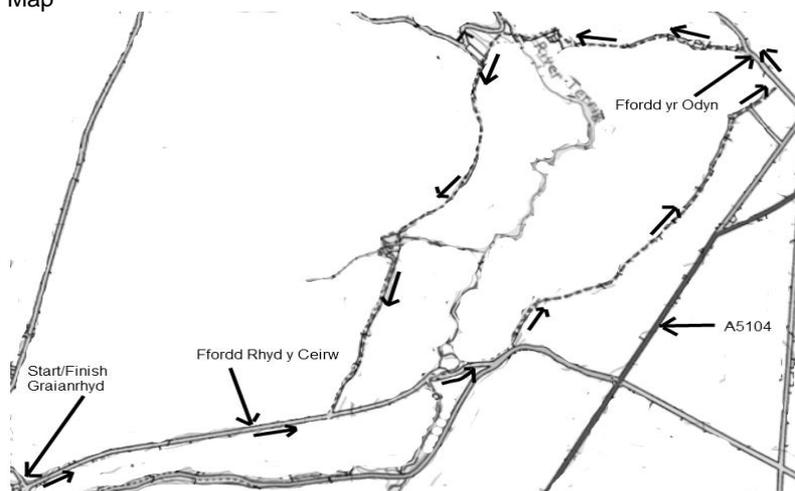
Map: Explorer 256 or Landranger 117

Start/Finish: Graianrhyd Map Ref: 322356 or Ffordd yr Odyn, Treuddyn 324357 (point 3 in the narrative)

Distance: 3.5m/5.5km

Time: 1.5 hrs

Map



1. Walk directly up the lane opposite the school called Ffordd Rhyd y Ceirw. This levels off and eventually goes down to a lovely ford and footbridge over the stream (the Terrig). Go up the other side to where the lane joins the main road and there you will see an old public footpath sign and stile.



Footbridge over the Terrig

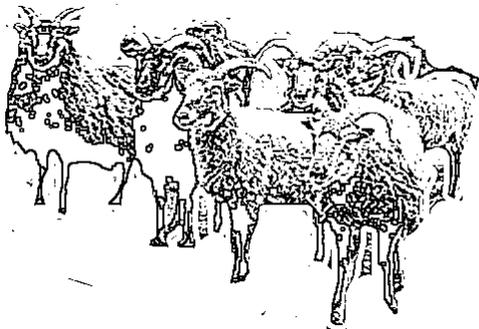
2. Cross the stile and bear right past a pond and along the fence on the right to where the fence ends. At that point angle slightly up the field to where the corner of the next field sticks out. Go round that hedge/fence and along it to a stile. Cross the stile and then another stile. From that stile head to the right of the big pylon in front. Cross another stile and footbridge over a ditch. Keep straight on across two more stiles to a third stile by a gate leading to a farm drive. Cross into the drive and turn right and then over a stile on the left by a cottage. Cross the field to another stile, which gives access to a lane (Ffordd yr Odyn).

3. Turn left along Ffordd yr Odyn and follow it to a drive to a large house called Tyn y Coed. There is a footpath sign pointing down the drive. Walk down the drive to the garden of the house where you turn left over a stile into a field. Turn right and go down the field past the house. At an intersection of open field entrances go straight on keeping the hedge to your right past one gate until another gate is reached which gives access to the next field on the right. Go through that gate and angle across the field towards the farm house in the distance. You will cross two stiles either side of a footbridge crossing a ditch. Head towards the gate giving access to the farm yard and turn right having gone through that gate to a gate just beyond the house with metal girder posts. Go through that gate and alongside the house in the field to another stile giving access to woodland either side of the stream; once again the Terrig. Go down the intricate series of stile and steps to a footbridge and cross the stream into the next field.



Some of Flintshire's Stilework

4. Go directly up the steep field through gorse and eventually to a gate. Take a moment to make friends with the lovely Soay sheep as their curiosity get the better of their fear and they creep up behind you and then dart away as you turn round.



Soay Sheep



Stone clearance

5. Go through the gate and then across a stile. Cross a small field to the left corner where there is another stile and then cross the drive to the house Bryn Coch. On the other side of the drive is another stile, which is quite high above the level of the drive. Go over that and up the steep hillside keeping the hedge to your left until a stile appears in the top left corner of the field. Cross that stile and angle up the next field keeping the boundaries either side of you at about 45 degrees aiming for a lone tree on the horizon. Walk past that tree and keep the wood and fence posts on your left. The path curves slightly right to cross a stream in woods before emerging into the next field.

6. Ahead slightly to the left you will see a stone wall with a which you cross into the grounds of a house called Glyn Terrig. Go down the path to another stream, which you can cross and then turn right. Follow the stream for a short distance before the path goes up steeply to the left and over a stile into the yard of the outbuildings. Head past the buildings and up the drive with a grassy middle. Go through the gate of the property and on down the drive over a cattle grid. After approximately a quarter of a mile you reach Ffordd Rhyd y Ceirw once again. Turn right and retrace your steps to the old school at Graianrhyd, unless you started from the Treuddyn end, in which case turn left down the hill and follow the instructions from the ford and footbridge mentioned in point one to return to Ffordd yr Odyn.