

Nercwys Forest Denbighshire Side

A moderate walk taking in Nercwys Forest and some of the surrounding farmland and paths to the west with great views towards Moel Famau and Bryn Alyn on one side and Hope Mountain, Cheshire and beyond on the other.

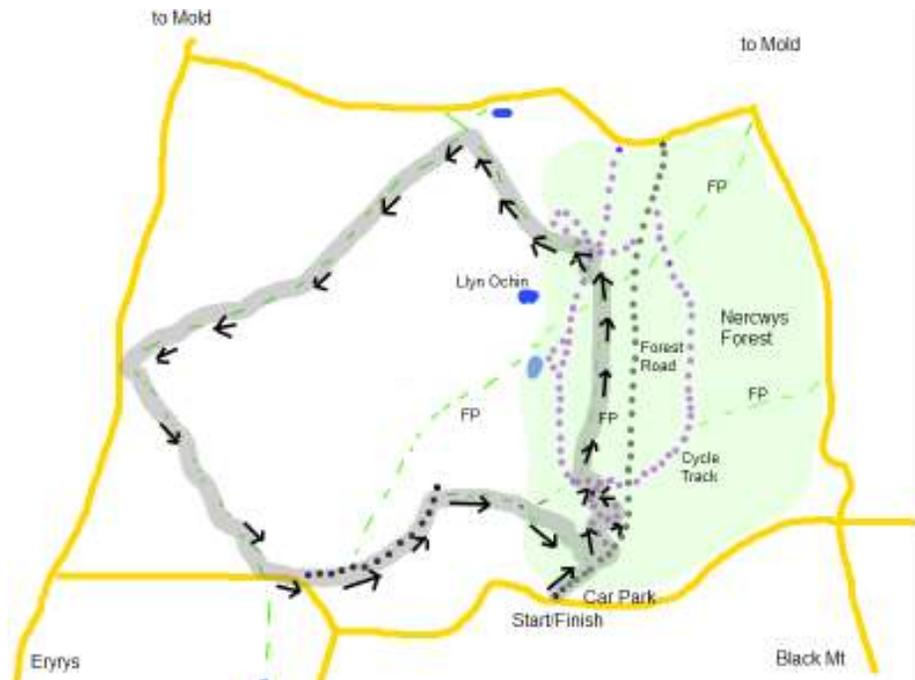
Distance: 3 miles or 5km

Map: Explorer 265 or Landranger 117

Start/Finish: Nercwys Forest South Car Park MR: 217577

Time: 1.5 hrs

Transport: There is no bus service to the exact start of this walk but the Mold/Ruthin service via Graianrhyd and Eryrys 3-4 times a day in either direction takes you to within a mile of the start. There is parking at the Nercwys Forest South car park.



Start at the south car park Nercwys Forest, which has plenty of space and some information boards and maps, including explaining the multi-purpose nature of some of the tracks (ie cycling and horse-riding).

1. Walk through the gate and up the forest road for approximately 150 meters past one small forest path on the left up to the more obvious stony multi-purpose track also on the left. Follow that path as it curves round and up to a viewing point overlooking Hope Mountain, Flintshire and with Cheshire and Merseyside beyond. Past the viewing point the path goes down, curves round and joins another path. Turn left up that path for 150 meters to the public

footpath through the trees on the right. Follow this path for several hundred meters until it crosses another path. About ten meters further is another path. Take this left to a ruined cottage in the forest where several paths cross. One goes up a steep hill to a viewing point. Either take this and go round the viewing point or the one to its left and straight on past the viewing point to a stile into a field with a sign reminding you to keep dogs on leads.

2. Angle diagonally right up the field just right of the knoll ahead then down towards another knoll. Go over the left shoulder of that second knoll and on towards a stile. Before the stile, the path is joined by one crossing right to left. Turn left along that path and down to a stile and open gate in the corner of the field. Cross the next field to a stile and open fence then down to a gully alongside a collapsed fence. Cross another stile into a gorse area. Climb slightly up hill and along the right side of the slight valley to the left getting out of the gorse and bracken. Keep it to your left and head for the right hand side of a line of trees ahead.

3. Cross another stile with pointed posts then on to another stile alongside a gate. Keep to the right hand field boundary. Ignore the tractor tracks to the left. Near the end of the field boundary is a marker post pointing right. Just after the post turn right and go over a stile by a gate. Angle left keeping the house and ruins ahead to your right. Aim for a gate and a stile alongside. Cross the stile and keep to the right field boundary until the field opens out. Ahead you can see a stile into the road. Head for that. The next path comes in at that point and heads at right angle to the path you are on diagonally up to the left hand corner of the field. Cross a rather dilapidated stile by a gate and head down the field to a stile just to the left of a house. Cross that stile into a road and turn left over a small brow.

4. Where the road turns sharp right go left along a track and go up past several houses. Eventually the track turns left. Follow it to the entrance to the house to which the track leads where there is a stile on the right giving access to a field on the right. Go over the stile and down the field following the right of way towards a copse. Go to the right of the copse and beyond it there is an open gate into the next field. Go through that to the stile giving access back in to Nercwys Forest. The path angles slightly right to join another path. Go right down that path until it rejoins the main forest track. Turn right and reach the gate of the car park.