

Walk: EOC 04

Location: Forest tracks off dead end lane between Penycae and Banwen

Directions: Same as to Henrhyd Waterfalls, except you go past the waterfalls car park (passing them on your right) for a few hundred yards, taking the first turning left off the lane, then continue for about 2 miles until you go through someone's farm and reach a dead end with a field gate into a field on the left and forest tracks leading on from a cattle grid on the right.

So you turn left out of castle, and take second left turning off A4069 – you turn left immediately opposite the Penycae Inn. Carry on up a steep narrow lane for about two miles and you will eventually see a large aerial mast ahead of you, the road then bends right, and you continue downhill, past the car park to the water falls which you will pass on your right. There is a right hand turning to Coelbren at the bottom of the hill, which you ignore, instead carrying on up the hill for about 100 yards, and then you turn left. Follow this remote lane for a couple of miles, until you pass through a farm, and dead end a little beyond the farm. Park up and cross into the forest tracks using stiff field gate to right of the cattle grid.

Distance (miles):

7

Time (hours):

15 to 20 minutes.

Length of Walk:

1 – 3 hours or more (some walk options are not circular).

Dates Walked:

24/10/2008, 26/10/2008, 16/11/2008, 08/08/2009, 24/01/2010,

Parking:

Free

Pop in to:

Henrhyd Waterfalls

Description:

Level gravelled tracks, a few pot holes, which carry on in various directions for miles. I managed one two and a half hour circular walk which, by taking a few careful left hand turns, at natural forks and turn-offs on the gravelled main paths. This route eventually brought me out into the huge field which runs parallel to the woodland, which I trusted would bring me back to the car via the field gate on the left. Fortunately it did, so a doable circular walk here. This was a useful, windy and adventurous circular route with an enjoyable sense of being quite lost in part of it, going though dense forest with tall trees either side of the path at one point.

I have tried doing a circular walk by choosing paths going around to the right but have not managed to come back to where I expected; you probable end up on the A4109 if try going right. I had to retrace my steps and come back the same way. Some of these tracks will connect with other walks, such as Ystradfelte Waterfalls.

On another occasion, going straight on the main track, I have also walked long enough in one direction to link up with part of Walk NOC 02, and the old Roman Road. So after a while you can find these walks all link to each other.

Pictures taken on 08/08/2009:

