

Walk: SOC 08
Location: Near Felindre, Lower & Upper Lliw Reservoirs Walk

Directions: Left out of castle, all the way down to J45 M4, head west to J46 and come off at J46, heading towards Felindre (last exit on roundabout going north). The road may be signposted Ammanford or Tycroes (larger towns further north).

Before you get to Felindre, a small village (and the first one you come to if you have gone to far, houses on either side of the road only) on narrow single track lane, take a sharp right almost doubling back on yourself. There is a sign to the reservoir at this turning but you cannot see it when approaching south to north.

Having made the correct turn, the entrance to the reservoirs is first road on the left, through a long metal electrical sliding gate. This is set to close in the evenings, but if you are leaving having stayed late, it opens (as you approach, you would be thinking you are locked in) by sliding to one side to let you out.

Distance (miles): 20.3

Time (hours): 0.37

Length of Walk: One and a half hours to go around the Lower Lliw Reservoir, if you wish to do a circular walk.

A similar length of time to walk straight on up to Upper Lliw Reservoir (a gentle hardly noticeable climb) from where you would then retrace your steps back down the way you came. (Dogs not allowed through the gate to the Upper Reservoir but unrestricted access everywhere else; this restriction only affects last 2 or 3 minutes of the walk to Upper Lliw Reservoir).

Walk could be lengthened by walking straight up to Upper Lliw Reservoir then on the way back, circling around the Lower Lliw Reservoir to make a circular walk. This would take about two and a half hours.

Dates Walked: 23/05/2009, 25/07/2009, 14/09/2009,

Parking: Free.

Description: There is a tarmaced path just wide enough for a car, leading from the north end of the car park all the way to Upper Lliw Reservoir, where a family appear to live in a bungalow by the reservoir. The final area around the Upper Reservoir is gated and while you can walk through, dogs are not allowed, possibly because of the sheer drops into the draining gullies, which would trap a dog, and occasional fast flowing water. There are additional stony mountain tracks leading off to the left as you approach Upper Lliw Reservoir. These I have not explored but look interesting.

I have circumnavigated Lower Lliw Reservoir. Not an especially long walk. If you take the same path to Upper Lliw, you simply turn off to the left at the obvious turning with a footbridge, to go around Lower Lliw. The track the other side is narrower and stony, but prammable.

Pictures taken on 25/07/2009:

Path leading from Lower Lliw Reservoir to Upper Lliw Reservoir.



About half way to Upper Lliw Reservoir. It takes about an hour to walk from car park end of this path to the Upper Lliw Reservoir at the top.



Here are at the grassed over dam holding back the waters of Upper Lliw Reservoir. Note the deep channel on the pic on left – overflow drain-off for the reservoir. It has steep sides which may be why dogs not allowed through the gate. We left Jack and Sheeba at the gate at the bottom. However they did eventually find a way through.



Standing on the dam, pic on left is looking back down the valley and the path we have walked along. Pic on right shows Upper Lliw Reservoir.

