

**Walk:** SOC 14  
**Location:** **Woods above Ystradgynlais**

**Directions:** Proceed south from the Castle and into Ystradgynlais town centre, taking a left at the roundabout by the Continental Garage and filling station. Carry on down the hill into the centre of Ystradgynlais and turn left at the town's only cross roads, this being a left at the cross roads before the pelican crossing (you will see Barclays Bank on the corner).

Leaving Barclays Bank behind you on the left, carry on up the hill, past the police station on your right, over a mini roundabout, and up on to an open hill. Just before the open hill, there is a parking lay-by on the right, with woodland walks signposted.

**Distance (miles):** 6.7 to the Cross at Ystradgynlais then another mile or so.

**Time (hours):** 0.20

**Length of Walk:** 2-3 hours or more.

**Dates Walked:** 20/12/2009,

**Parking:** Free

**Pop in to:** Ystradgynlais is unexciting. Its only redeeming feature is the large plant shop by the 'Cross' near the town's only pelican crossing. This town does not even merit a set of traffic lights, and has no decent pubs, unless you include the Ynscedwyn Arms, which I suppose you could stop in for a meal or a drink. Not somewhere I would go though.

**Description:** The walk isn't too bad. Usual woodland paths, gravelled and wide, with a fine collection of 'Christmas Trees' should you decide to acquire one. No real option to do a circular walk though, so we just went in one direction for an hour or so and then came back the way we had come.

Not a walk I would select to do in preference to others, but one that is nice to know is there if you find yourself needing to go to Ystradgynlais for any reason (not that I can think of one).

**Pictures taken on 20/12/2009:**

I would not say this woodland is anything special, and we did not find a circular route. But if you are there, and you have done several of the other walks, you might as well tick this one off. There are some views but not as good as other walks.

