

Walk 2 - A Short walk using Hen Parc Bridge in Clyne Valley.

Length: 3.5 miles Time: 2 hours Elevation: 174 metres

(1). Start at Railway Inn on A4118, Gower Road, Killay.

This pub is a reminder of the main line which passed through here from Swansea Victoria to Pontarddulais. The last train through the valley was in June 1964.

(2). From the car park, with the Railway Inn on your R, join the Old Railway path turning L downhill towards Blackpill.

Take care on this Shared User Path and beware of cyclists passing.

(3). After 200 yards. Turn R off this metalled path following the finger post joining the Riverside path.

(4). Follow this meandering path with the Clyne River on your R.

Note the mine entrance on L. This adit is fenced off with a gap to allow bat entry for roosting.

(5). Cross Kingfisher bridge over river and recross river using Dipper bridge.

(6). After 100yds cross Hen Parc bridge and turn right to cross small stream and follow path up through Hen Parc Wood, passing through opening in deer fence.

This 19th Century fence was installed by the Vivian family of Clyne Castle who enjoyed hunting.

(7). Follow this path up through woodland to a kissing gate which takes you out of woodland onto common land.

(8). Follow this path up the bank and through bracken towards the golf course with a tributary to the Clyne river running downhill to your left.

(9). At the edge of the golf course the path bears R skirting close to the golf tees to emerge onto Hen Parc Lane.

Possible diversion - Should you require refreshments, the Wildflower Cafe can be reached by turning L and following Hen Parc Lane for 300yds.

(10). At this road, turn R and follow this all the way to its junction with Gower Road in Upper Killay.

(11). At this junction turn R and follow Gower Road downhill to the Railway Inn where you started your walk.

(Possible diversion: Should you require refreshments, see above)

(a). To resume the walk: Leave the café, turn R and continue along Hen Parc Lane for 80 yards, turn L at the signpost and follow the path across some damp ground towards a kissing gate.

(b). Pass through the kissing gate to emerge onto a golf course. Look R to check for golfers, then bear slightly L to cross a drainage channel, before heading straight across the fairway, towards the remnants of a hedgerow. Keep this hedgerow on your L as you drop down into a damp area, with two oak trees of large girth on your R. (The ground is less damp next to these trees).

(c). At this point, your way lies straight across another fairway. Look L for golfers, before aiming for the gap in the row of Leylandii evergreen trees ahead. Here you reach yet another fairway, on the far side of which you should sight a kissing gate at the edge of a wood. Look both ways for golfers, before crossing this last fairway to reach the kissing gate.

(d). Leave the golf course by this kissing gate and pass alongside the wood, following the footpath through another kissing gate towards Hen Parc Lane. On reaching a railway sleeper bridge, watch out for vehicles, as you drop down steps to the lane below - Hen Parc Lane is narrow and traffic not always slow.

(e). Turn L to follow this Hen Parc Lane to its junction with Gower Road at Upper Killay.

(f). Turn R to follow Gower Road back to the Railway Inn where you started the walk.