

Longtown Walk details

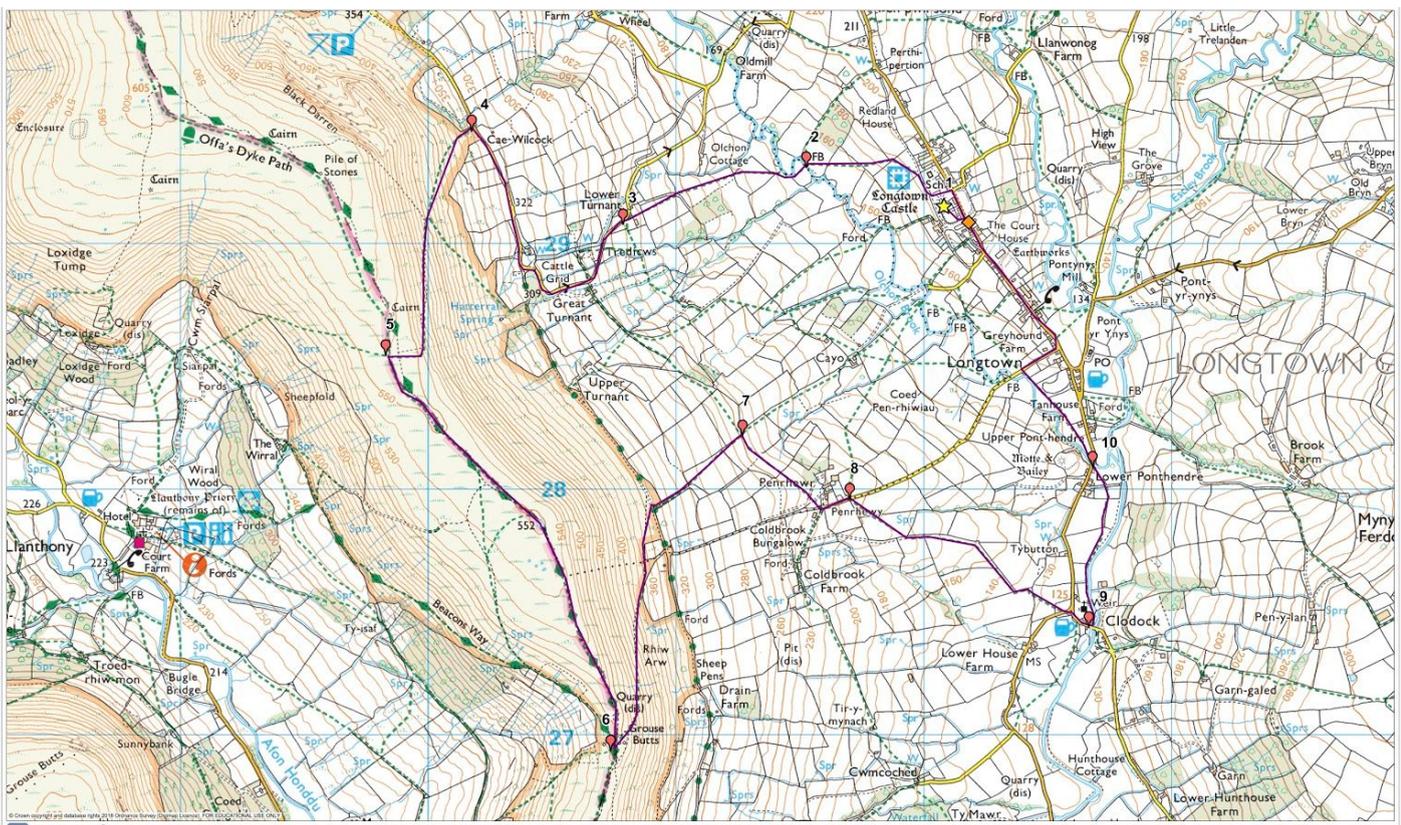
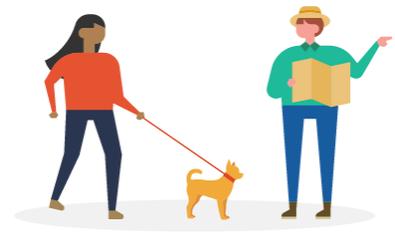
Distance: Approx 7.5 miles

Time: Approx 3.5 hours

Access: Moderate-hard difficulty; country footpaths; some very steep inclines, footbridges and stiles; not suitable for wheelchairs and buggies; walking boots or suitable footwear required

Parking: Free Parking nr Longtown Castle Green.

Walking Route



Directions

1. Start your walk at Longtown Castle. The remains of the round stone keep date back to the twelfth century. As you leave the castle green, take the path immediately after the row of cottages opposite Llanwonog Lane, the site of a medieval dip well. Keeping the castle mound to your left, pass through the gate on the right. Keeping the hedgerow to your right, head across the field to the gate opposite. Continue through the next field in a roughly diagonal line to the left towards the gate in the



hedge opposite, and then continue downhill to the left and head through into the next field. Continue walking to the left, gently downhill towards a stile halfway through the hedge.

2. Climb over the stile and head in a diagonal line across the field to the gap in the hedgerow, go through this gap and continue along this line towards a waymark post and head down the path to cross the river via a small bridge. Climb over the stone stile opposite and continue through the field, keeping the river to your right, towards the stile and gate on the other side. Pass through the gate into the next field and continue forward to the next gate, keeping roughly to the right boundary and begin to follow the path as it goes uphill. If weather permits, you can walk through the smaller gate on the right and follow the path of the Holloway, or if the ground is muddy, continue through the field towards the gate ahead.
3. Pass through the gate with the farmhouse to right and the barns to the left. Follow the track as it goes over a cattle grid. Take the road uphill to the left and follow the path until you reach a footpath sign pointing uphill to the left to Llanthony. Take this steep, uphill path.
4. When you reach the top, join Offa's Dyke Path and turn left. *From the top of Offa's Dyke path you will see Wales to the west and Herefordshire to the east.* Continue along Offa's Dyke Path until you reach a milestone pointing to Llanthony/Longtown. *Llanthony Priory was an Augustinian monastic institution dating back to 1100.*
5. When you are roughly parallel with the church, take the path on the left towards Longtown, going back downhill. When the boundary fence appears on your right continue until you see a path between two boundary fences, taking the stile to the left into the field. Follow the right of way to bottom left corner of the field and climb the stile. Follow the fence downhill and about halfway down, turn right (you will see footpath arrows on your left, indicating the correct place to turn right). Cross the stile and continue in a straight line, following the waymark posts.
6. Take the gate on the left and follow the steps down to the road and turn left. Follow the footpath up the verge, which will appear on the right. Head downhill through this field towards the stile about one third of the way down the boundary. In the next field, head to the bottom right corner and climb the stile, turning left to



follow the fence to the gate. *From here, you will be heading in the direction of St Clydawg's Church, Clodock. The church is dedicated to St Clydawg, the king of Ewyas who was martyred in around 500AD.* Pass through the gate and follow the fence at the bottom of the field, then follow the hedge to the bottom right corner and climb over the bridge stile over a small ditch. Follow the hedgerow and turn right over the next bridge stile, then turn left to the next stile cross the stream.

- 7.** Here, you will come out onto the road via another stile. Turn left up this road towards the church. Take the road to the right of the church, where you will find steps and stone stile up to the church on your left and *Clodock Mill* on your right. Take the public footpath to your left and follow the river and then the stone stile into the churchyard. Cross over another stone stile to continue along this path, keeping the river to your right. Crossing over another stile, head slightly to the left towards a gate and pass into the next field, then cross a stone stile, where you will see a farm to your left. Follow this path to the road.
- 8.** *From the road you will see the remains of an early Norman Motte and Bailey castle to your left.* Head right over the bridge and cross the road to rejoin the footpath. Cross a stone stile to the left of the bridge, with the river to your left. Pass through this field to the stile on the right, and then take the gate onto the road, turning right until you reach a junction. Turn left and follow this road back to the castle and finish your walk.