



Margam Walk details

Distance: Approx 4.3 miles

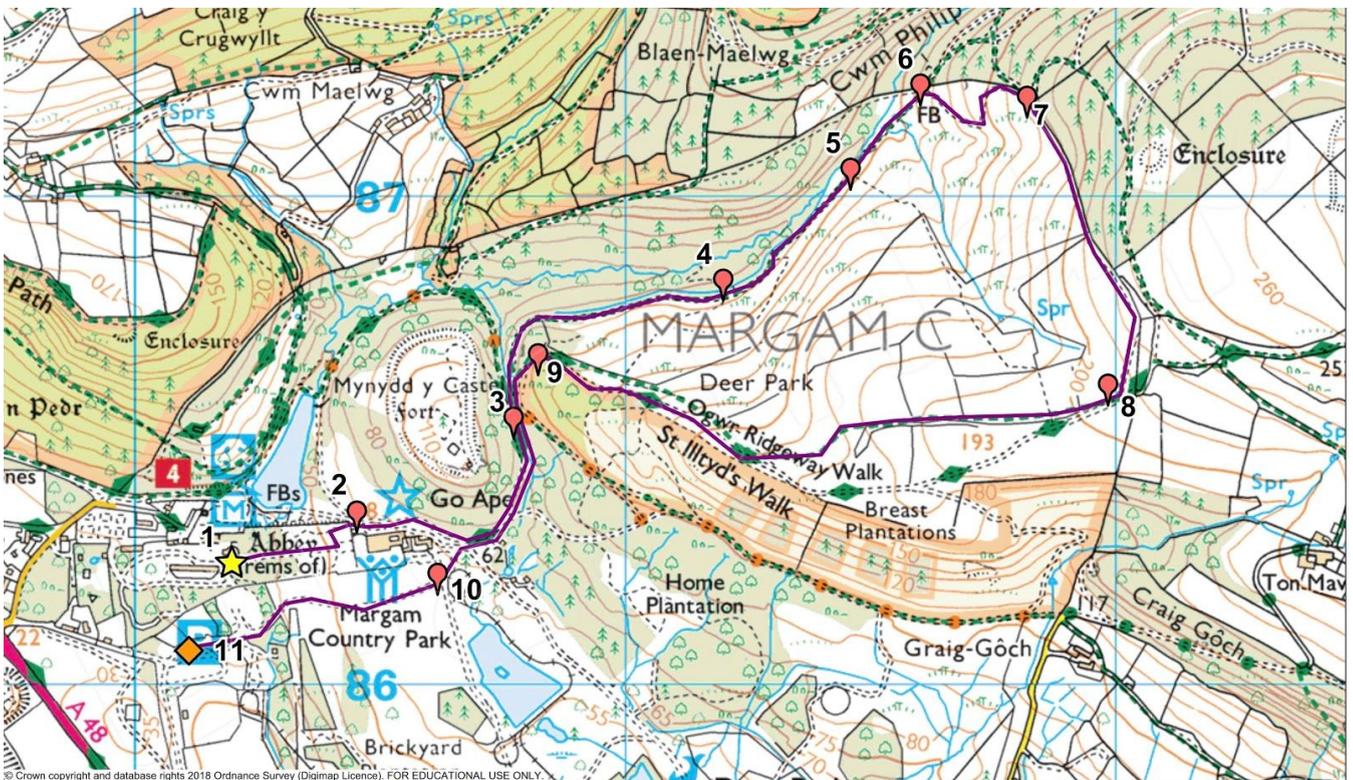
Time: Approx 2 hours

Access: Moderate, mostly gravel tracks and footpaths with some steeper inclines up into deer park, not suitable for wheelchairs and buggies, walking boots or sturdy shoes recommended.

Parking: Margam Country Park parking rate per day varies depending on the season. Check website for exact prices.



Walking Route



Directions

1. Start at the Abbey ruins in Margam Park, by the Orangery. Walk uphill, via steps in places, towards the modern castle. Margam Abbey was a Cistercian monastery, founded by Robert, earl of Gloucester in 1147.



2. Pass to the left of the castle on to a track (be aware of occasional slow moving vehicles on this track), gently uphill towards a kissing gate. Pass through the gate and follow the Coed Morgannwg Way signs, taking the path on the left of the fork.
3. *To your left you will see the remains of an Iron Age hill fort.* Follow the path gently uphill. Keep ahead at a junction of tracks towards a fork up ahead. At this fork, take the right-hand track.
4. The track continues gently uphill and bears right, following the contours of the hillside. Continue until you reach a large stile and gate, which leads into the forest.
5. Pass by, keeping the gate on your left and take the path on your right. Follow this path up a steep hill until you see the dry-stone wall on your left.
6. Walk uphill towards a tall gate. Pass through the gate into the Deer Park and walk gently down hill, keeping the wall and later fence to your left. *Margam Park is one of around 3,000 parks created by the aristocracy in the Middle Ages for the purpose of recreational hunting. Today, the park is home to Fallow, Red and Pere David Deer.*
7. When you see the ladder-stile to the left, follow the contour of the field along grass path. *At this point you will see fantastic views of Swansea Bay.* The path eventually joins on to St. Illtyd's Walk.
8. Turn left at the end of the path, rejoining the track originally taken alongside the Iron Age hill fort.
9. As you approach the modern castle, take the path to the left, keeping the castle on your right.
10. Follow the track downhill (be aware of slow-moving vehicles as you walk this track), through a kissing gate next to a cattle grid.
11. Complete the walk at the Margam Park car park.