

WHITTON, UPPER LITTON, PENTRE, CASCOB

7 Miles (12 kms), 300m ascent. Allow 3.5hrs.

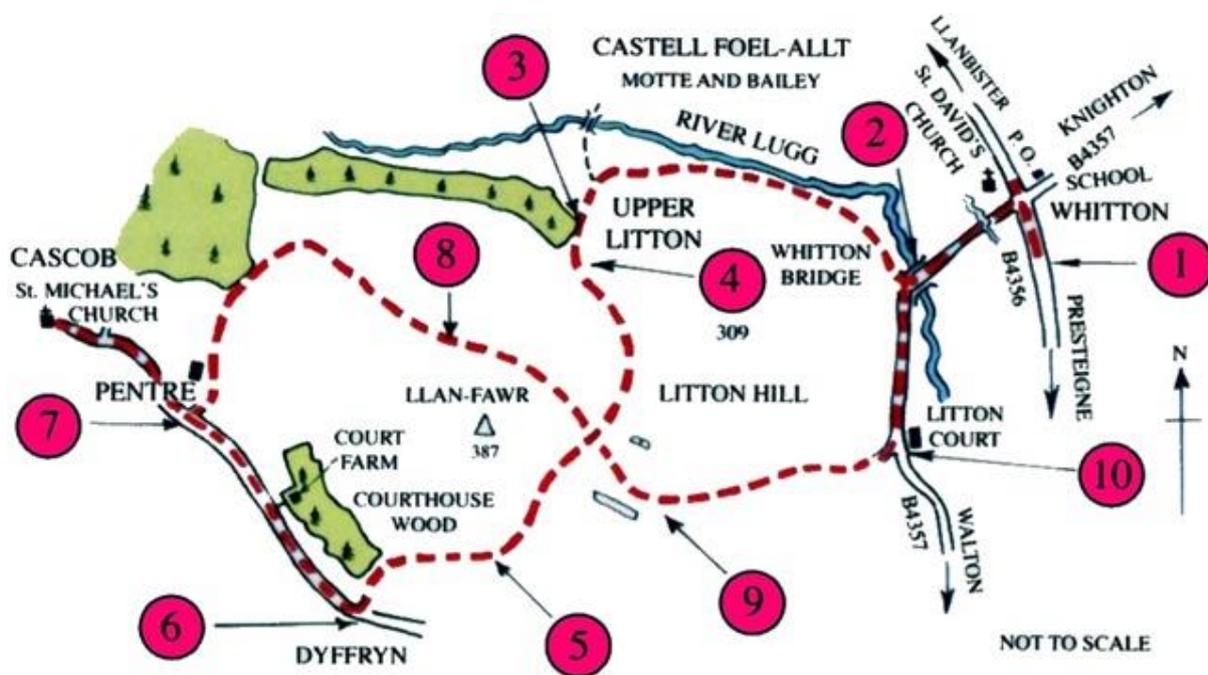


Figure of eight walk — generally moderate with a few demanding parts. There are wide panoramic views all in sheep and bracken country.

Park in lay-by on B4356 just S.E. of Whitton Village - OS Grid ref: SO272668 or parking area by old school.

WALK 4

NOTE- amendments to published version shown in bold.

- (1) At Whitton crossroads turn L onto B4357 down to Whitton bridge.
- (2) Immediately over bridge turn (R) through metal gate on to a stony track. (St. David's Church, Whitton, stands out across the River Lugg with Pilleth Church on the hillside directly ahead across the valley.) Pass a cottage on the (L), then through gate/grid still on track.
- (3) At another metal gate take left hand path at path junction, going uphill passing to (L) of Upper Litton Farm, then turning (R) to a wooden gate above farm to a steep climb with stream in dingle (valley) and fence on (L).
- (4) Follow fence uphill, bearing left when fence goes sharp (L) out of trees. When fence goes sharp (L) again, proceed ahead, slightly (R). Approx. 60 m before reaching fence corner, turn (R) onto diagonal path to hill brow. Keep straight ahead to more fenced fields, following wide path through bracken with fence on (L). (Views of Wapley Hill on the (L) and nearer the Offa's Dyke Path coming up the middle ground from Discoed on its way to Penn Offa;

ahead Hay Bluff and the Black Mountains are in sight. **For 360deg view, divert to trig point on the top of the hill Llan-fawr.)**

(5) Past end of fence a pond is to be seen which pass to R of and then slightly ahead at clearance. Soon turn half (R) downhill to valley. Farm and houses are visible at bottom. Bear slightly (L) then (R) downhill on wide rutted track through metal gate passing barns on (L) on to road. Dyffryn Farm.

(6) Turn (R) at road junction and continue for 1km to Pentre at bridge. The extra 800m spur up to St. Michael's Church, Cascob, is highly recommended for it is of 13th century origin and contains several ancient relics and a fine 1633 wooden belfry. Retrace steps to Pentre where turn L.

(7) Pass near stream and Pentre itself and through a gate and go uphill on farm track to reach open fields after 400m. Turn R at fence ahead and continue to climb uphill. (Monaughty can be seen to left, below and behind.) A small pond is soon reached on (R) before a gate and the trig. point on Llan-Fawr visible ahead.

(8) Follow wide green track, breasting (L) side of hill when the pond passed between points (4) and (5) will appear again. At corner of fenced field cross original path heading for track seen ahead at end of pond.

(9) Continue, curving slightly (L) towards field hedged with trees, keeping outside to join a clear wide rutted track which follow downhill through gates to reach Litton Court farm and the B4357.

(10) Turn (L) and continue along road to Whitton bridge point (2) and back to crossroads, then starting point.

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