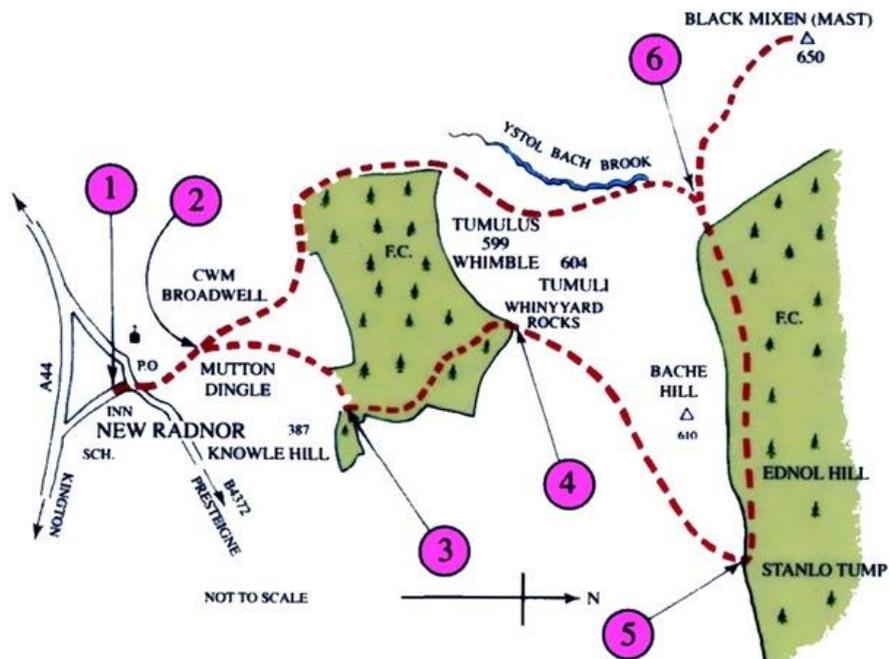


NEW RADNOR, MUTTON DINGLE, STANLO TUMP, RADNOR FOREST, WHIMBLE

8 miles (12km), 500m ascent. Allow 3.5-4 hrs.



There is a magnificent monument to be seen from the A44 which at one stage it stood by. The memorial is to Sir George Cornwall Lewis (See Wikipedia here)

8 Miles (13 kms) Allow 4 hrs.

A walk with moderate ascents to sample the freedom and expanse of Radnor Forest on its southern borders with distant views to enjoy.

Park in Broad Street, New Radnor - Grid Ref: SO213608

WALK 5

NOTE- amendments to published version shown in bold.

(1) Walk up Broad Street to High Street and turn right into Park Road, then almost immediately left into the metalled lane of Mutton Dingle. (The Castle Mound is on the left.)

(2) After approx 300m steady climb, **turn right at first house on left and take bridleway path through gate up hill**, turn right onto bridleway going up along the side of the dingle. This climbs up to the edge of the forestry, with splendid rearward views on the way through gaps in the hedging. Go through a wooden gate with adjoining stile, and further on veer left by a footpath waymark. Distant views of Herefordshire hills ahead and to the right.

(3) Continue ahead, at first with mixed woodland either side, but then climb through cleared forestry with fields on the right. On reaching the forest road, the waymark points directly ahead on the forest road, which soon makes a left turn. The right of way marked on the map

crosses the road and continues uphill slightly to the left on a grassy track with the Whimble summit directly ahead. The path soon rejoins the forest road, which has made a sweeping left turn, and the waymarking follows the path again. Turn right and immediately left onto a clearly waymarked grassy path going uphill. This shortly joins another forest road; turn right to pass barn and pens.

(4) This forest road continues to the northeast, passing through two gates. There is a waymarked stile to the right of the gate, and a further stile at the end of the field to rejoin the road. The gate is marked "Private Road", and the right of way on the map lies slightly above the line of the road; however there is no clear path across the hillside at that point. Further along the right of way rejoins the clear farm track with magnificent views all around. After two more gates and approx 1.5km, you reach the southern edge of Radnor Forest having come round the side of Bache Hill. Turn left here and follow the forest road, gently climbing along the north flank of the hill. Views on the right into the nearest valley are of Cascob village. Where the road bends to the right after about 2km, at the corner of a forestry plantation, look for a stile on the left next to a metal gate, and cross onto a level area of moorland.

(5) At this point the walk can be extended by walking up the open hillside veering slightly right to follow the line of the fence with **firing range** land. The moorland track leads to the radio mast at Black Mixen – the second highest spot on Radnor Forest at 650 metres. This is an extension of some 1km each way but the height gives further views with a fine 360° panorama, and views down into Harley Dingle (a danger area used for a firing range). Retrace steps almost back to the stile, but on regaining level ground turn right and go through gate onto a grassy track. At first this path leads steeply down the flank of this remote valley, and then it levels off into a pleasant track with dramatic views of the Whimble ahead. Ignore the track on the left that goes through a gate and continue ahead to pass beside the Whimble and reach a forestry plantation on the left.

(6) Continue with the forestry on the left, and start to descend. Views open up ahead of the Brecon Beacons and the Black Mountains. **There is a permissive route to the top of The Whimble here.** The track bears to the left and reaches a stile by a gate. Cross the stile to reach a track, which shortly feeds into a lane at the head of Mutton Dingle. Continue steeply downhill back to New Radnor, rejoining the first part of the walk.

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