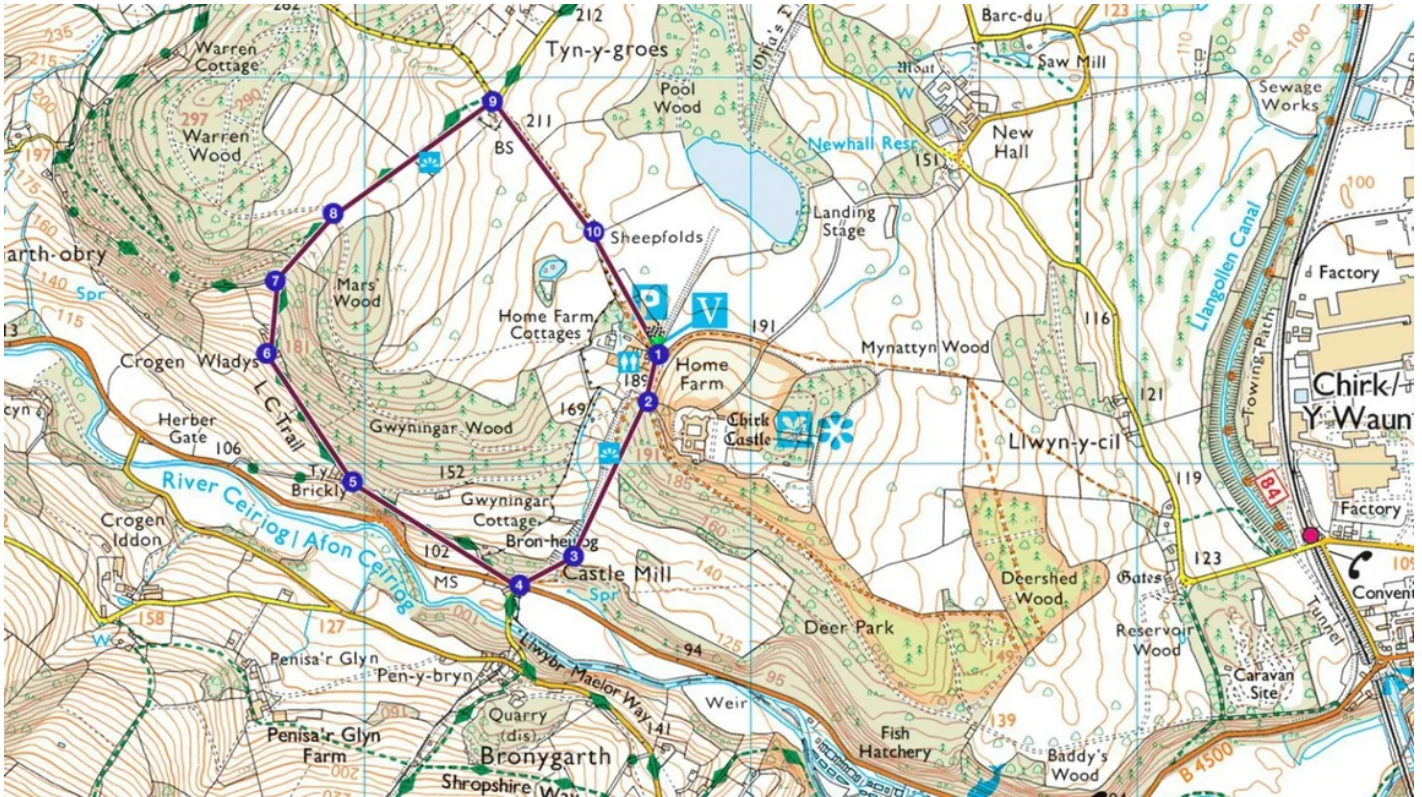


WALES

## Battle of Crogen circular walk

Find the Gates of the Dead and the site of the Battle of Crogen on this circular walk from Chirk Castle. Walking alongside Offa's Dyke you will stumble across 1,000 years of history and conflict. This walk is part permissive, so is available April to September only.



### Information

Address: Chirk Castle car park, postcode LL14 5AF.

OS map: OS Explorer 256 and Landranger 117

Activity: Walking

Moderate: Easy but steep terrain, with a mixture of woodland paths and country tracks. For more info see Facilities section.

Dog friendly: Dogs on leads welcome.

Full trail: Miles: 3 (km: 4.8)

Duration: 2 hours - 3 hours

### Terrain

Easy but steep terrain, with a mixture of woodland paths and country tracks. Suitable shoes advised, especially in wet weather. Part permissive path, open April to September only.

### Total steps: 10

Start point: Chirk Castle car park. Grid ref: SJ267384

1. Exit the car park, go past Home Farm and turn right when you get to the driveway.
2. After 100 yards, turn right and follow the path down through the woodland. This is a permissive path open from April to September.
3. Walk down the path, continue over the stile and follow the white marker posts through the field. This field used to be known as 'the chase' and is thought to have been part of the old deer park. There is a well preserved section of Offa's Dyke on your right. Continue to the bottom of the field and climb over the stile.
4. Continue down the slope through the trees to the bottom of the valley. You will see the enormous oak at the Gates of the Dead on your left. This tree is believed to date back to the 11th century, so would have been standing in 1165 at the time of the Battle of Crogen. There is also information about the Battle of Crogen further down the path on your left. Continue down the path. Don't cross the road – instead turn right after 10 yards (9m) then take the track to the right.
5. After 500 yards (457m) turn right at the fork and head uphill with the woodland on your right.
6. Continue uphill, passing a farm, for another 600 yards (548m).
7. Take the right-hand track via the signposted metal kissing gate into the field following the marker posts. Continue through the fields.
8. After 250 yards (229m) go through the metal kissing gate and head to the left of the houses. Continue along the fields. There is a fantastic view of Chirk Castle on your right.
9. Turn right through the next kissing gate and take the National Trust path to the right of the houses.
10. Continue to follow the path through the field back to Chirk Castle car park.

