

WALES

## Colby Estate Little Craig y Borian Walk (Blue Trail)

An easy circular walk, through woodland, crossing a stream and up to the hidden gem of 'Little Craig Y Borian' Farmstead (a National Trust holiday cottage). Great views across farmland as you descend back to Colby Woodland Gardens.

### Wildlife to spot

Spring brings the chance to spot a Nuthatch or a Great Spotted Woodpecker, with Mayflies dancing over moving water. Early butterflies such as the Brimstone and Orange-tip emerge. The Woodland edges and understory are filled with bluebells. Watch out for rabbits in farmland edges. In summer, listen for the melodic songs of Blackcaps and the distinctive call of the Chiffchaff. Bats are hunting insects at dusk. You might spot frogs and newts in damp woodland areas. In autumn, spot Fungi, on the fallen trees and branches. Squirrels and small mammals are gathering food for winter. In winter, the woodlands come alive with feeding flocks of Great Tits, Blue Tits, and Long-tailed Tits, while Blackbirds, Robins, and Wrens fill the air with their calls. Farm hedgerows provide a winter refuge for Fieldfares and Redwings.



### Information

Address: Colby Woodland Garden, near Amroth, Pembrokeshire, SA67 8PP

Activity: Walking

Easy

Dog friendly: Dogs under close control welcome on Colby Estate. Dogs on leads welcome in Colby Woodland Garden. Dogs on leads only through farmland (see signs on gates on entering farmland).

Full trail: Miles: 2.2 miles (3.5km) (km: NaN)

Duration: 1 hour 15 mins

### Terrain

The terrain varies. Areas in the woodland have uneven ground, can be muddy, and include loose stone and exposed tree roots. Stream wood bridge crossing, narrow, no handrail, slippery. The stream can sometimes be forded. Hard stone access track surface.

### Total stages: 6

Start point: Colby Estate Upper car park, grid ref: SN 15990 08175

1. Facing the noticeboard at the top end of the carpark, go left along the woodland track. Continue for about 15 mins, just before the end of the track fork left on a gentle descent down a track towards the stream.
2. Either cross the stream at the ford when water flow is low or use the single footway to cross (no handrail). Follow blue waymarkers heading up a short steep ascent continuing around a sharp U bend. At the brow of the hill keep left on your path as it bends towards Little Craig Y Borian. (Ignore the gated path off right for the Pink & Orange trails). The path levels off.
3. At Little Craig Y Borian farmstead walk in front of the farmhouse and up the hill to follow its peaceful vehicle access track all the way along as it descends to the road.
4. You will reach a settlement of cottages and pass a private access to the old miners 'Club Cottage' on your left. On your right, you'll see another National Trust cottage, once a home to the National Trust donor of Colby Lodge.
5. Turn left at the road, passing Rose Cottage on your left (National Trust holiday cottage).
6. Pass Colby Lodge (private) entrance on your right, to reach a rear public access through to the Tea Room and WC's. Visit the Craft Gallery, and National Trust Visitor centre and book shop. To return to the upper car park, take the path opposite the lower car park entrance.

Elevation details: Total ascent 80m/descent 80m. Highest  
point: 150m

End point: Colby Estate car park, grid ref: SN 15990 08175

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