

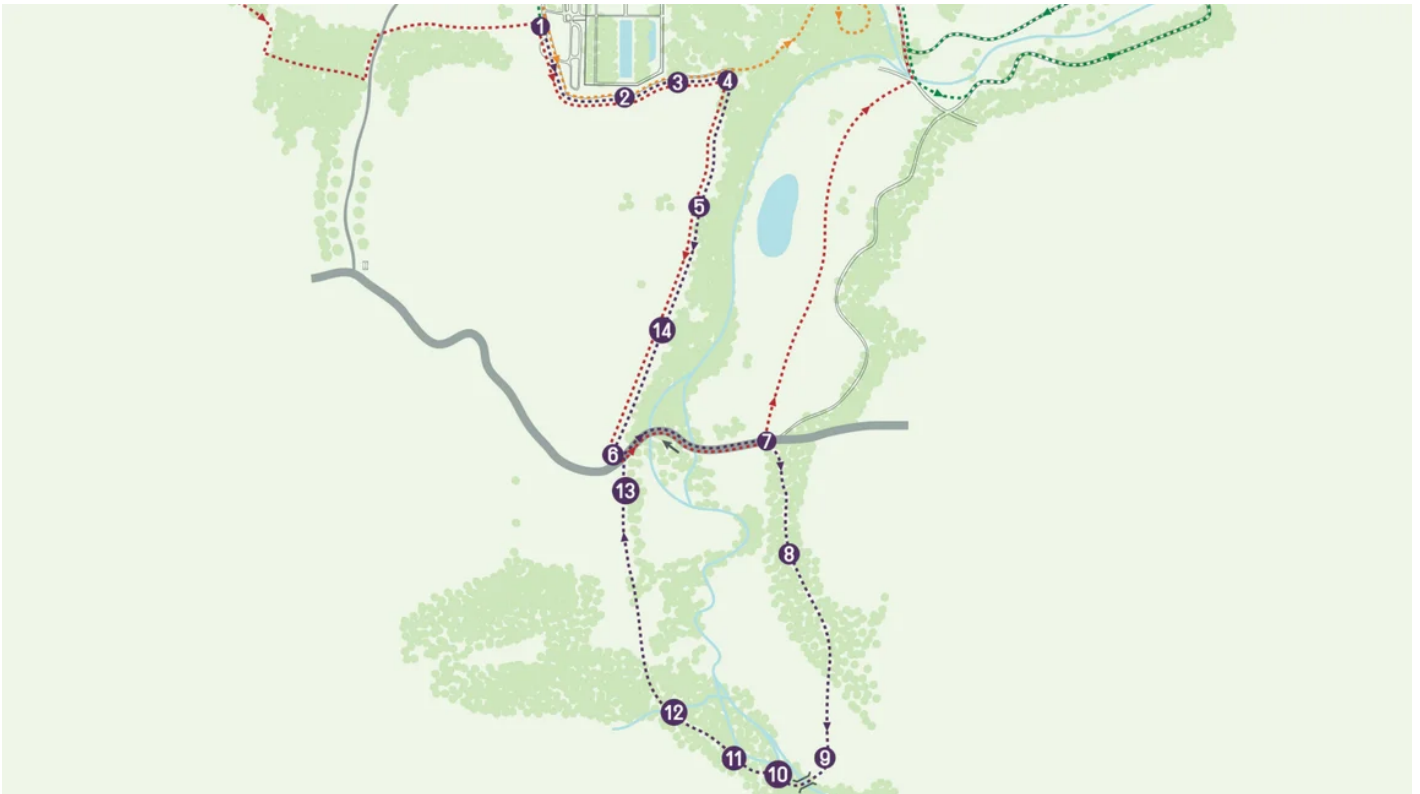
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Erddig Bryn-y-Cabanau and Lewis Wood walk

Erddig's Bryn-y-Cabanau woodland walk in Wrexham is a 3-mile circular walk around a purple waymarked route through a mix of riverside paths and woodland.

i Explore a 300-year-old wood

The peaceful 300-year-old Lewis Wood brings a rich abundance of wildlife and bluebells in spring. Bryn-y-Cabanau Wood is thought to have been used as a 19th-century rifle range, chosen for its remoteness and steep, wooded banks.



Information

Address: Erddig car park, Wrexham, Wales, LL13 0YT.

OS map: Explorer 256

Activity: Walking

Easy: Footpaths and gravel paths with boggy areas, as well as some steep inclines and declines. For further details, please see section marked Terrain.

Dog friendly: Please keep your dog on a lead throughout.

Full trail: Miles: 3 (km: 4.8)

Access: Challenging

Duration: 1 hour 30 mins - 2 hours

Terrain

Footpaths and gravel paths mainly throughout with some boggy areas with boardwalks in place. In Bryn-y-Cabanau Wood there are some steep inclines and declines with various steps and footbridges. This route goes through open fields where cattle are usually grazing, one of which is quite steep.

Total steps: 14

Start point: Erddig car park, grid ref: SJ326481

1. Start by the dovecote and walk east through the coach park, continuing straight on to the stony track. On your right you'll see the dead oak tree (*Quercus robur*), which is home to barn owls and a myriad of invertebrates.
2. Follow the path round to the left and past the ha-ha.
3. Continue along the path and enter Big Wood.
4. Follow the path round to the left and take the right-hand path, following the waymarkers.
5. At the next set of waymarkers turn right and continue along Lime Walk, enjoying the views across the French meadow, following the course of the Clywedog River below you.
6. At the end of Lime Walk go through the kissing gate onto the road. Take care when entering the road as there is a blind bend. Turn left and make your way down the steep road over the bridge and towards Sontley Road car park.
7. Continue past Sontley Road car park and go through the kissing gate on the other side of the road, following the purple waymarker.
8. Follow the footpath through Lewis Wood for about half a kilometre, following the purple waymarker arrows as you go.
9. At the edge of the woodland head over a stile leading out onto an open field. Bearing slightly left, go across the field where you will reach an iron footbridge across the

Clywedog River.

10. Continue along the footpath to the right, entering Bryn-y-Cabanau Wood.
 11. Stay on the footpath running through the wood with several sets of steps and slopes along the route.
 12. Walk over a small wooden bridge and a stile, then head out of the woodland and into an open field.
 13. Make your way up the field and over a stile at the top, then you arrive back out onto Sontley Road.
 14. Cross over the road and retrace Steps 1 to 6 back through the kissing gate at the end of Lime Walk, through Big Wood and round the east of the house passing the ha-ha and returning once again to the dovecote.
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