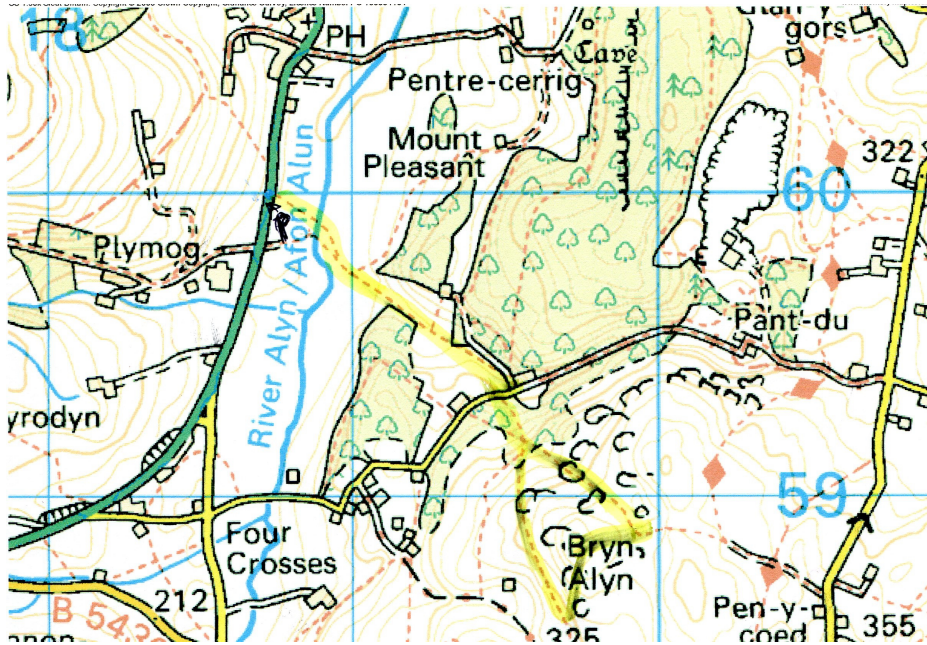


## Bryn Alyn: – Denbighshire.



**Height:**

**1312 feet or 400 meters**

**Distance to summit:**

**1.3 miles or 2.06 kilometres**

**Time to summit:**

**1 hour to 1.5 hours**

**Difficulty:**

**Moderate for the first part of the walk but the gradient is very steep for the last third of the way.**

**Getting there:**

**Take the A494 from Mold and pass through Loggerheads and Llanferres. The start is at the lay-by on the left, just as you leave Llanferres in the Ruthun direction.**

## **Parking:**

**Parking is free in the lay-by.**

## **The Area**

**Mostly mixed farming in the river valley but there is evidence of mining on the upper slopes.**



## **Directions.**

**Leave the lay-by at the Llanferres end by climbing the stile. Follow the farm track (signposted Maeshafn) and keep the hedge to your right. Cross the river via the flat bridge and bear to your right.**

**Keeping the river to your right, walk towards the stile in the corner of the field.**

**Continue along this path across the stepping stones (look out for the springs here) and up through the lightly wooded area until you pass a pair of white houses on your right. This part of the path can be very muddy after rain or melted snow.**

**At the road, turn right (signposted Bryn Alyn) and in 100 yards take the path over the stile, to your left (signposted Bryn Alyn). Here the going gets very steep but if you take your time it is worth the effort.**

**On the OS map, this area has “levels” marked. If you look at the area around you will notice that it does not look natural and is due to spoil being dumped during the process of mining.**

**Once you leave the wooded area you will notice a large gate and to its left a stile. Climb the stile and follow the direction of the arrow, to your left. Continue your climb through open moorland, over the ridge until you see a broken limestone wall.**



**At this point, turn right and climb up to the top of the ridge. This is Bryn Alyn.**

**At the summit.**

**Hopefully, you will have clear air. To the south east is Eryrys whilst to the north west is the Jubilee Tower on Moel Famau.**

**To the east is Nercwys Mountain.**

**Return walk.**

**You may return to the lay-by by retracing your ascent.**

**If you wish, you could return by a slightly different route. However, be warned, the path is not too clear in one place although you should not get lost.**

**The return distance via this route is 2.2 kms or 1.4 miles.**

**Continue along the ridge, keeping the drop to your right. Descend for about 100 yards and you will see a path to your right. Turn right here.**



**Follow the track around to the right and follow the wide gully to the right. You will have a wall and trees to your left whilst to the right will be the limestone outcrops.**

**Walk through the gap in the wall and out into a grassy field. Continue your descent along the path until you reach a ladder stile. Climb the ladder stile and continue on following the contour of the land and ensuring that the higher ground is to your right.**

**Head towards the trees and you will spot a birch tree with yellow paint on a lower branch.**



**Walk under this branch and follow the path as it drops to another ladder stile. Climb the stile and drop down to the path where you turn left. You are now back on the path you used to climb Bryn Alyn.**

**At the road turn right and then left at the sign post for Plymog/Llanferres. Follow the path back to the lay-by on the A494.**

**Here are some questions for you;**

**By what name is Harts Tongue Fern known in Welsh**

**What is the English name for the plant known as Crydwellt in Welsh?**

**What is the name give to the white cottage that you pass on your walk?**

**Refreshments.**

**There is the Druids Inn in Llanferres or We Three At Loggerheads in Loggerheads. There is also Caffé Florence in the Loggerheads Country Park.**