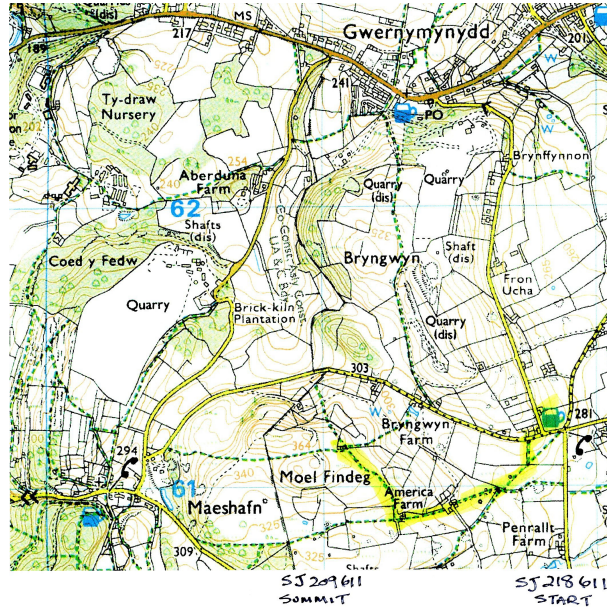


Moel Findeg: Walk 1 – Flintshire.



Height:

1200 feet or 364 metres

Distance to summit:

0.75 miles or 1 kilometre

Time to summit:

¾ hour

Difficulty:

Moderate. The climb near the top is a little steep, but the early part of the walk is through grassy meadows.

Getting there:

Follow the A494 Mold by-pass and through the lower part of Gwernymynydd village. Take the left at Eagles and Crawfords yard, following the signs for The Owain Glyndwr Inn.

Parking:

Park near the Owain Glyndwr Inn. There is not much room here but please park sensibly to avoid causing a problem.

The Area

The area is agricultural land given over to cattle and sheep grazing. There is evidence of lead mining in the area. Many of the small mounds you see are in fact waste material from the defunct lead shafts. You will also see both working and disused limestone quarries.

Directions.

From the Owain Glyndwr Inn, following Ffordd Bryngwyn for about 50 yards. Take the footpath over the wooden stile, indicated on the left hand side of the road.

Cross the first field to a stone stile and continue across the next field, keeping the broken fence on your right. The access to the next wooden stile is often boggy ground – so take care.

Once over the stile, turn right and follow the track past the front of America Farm to the next gateway. At that gateway you will see a wooden stile which you should climb to get into the next field.

The footpath follows the line of the fence so keep the fence on your right until you find a stile in the corner of the field. Once over this stile, follow the grassy track across the next field until you get to a gap in the fence which has a pile of stones on your right.

At this point, turn right i.e. northwards and follow the path upwards until you reach another grassy track. Turn right and continue your climb until you see two large stones.

At the stones turn left and follow the path upwards and around to your right.



At this point you will see a building (with aerials) and the summit of Moel Findeg to your right.

Climb the last 40 yards to the top. **Be very careful here as the ground falls away sharply on the east and northern side.**

At the summit.

If you look east you will see Beeston Castle sitting on the Cheshire Plain. Turning to the north you may see the River Dee, The Wirral and (on a very clear day) Liverpool. Moving towards the west there is the Halkyn Mountains and further on is Moel Fammau. To the south is the area around Llangollen.

You will also be able to spot both old and new quarries in the area.

Here are some questions for you to answer;

1. Who would benefit from the aerials
2. What building material is made at "Cape Canaveral"(look east)
3. Which city has two cathedrals (look north)

Return walk.

The best way to get back is to retrace the steps of your ascent

Refreshments.

There is an inn in Maeshafn (Miners Inn) as well as the Owen Glyndwyr where you parked the car. There is also the Rainbow Inn, The Swan and Plas Hafod in Gwernymynydd. Further afield are the We Three at Loggerheads and Cafe Florence in Loggerheads Country Park.