

## WALK 3 : Penisar Mynydd Caravan Park to Prestatyn Town

**Duration of walk :** 2 hours one way (assuming you return by taxi from Prestatyn)

**Description :** This walk follows the northern most part of Offa's Dyke, the long distance footpath. It takes you from the caravan park to the town of Prestatyn where there are a wide variety of shops, pubs and amenities. The walk is a linear walk so the idea is that you can walk to Prestatyn, do your shopping, enjoy a drink in a bar, then get a local taxi back to the caravan park (obviously the more energetic of you can retrace your route back on foot if you so desire).

**Highlights :** This walk can be considered in three parts :

Part 1 : a short walk along pleasant country lanes

Part 2 : join Offa's Dyke following a sign posted footpath across fields with great views

Part 3 : a stunning path through a wooded area as it contours around Prestatyn mountain offering amazing views over the North Wales coast.

1 From the caravan park, turn right and follow the road for approximately 500 yards until you reach a white bungalow on your left, next to a road junction.



2 Turn left to follow the signs for "Cwm 1 3/4". Follow the pleasant country lane past 'Bryn Glas' farm for half a mile. Having walked up a slight incline, you come across two styles, one on the left and one on the right.



3 Climb the style on the right to enter a field. Proceed straight across the field towards the small hamlet of Marian Cwm (aiming for the small chapel). You have now joined Offa's Dyke, the long distance footpath that follows the border between England and Wales, from Chepstow in South Wales and ending in Prestatyn.



4 As you approach Marian Cwm, you will notice a style with the Offa's Dyke "acorn" on it. We will be following these for the rest of the walk. Cross the style to take you to the road in the village. In the village, go left then almost immediately right to climb the limestone ridge behind the village.



5 At the top of the ridge you will get lovely views west along the North Wales coast towards Snowdonia across the Vale of Clwyd. Also in the foreground is the Moel Hiraddug hill, while to the north (where you are heading) are the wind turbines off the coast of Prestatyn.



6 Descend down the other side of the ridge heading towards the right of a farmhouse. Cross two stone styles to access a track that takes you to the left, in front of the farmhouse. Pass in front of the farmhouse.



7 Approximately 100 yards past the farmhouse, the route goes right over the first of two stone styles as you walk across two small meadows.



8 A third stone style brings you back onto a stone farm track. Turn right and follow the track for 100 yards to reach a road.



9 At the road, turn left and cross the road. After only a few yards, you will see another style taking you into a field. Proceed straight across the field towards a hedge and trees (keep the hedge on your right).



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10 Having crossed a wooden style below the trees, at a second style you reach a bridleway. Turn right onto the bridleway and proceed straight ahead, following the bridleway down into a wooded valley.



11 You will soon reach some old industrial workings next to a stream. Follow the gravel road around to your left to proceed past "Marian Mill Trout Hatchery". Follow the road (now tarmaced) uphill past some cottages.



12 Where the road turns sharp right, you will see a style on your left. Climb the style and cross the field to reach a main road. At the road, go right for approximately 20 yards, then cross the road to access another style taking you into a field. Cross the field keeping the fence to your left. Then cross a style to cross another field, heading down towards a style.



13 The style leads you onto a quiet country lane. Turn left and follow the lane for 100 yards to reach yet another style on your right. Cross the style and after a brief climb, enter a field. Go straight across following the line of the telephone poles. Then cross a second field in the same direction to reach a style and a country lane. Turn left and then right.



14 Follow the yellow arrow and the sign for "Red Roofs" to go through a kissing gate. Follow the road to approach a bungalow (with a red roof!). As you approach the gate of the bungalow, the path goes off to your right and leads you into a wooded area. Just follow the path as it leads you around Prestatyn mountain, with stunning views.



15 You will reach a fork in the path (still in the woods). Ignore the fork to the left for "Meliden", instead keep right going uphill towards "Prestatyn".



16 You will reach a second fork in the path, this time keeping left towards "Bryn Prestatyn".



17 As the path opens out with stunning views over Prestatyn (weather permitting), you will reach a third fork in the path. Ignore the route left towards "Bishops Wood", instead going right towards "Prestatyn". Also ignore the path leading to "Gwaenysgor".



18 After a brief steep section of the path, the views will open up given you stunning views of Prestatyn and the North Wales coast. Keep following the path. Eventually the path will start to descend into the town of Prestatyn through a wooded area.



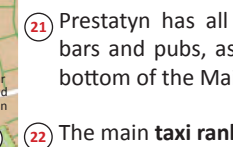
19 After quite a lot of downhill, you will reach a post on your left where the path doubles-back on itself to take you down some wooden steps, leading you into a small car park. From the car park, follow the road downhill to join a second road after 50 yards. Keep right for 50 yards as the road bears sharply left.



20 Follow the road straight down as this leads you past some smart houses directly into the main street of Prestatyn.



21 Prestatyn has all the local amenities, shops, restaurants, bars and pubs, as well as a new shopping complex at the bottom of the Main Street.



22 The main taxi rank is to be found at the bottom of the Main Street for your return journey.

