



Walk Description

Title: Llangollen - Valle Crucis - Castell Dinas Bran

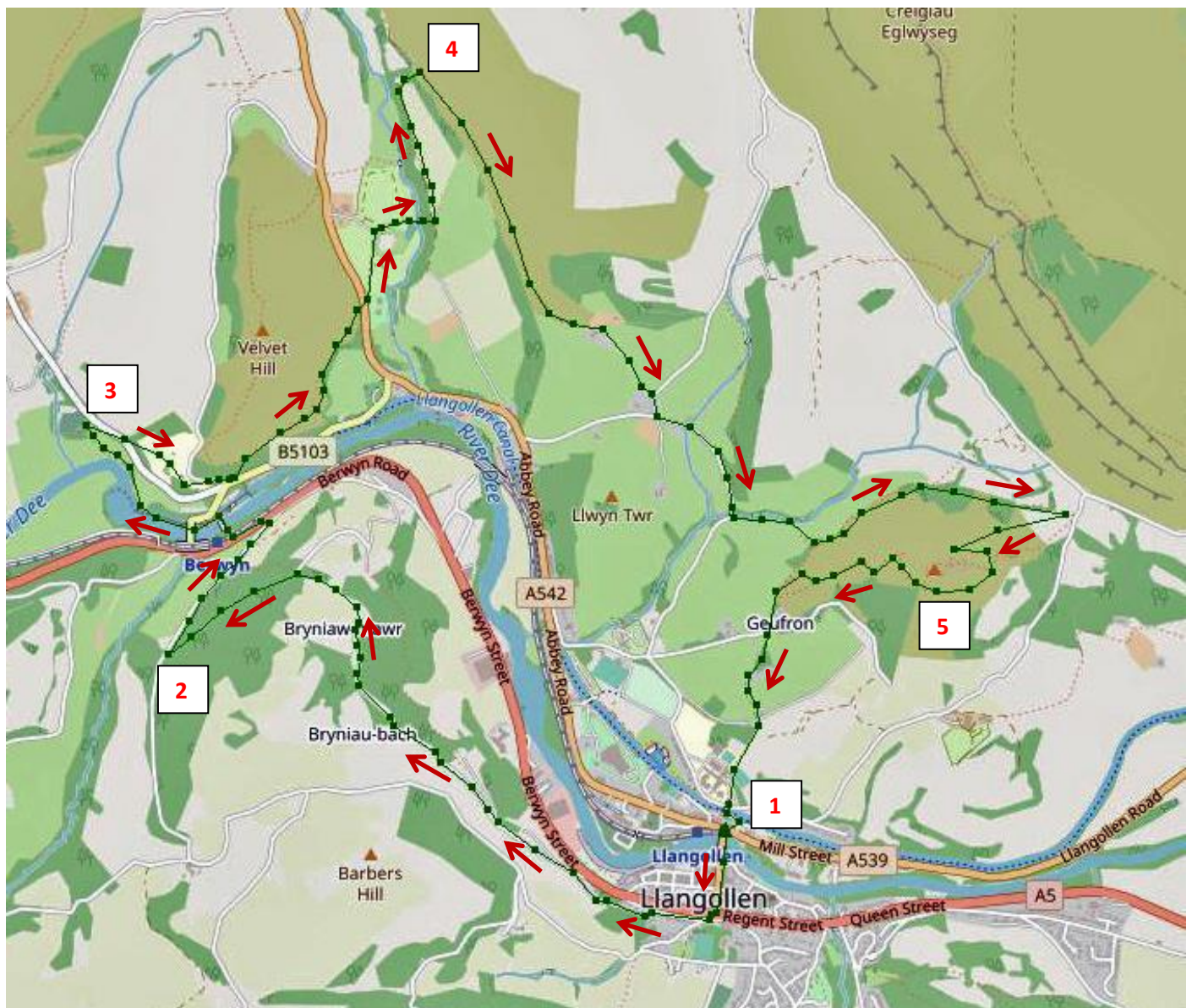
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Distance: 7½ Miles

Ascent: 1752ft

Start: Llangollen Bridge - Castle Street – Llangollen - LL20 8PN – MapRef SJ 215422

- 1) From the the north side of the bridge cross the bridge and walk up Castle Street to the T junction – Cross the road turn right then left to Hall Street – Turn right and walk along Hall Street until a road on the left – Turn left and soon the road turns into a footpath – Follow the path until it meets a minor road – Turn left and follow the road uphill for ¾ mile (MapRef SJ 203429) – Here the road turns into a track – Follow the track for ¼ mile – Where the track turns sharp right carry straight on to a footpath which leads downhill to a minor road. (1¾ Miles)
- 2) Turn right and walk downhill to the A5 road – Cross the road and turn left – At a footbridge turn right over the railway and the River Dee – Climb up to the Llangollen Canal and the towpath – Turn left and follow the path to the end of the canal and the **Horseshoe Falls** on the River Dee – Follow the path to **Llantysilio Parish Church**. (2½ Miles)
- 3) From the church walk to the minor road in front of you – Cross the road and walk to the Horseshoe Falls Car Park – Walk along the access road to the B5103 - Turn left and immediately look for a footpath on the left – Take the path which forks after a few metres – Take the right fork and follow the path for ½ mile to the A542 road – Go straight across the road and enter the grounds of the **Valle Crucis Abbey** – Follow the path to a road and with the Abbey on your right turn right at a T junction – Go straight ahead taking a footpath over the river and walk through a small wood to a path – Turn left and follow the path for ¼ mile past Abbey Cottage on the left – Climb up the slope to a footpath (Clywdian Way). (4 Miles)
- 4) Turn Right and follow the path - The path contours around Fron Fawr for ¾ miles to Bryn-hyfyrd - Go past Bryn-hyfyrd and drop downhill in a south east direction to a road – Turn right and then left after 100 metres – Walk for ¼ mile on the road ignoring the 1st path on the left but taking the second left which goes east with a stream on the left hand side – At the hedge turn right and follow the path uphill to a hedge - Soon you meet a path coming from the right – Turn left and follow the path which skirts around the base of **Castel Dinas Bran** – Go through a hedge then on to a path on the right – Take this path and climb up the hill to the top of **Castel Dinas Bran**. (6¾ Miles)
- 5) After visiting the castle take the path which zig zags down the opposite side of the hill towards Geufron – On meeting a road continue straight on down the hill towards Llangollen – Go over the Llangollen Canal and on back to the start.



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