Darganfod Corwen

Mae tref farchnad fechan Corwen wedi mwynhau statws uwch na'r disgwyl am ganrifoedd lawer. Gyda'i safle strategol wrth droed Mynyddoedd y Berwyn ger troad eang yn yr Afon Dyfrdwy, mae saint o'r chweched ganrif, byddinoedd goresgynnol ac amddiffynnol, porthmyn a theithwyr coetsis Fictoraidd wedi ymweld â'r dref yn eu tro.

Felly, mae'r "Groesffyrdd" hon yng Ngogledd Cymru wedi cael digon o ymarfer o ran croesawu teithwyr. Y dyddiau hyn, maent yn dod am y bwyd a diod, yr ymdeimlad o hanes ac i archwilio un o dirweddau gwarchodedig harddaf Prydain: AHNE Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy.

Mae Corwen yn dref sydd â Chroeso i Gerddwyr ac mae'r daith gylchol fer hon, gyda thaith ddewisol i fyny bryn Pen y Pigyn, yn fan cychwyn arddechog. Mae Ffordd Gogledd y Berwyn, sy'n dringo'r mynyddoedd gwyllt rhwng Corwen a Llangollen, yn dipyn mwy o her.

Exploring Corwen

The little market town of Corwen has punched above its weight for many centuries. Occupying a strategic spot at the foot of the Berwyn Mountains beside a wide sweep of the River Dee, it's been visited in turn by sixth century saints, invading and defending armies, cattle drovers and Victorian coach passengers.

So this "Crossroads of North Wales" has had plenty of practice in welcoming travellers. Nowadays they come for the food and drink, for the sense of history and to explore one of Britain's loveliest protected landscapes.

Corwen is a Walkers Are Welcome town and this short circular tour, with a detour up Pen y Pigyn hillside, is a great place to start. The North Berwyn Way, which climbs the wild mountains between Corwen and Llangollen, is a bit more of a challenge.

Beth sy'n ei wneud yn arbennig?

Dau air: Owain Glyndŵr. Ewch chi ddim ym mhell yng Nghorwen a'r cyffiniau heb ddod o hyd i bethau i'ch atgoffa am Dywysog brodorol olaf Cymru.

Yn sicr, fedrwch chi ddim methu'r cerflun maint llawn o Owain wrth ymyl ei geffyl brwydr ar Y Sgwâr – yn union gyferbyn â'r gwesty sy'n dwyn ei enw. Dair milltir i'r dwyrain yn Llidiart-y-Parc y mae'r twmpath lle lansiodd ei wrthryfel yn erbyn rheolaeth Seisnig.

Corwen yw cartref teuluol arwr cenedlaethol Cymru, y ffigwr chwedlonol y dywedir sy'n gorwedd yng nghwsg nes y bydd ei wlad ei angen fwyaf. Mae bellach yn rhan o Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol Bryniau Clwyd a Dyffryn Dyfrdwy, ac mae'r dirwedd yn dal yn addas ar gyfer arwyr.

Ewch i www.gogleddddwyraincymru.cymru

What makes it special?

Two words: Owain Glyndŵr. You won't get far in Corwen or the surrounding area without finding reminders of the last native-born Prince of Wales.

You certainly can't miss the life-size statue of Owain astride his battle horse in The Square – right opposite the hotel that bears his name. Three miles to the east at Llidiart-y-Parc is the mound from which he launched his revolt against English rule.

Corwen is the ancestral home of Wales's national hero, the mythic figure who's said to lie sleeping until his country's greatest need. Now part of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it remains a landscape fit for heroes.

Visit www.northeastwales.wales

Ble awn ni nesaf?

Dylai siopau, caffis, tafarndai ac adeiladau hanesyddol Corwen eich cadw'n brysur am sbel. Ond os ydych chi'n penderfynu symud ymlaen, byddwch yn dod ar draws rhai o brif atyniadau Gogledd Cymru dim ond ychydig filltiroedd i ffwrdd.

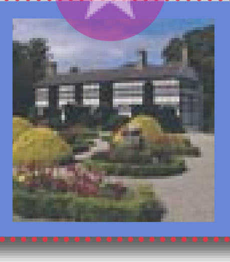
Where shall we go next?

The shops, cafés, pubs and historic buildings of Corwen should keep you busy for a while. When you do decide to move on, you'll find some of the leading attractions of North Wales just a few miles away.

Plas Newydd

Ewch i gartref Gothig cywrain "Merched Llangollen", cerddwch trwy eu gerddi a chael paned yn yr hen stabl.

www.sirddinbych.gov.uk/treftadaeth 01978 862834



Plas Newydd

Visit the elaborate Gothic home of "The Ladies of Llangollen", stroll their gardens and take tea in the old stable.

www.denbighshire.gov.uk/heritage 01978 862834

Canolfan Grefft Rhuthun

Tair oriel, stiwdios gwneuthurwyr, siop a chaffi – y cyfan mewn adeilad cyfoes sy'n waith celf ynddo'i hun.

www.canolfangrefftrhuthun.org.uk 01824 704774

Ruthin Craft Centre

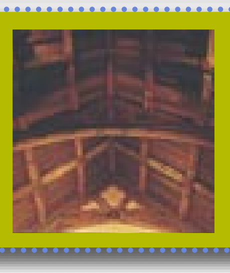
Three galleries, makers' studios, a shop and a café – all in a contemporary building that's a work of art in itself.

www.ruthincraftcentre.org.uk 01824 704774

Capel y Rug

Capel o'r ail ganrif ar bymtheg, dim ond milltir i'r gogledd-orllewin o Gorwen ar yr A494 (gofynnwch i weld Eglwys Llangar gerllaw hefyd).

www.cadw.gov.wales 01443 336000



Rug Chapel

Seventeenth century chapel is just a mile north-west of Corwen on A494 (ask to see nearby Llangar Church too).

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Tref i bob diwrnod

Nid Corwen yw'r unig dref yn Sir Ddinbych gyda llwybr ei hun. Mae saith llwybr arall – pob un yn llawn o ddiddordeb hanesyddol. Ond pob un yn wahanol iawn, gyda'r gobaith y byddwch yn darganfod hynny dros eich hunain. Cyn belled â bod gennych wythnos neu ddwy arall i'w sbario.

A town for every day

Corwen isn't the only town in Denbighshire with its very own trail. There are seven others – all packed with historic interest. But all very different, as we hope you'll discover for yourself. Just as long as you have another week or so to spare.

Ewch i Rhuthun i weld yr oriel celfyddydau cymhwysol gorau yng Nghymru, Llangollen am ei rheilffordd stêm a'i chelfyddyd bywiog, Corwen i weld cofeb un o arwyr mwyaf Cymru a Dinbych am ei chastell ar ben y bryn a muriau tref atgofus.

Rhuthun Ruthin – llwybr y dref town trail – sir ddinbych denbighshire

Llangollen – llwybr y dref town trail – sir ddinbych denbighshire

Y Rhyl Rhyl – llwybr y dref town trail – sir ddinbych denbighshire

Prestatyn – llwybr y dref town trail – sir ddinbych denbighshire

Visit Ruthin for the best applied arts gallery in Wales, Llangollen for its steam railway and thriving arts scene, Corwen for a stirring memorial to Wales's greatest hero and Denbigh for its hilltop castle and evocative town walls.

Ewch i'r Rhyl ar gyfer ei phromenâd a thair milltir o dywod euraidd, Prestatyn ar gyfer dechrau Llwybr Cenedlaethol Clawdd Offa, Rhuddlan am ei chastell ar lan yr afon a Llanelwy i weld y gadeirlan hynafol leiaf ym Mhrydain.

Dinbych Denbigh – llwybr y dref town trail – sir ddinbych denbighshire

Corwen – llwybr y dref town trail – sir ddinbych denbighshire

Llanelwy St Asaph – llwybr y ddinas city trail – sir ddinbych denbighshire

Rhuddlan – llwybr y dref town trail – sir ddinbych denbighshire

Visit Rhyl for its promenade and three miles of golden sands, Prestatyn for the start of Offa's Dyke Path National Trail, Rhuddlan for its stupendous riverside castle and St Asaph for the smallest ancient cathedral in Britain.

5 Taith

Trefi marchnad prysur wedi'u hamgylchynu gan un o'r tirweddau mwyaf prydferth a ddiogelir yng Nghymru. Morlin trawiadol. Atyniadau treftadaeth byd-enwog a byd celfyddydol cyffrous. Bwyd a diod bendigedig.

Mae cymaint yn digwydd yn Sir Ddinbych fel ei bod yn anodd gwybod lle i ddechrau. Felly rydym ni wedi creu pum taith wahanol i chi archwilio.

Beth bynnag eich hwyliau neu'ch hoffter, mae yna daith sy'n berffaith i chi – sy'n cynnwys llwybrau arfordirol syfrdanol, tirnodau cefn gwlad, cadarnleoedd tyrog, trysorau diwylliannol a chyrchfannau coginiol.

Codwch gopi o'r daflen 5 Taith neu llwythwch hi i lawr ar ein gwefan.

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5 Journeys

Bustling market towns surrounded by one of the most beautiful protected landscapes in Wales. A spectacular coastline. World-famous heritage attractions and a buzzing arts scene. Delicious food and drink.

There's so much going on in Denbighshire that it's hard to know where to start. So we've created a set of five different journeys for you to experience.

Whatever your mood or personal passion, there's a route that's right for you – taking in epic coastal paths, countryside landmarks, towering fortresses, cultural treasures or culinary destinations along the way.

Pick up the 5 Journeys leaflet or download it from our website.

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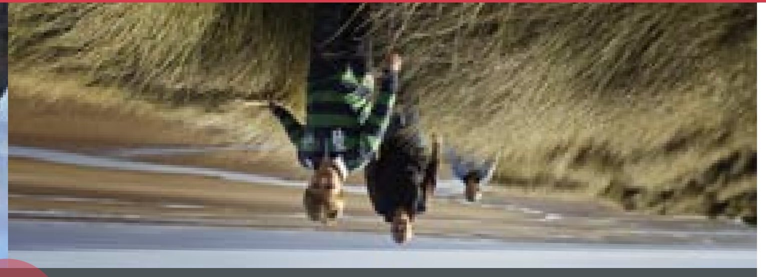
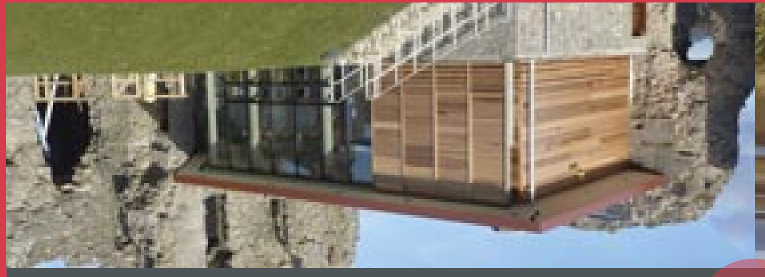




Corwen

llwybr y dref
town trail

sir ddinbych
denbighshire

1 Dôl Corwenna

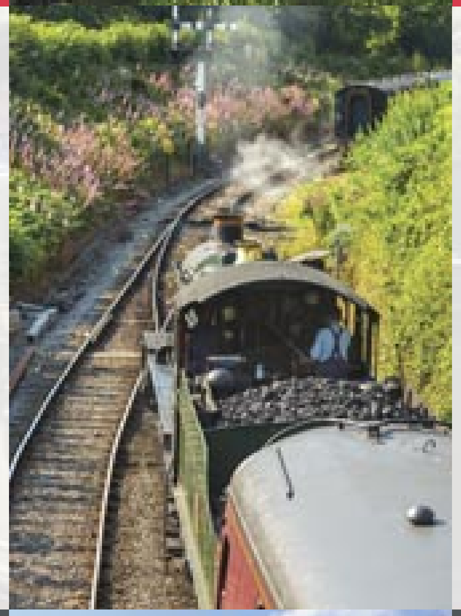
Ewch i gyfeiriad yr arwydd werdd ar ochr ddwyreiniol y maes parcio a dilynwch y llwybr.

Peidiwch â chael eich twyllo. Efallai bod Dôl Corwenna yn edrych fel parc bach hardd yng nghanol Corwen (ac mae o). Ond mae hefyd yn safle ecolegol a fwriadwyd i brofi effeithiau newid hinsawdd. Wrth i amodau newydd amlygu eu hunain, bydd y dolydd gwair a blodau gwyllt a'r blodau yn y Calendr Hinsawdd yn dangos y newid i dirwedd Cymru. Mae gan y Berllan Gymunedol bwrpas yr un mor bwysig - gan roi cynhaeaf o afalau, gellyg, ceirios ac, wrth gwrs, Eirin Dinbych i'r dref eu rhannu.

2 Rheilffordd Dreftadaeth

Roedd Corwen wedi bod yn aros am y trên am bron i 50 mlynedd pan gyrhaeddodd o'r diwedd yn 2014. Daeth yr estyniad gwerth £1 miliwn i Reilffordd Dreftadaeth Llangollen-Corwen â sŵn croesawus caniad y trên a hisian stêm i'r dref am y tro cyntaf ers toriadau Beeching ym 1965. Rŵan gallwch deithio am 10 milltir gogoneddus o'r platfform newydd i Langollen heibio i orsafoedd Carrog, Glyndyfrdwy a Berwyn, gan ddilyn glannau'r Afon Dyfrdwy ar eich ffordd. Dyma un o deithiau rheilffordd prydferthaf Prydain.

Yn ôl yn y ddôl, ewch ar hyd y llwybr ar y chwith. Trowch yn sydyn i'r chwith yn y maes parcio i ymuno â'r ffordd sy'n dod â chi at yr A5 London Road.



3 Corwen Manor

Gwnaeth ffordd Thomas Telford o Lundain i Gaergybi, yr ydych ar fin ei chroesi, Corwen yn fan aros pwysig i deithwyr rhwng Lloegr a'r Iwerddon yn yr 19eg ganrif. Yn anffodus ni allai pawb fforddio pris coets fawr – neu hyd yn oed dorth o fara. Adeiladwyd Corwen Manor fel tloty ym 1840 i roi cartref i 150 o dlodion o saith plwyf, dynion mewn un adain a merched yn y llall. Mae bellach yn ganolfan grefftau a chaffi. Gyferbyn, lle mae siop gyfleustra erbyn hyn, roedd adeilad a alwyd yn Gorffwysfa'r Crwydriaid ar un adeg. Yma roedd crwydriaid yn ennill eu bwyd a'u llety drwy dorri canpwys o gerrig y dydd – dydi hynny ddim yn swnio fel llawer o orffwys.

4 Hen Orsaf Heddlu Corwen

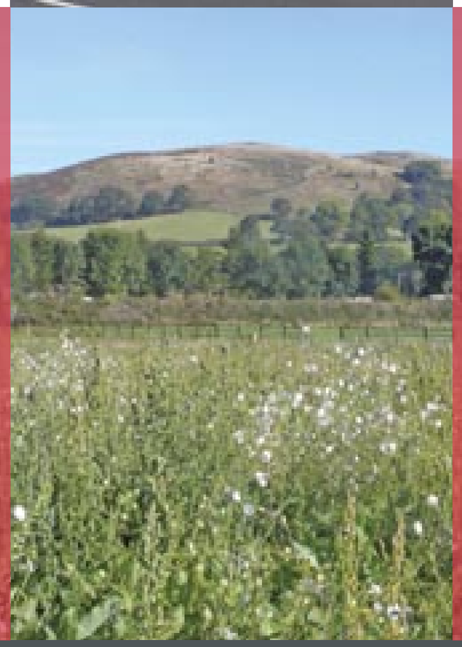
Codwyd Hen Orsaf Heddlu Corwen, wrth ymyl y Capel Wesleaidd hyfryd, ym 1871 i gynnig pedair cell, fflatiau ar gyfer cwnstabl a llys. Yn ffodus, mae digon o le yn yr adeilad hardd rhestredig Gradd II oherwydd bod gan y preswyliwr cyntaf, y Rhingyll Hugh Williams, ddim llai na 10 o blant. Roedd yn orsaf heddlu a llys hyd nes y 1970au ac mae bellach wedi cael ei droi'n llety hunan-arlwyo a gwely a brecwast moethus.

Trowch i'r chwith wrth ymyl Tŷ'r Eglwys ac ewch i'r fynwent drwy'r fynedfa ochr.

Caer Drewyn

Caer Drewyn yw'r fryngaer fwyaf deheuol o gadwyn ysblennydd o fryngaerau Oes yr Haearn sy'n ymestyn ar draws Fryniau Clwyd a Mynyddoedd Llantysilio. Mae bron i 1,000 troedfedd uwchben lefel y môr ac yn dominyddu'r nenlinell i'r gogledd-ddwyrain o Gorwen ac yn cynnig golygfeydd trawiadol o Ddyffryn Edeirnion. Mae bryngaer Caer Derwyn, a godwyd gan y Celtiaid tua 800 CC, ymhlith y bryngaerau sydd yn y cyflwr gorau yng Nghymru a, gan na chafodd ei chloddio erioed, mae'n un o'r rhai mwyaf dirgel. Ar un adeg, tyfai'r Rhufeiniaid rawnwin ar y llethrau deheuol ac fe'i defnyddiwyd fel canolfan filwrol gan y tywysogion canoloesol Owain Gwynedd ac Owain Glyndŵr.

Ewch i fyny'r Lôn Las, parciwch ym maes parcio'r ganolfan hamdden a dilynwch yr arwyddion.



1 Dôl Corwenna

Head for the green sign on the eastern side of the car park and follow path.

Don't be fooled. Dôl Corwenna might look like a pretty little park in the heart of Corwen (which it is). But it's also an ecological site intended to test the effects of climate change. As new conditions emerge, the grass and wildflower meadows and the blooms in the Climate Calendar will demonstrate the transforming Welsh landscape. The Community Orchard has an equally important purpose – providing the town with a shared harvest of apples, pears, cherries and, of course, Denbigh Plums.

2 Heritage Railway

Corwen had been waiting for the train for nearly 50 years when it finally arrived in 2014. A £1 million extension to the Llangollen-Corwen Heritage Railway brought a welcoming toot and hiss of steam to the town for the first time since the Beeching axe fell in 1965. Now you can ride for 10 glorious miles from the new platform to Llangollen via stations at Carrog, Glyndyfrdwy and Berwyn, hugging the banks of the River Dee as you go. It's one of the most beautiful railway journeys in Britain.

Back at the meadow, take the left-hand footpath. Turn sharply left at the car park to join the road that brings you to the A5 London Road.

3 Corwen Manor

Thomas Telford's London to Holyhead road, which you are about to cross, made Corwen an important staging post for travellers between England and Ireland in the 19th century. Sadly not everyone could afford the price of a stagecoach – or even a loaf of bread. Corwen Manor was built as a workhouse in 1840 to house 150 paupers from seven parishes, men in one wing and women in the other. It's now a craft centre and café. Opposite, where a convenience store now stands, was once a building called Tramps Rest. Here vagrants earned their food and lodging by breaking a hundredweight of stone a day – which doesn't sound like too much of a rest.

4 Corwen Old Police Station

Corwen Old Police Station, next to the lovely Wesleyan Chapel, was built in 1871 to provide four cells, apartments for a constable and a courthouse. Fortunately there's plenty of space in this handsome Grade II listed building because the first incumbent, Sergeant Hugh Williams, had no fewer than 10 children. It was a police station and court until the 1970s and has now been converted into luxury self-catering and bed and breakfast accommodation.

Turn left beside Church House and enter the churchyard through the side entrance.

Caer Drewyn

Caer Drewyn is the most southerly of a spectacular chain of Iron Age hillforts stretching right across the Clwydian Range and Llantysilio Mountains. It rises nearly 1,000 feet above sea level to dominate Corwen's north-east skyline and offer stunning views of the Vale of Edeyrnion. Built by Celts in about 800 BC, Caer Drewyn is one of the best-preserved hillforts in Wales and, since it was never excavated, one of the most mysterious. Romans once grew grapes on the south-facing slope and the medieval princes Owain Gwynedd and Owain Glyndŵr both used it as an army base.

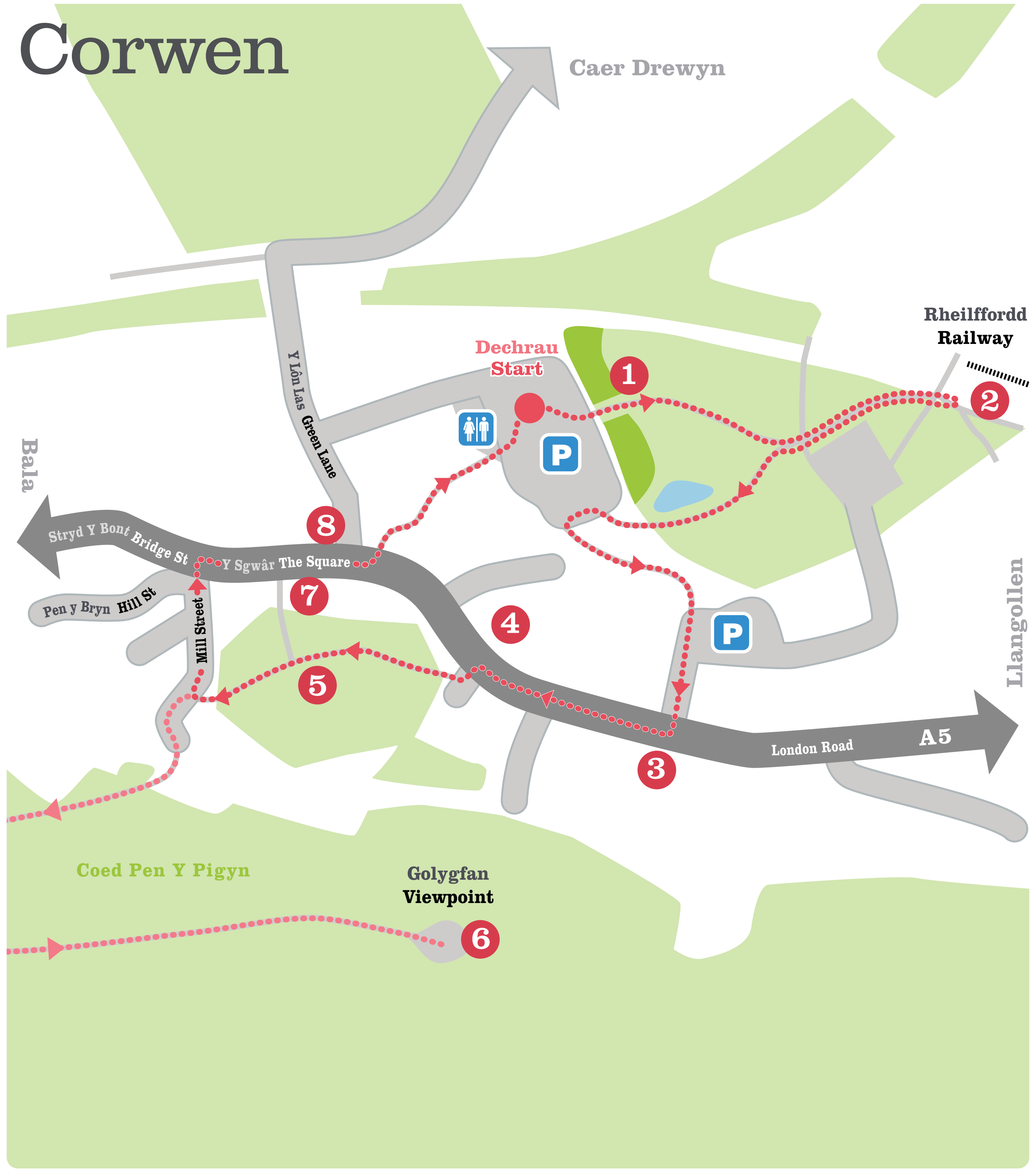
Just head up Green Lane, park in the leisure centre car park and follow the signs.

Llwybr y dref

Pellter	0.6 milltir /1km heb gynnwys Coed Pen y Pigyn
Pa mor anodd yw'r llwybr?	Cymharol wastad ac eithrio'r ddringfa gymedrol ddewisol i Goed
Amser yn cerdded	45 munud
Man cychwyn	Maes parcio Y Lôn Las LL21 ODN
Cludiant cyhoeddus	Traveline Cymru 0800 464 0000, Ymholiadau Rheilffyrdd Cenedlaethol 03457 484950

Town trail

Distance	0.6 miles /1 km excluding Coed Pen y Pigyn
Difficulty	Fairly flat except for optional moderate ascent to Coed Pen Y Pigyn
Walking time	45 minutes
Start point	Green Lane car park LL21 ODN
Public transport	Traveline Cymru 0800 464 0000, National Rail Enquiries 03457 484950



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Tra eich bod yn cerdded....

Sefwch wrth fynedfa'r eglwys ac edrychwch i lawr y llwybr at giât y fynwent. Ar y dde mae beddau gyda "cherrig penlinio", sydd ond i'w cael yn y rhan hon o Gymru, lle y credir fod gweddwon yn gweddïo am eu gwŷr ymadawedig.

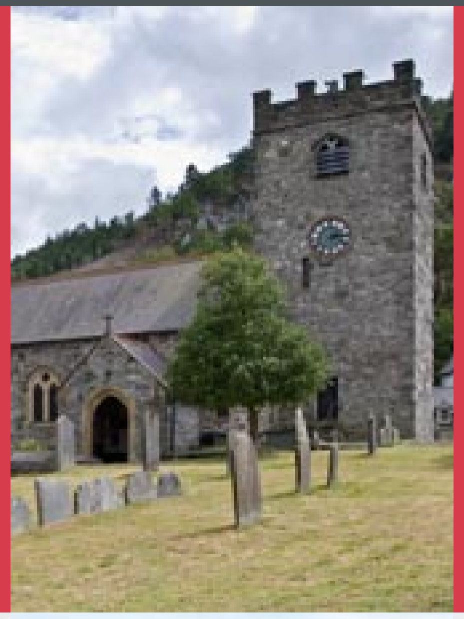
While you're walking....

Stand at the church entrance and look down the path to the lych gate. On your right are graves with "kneeling stones", found only in this part of Wales, where it's thought widows prayed for their departed husbands.

5 Eglwys Sant Mael a Sant Sulien

Sefydlodd Sant Mael a Sant Sulien eu heglwys yma yn y chweched ganrif, ond mae'r adeilad presennol yn dyddio o'r 1200au. Mae maen hir cynhanesyddol wedi'i adeiladu i mewn i'r porth wrth y fynedfa ac i'r de mae siafft yr hyn a allai fod yn groes bregethu o'r nawfed ganrif. Y tu mewn mae bedyddfaen a allai fod yn 1,000 o flynyddoedd oed. Yn y cefn, y tu ôl i fariau, cerfiwyd croes ar y lintel uwchben drws yr offeiriad – honnir ei fod yn farc a wnaed pan hyrddiodd Owain Glyndŵr ei ddagr i lawr o ochr bryn Pen y Pigyn mewn cynddaredd.

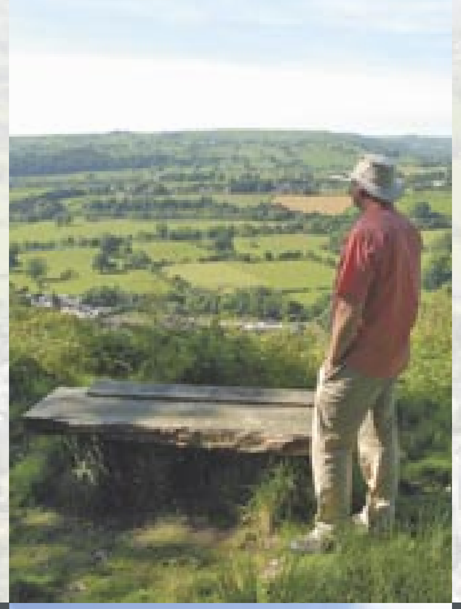
Gadewch y fynwent wrth y giât dro fetel tuag at y gorllewin (chwiliwch am garreg fedd Owen Owen y gyrrwr injans tua'r chwith).



6 Coed Pen y Pigyn

Os ydych am fynd ar y daith ddewisol i Goed Pen y Pigyn, trowch i'r chwith a dilynwch y llwybr troed ar ben Mill Street. Mae'n rhaid mynd i fyny'r allt, ar lwybr glaswelltog a charegog – ond mae'r golygfeydd yn ysblennydd. Fel arall, trowch i'r dde tuag at ganol y dref.

Wrth i chi ddringo trwy goedwig dderw Coed Pen y Pigyn, sy'n gynefin i sawl rhywogaeth o ystlumod, byddwch yn mynd heibio i daith gylchol Llwybr y Dagr i'r chwith a chylch cerrig yr Orsedd atmosfferig a godwyd ar gyfer Eisteddfod Genedlaethol 1919. Ar ben y llwybr, 800 troedfedd uwchben y dref a gyda'r Afon Dyfrdwy yn ymestyn o'ch blaen chi yn un rhuban, mae heneb garreg i ddathlu priodas Tywysog Cymru yn 1863.



7 Gwesty Owain Glyndŵr

Mae blaen Gwesty Owain Glyndŵr, gyda'i bortico Eidalaidd, yn dyddio o ddechrau'r 19eg ganrif – blynyddoedd ffyniannus i Gorwen, diolch i welliannau eithriadol Thomas Telford i'r ffordd o Lundain i Gaergybi. Mae'n llawer hŷn at y tu mewn, gan ei fod yn wreiddiol yn fynachlog ar dir yr eglwys.

Yma, ym 1789, y cynhaliwyd yr eisteddfod gyhoeddus gyntaf yng Nghymru – traddodiad a arweiniodd at ŵyl ddiwylliannol fawreddog Eisteddfod Genedlaethol Cymru. Yn llai llawen, dywedir fod y gwesty yn gartref i ysbryd gwraig a brofodd ddiwedd trist i'w charwriaeth â mynach.

8 Cerflun o Owain Glyndŵr

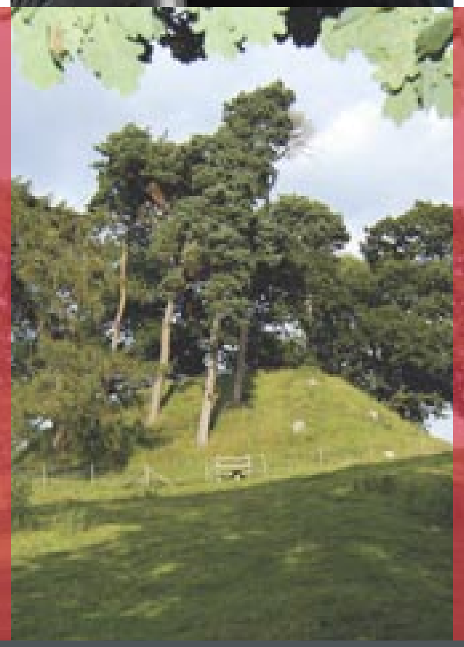
Dyma fo: arwr mwyaf Cymru a hoff fab Corwen. Dadorchuddiwyd y cerflun efydd gwych hwn o Owain Glyndŵr yn 2007 i nodi'r foment ym 1400 pan y cyhoeddodd mai ef oedd Tywysog Cymru a dechrau gwrthryfel cenedlaethol yn erbyn rheolaeth Lloegr. Yn fuan roedd yn goruchafu ar lawer o Gymru, ond, o dan bwysau gan y darpar Harri V, dechreuodd ei wrthryfel bylu ac erbyn 1415 roedd wedi diflannu, ond ni chafodd fyth ei ddal. Dethlir "tad y Gymru fodern" ar 16 Medi bob blwyddyn ar Ddiwrnod Owain Glyndŵr.

O'r Sgwâr, ewch ar hyd y llwybr rhwng siop y cigydd a'r caffi i ddychwelyd i'r maes parcio.

Tomen Owain Glyndŵr

Yn wreiddiol, roedd y domen goediog hon yn fwnt i gastell cloddwaith Normanaidd ac yn ddiweddarach yn rhan o gartref teuluol Owain Glyndŵr. Safai ei blasty, a chwalwyd gan filwyr Lloegr ym 1403, yn y cae islaw. Dyma oedd yr union fan lle y cyhoeddwyd Owain yn Dywysog Cymru cyn mynd ati i reibio Rhuthun, Dinbych, Rhuddlan, y Fflint, Penarlâg, Holt, Croesoswallt a'r Trallwng – y cyfan mewn wythnos.

Mae'r domen ar dir preifat dair milltir i'r dwyrain o Gorwen a chwarter milltir i'r dwyrain o Lidiart-y-Parc, i'r chwith wrth yr A5. Chwiliwch am gilfan fechan gyferbyn â bwrdd dehongli.



5 Church of St Mael and St Sulien

Saint Mael and Saint Sulien founded their church here in the sixth century but the present building dates from the 1200s. A prehistoric standing stone is built into the entrance porch and to the right stands the shaft of a possibly ninth century preaching cross. Inside is a font that could 1,000 years old. Round the back, behind bars, the lintel above the priest's doorway is carved with a cross – supposedly the mark made when Owain Glyndŵr hurled down his dagger from Pen y Pigyn hillside in a rage.

Leave the churchyard by the metal turnstile to the west (look out for the gravestone of Owen Owen the engine driver away to the left).

6 Coed Pen y Pigyn

For the detour to Coed Pen y Pigyn, turn left and follow the footpath at the end of Mill Street. It's uphill, grassy and stony – but the views are spectacular. Otherwise just turn right for the town centre.

As you climb through the oak woodland of Coed Pen y Pigyn, home of many species of bat, you'll pass the circular Dagger Trail on your left and an atmospheric Gorsedd stone circle erected for the National Eisteddfod of 1919. At the top of the path, 800 feet above the town and with the River Dee laid out before you like a ribbon, is a stone monument to celebrate the marriage of the Prince of Wales in 1863.

7 Owain Glyndŵr Hotel

The frontage of the Owain Glyndŵr Hotel, with its Italianate portico, dates from the early 19th century – boom years in Corwen thanks to Thomas Telford's drastic improvements to the London to Holyhead road. Inside it's much older, having originally been a monastery in the grounds of the church.

It was here in 1789 that the very first public eisteddfod in Wales was held – a tradition leading to the great cultural festival of the National Eisteddfod of Wales. Less cheerily, the hotel is said to be haunted by the ghost of a woman whose affair with a monk ended in tears.

8 Statue of Owain Glyndŵr

Here he is: Wales's greatest hero and Corwen's favourite son. This superb bronze statue of Owain Glyndŵr was erected in 2007 to mark the moment in 1400 when he declared himself Prince of Wales and launched a national revolt against English rule. He soon dominated much of Wales but, under pressure from the future Henry V, his star began to wane and by 1415 he had disappeared, never to be captured. The "father of modern Wales" is celebrated every September 16th on Owain Glyndŵr Day.

From The Square, take the passageway between the butcher's shop and the café to return to the car park.

Owain Glyndŵr's Mound

This tree-covered mound was originally the motte of a Norman earthwork castle and later part of the ancestral home of Owain Glyndŵr. His mansion, razed by English troops in 1403, stood in the field below. This was the very spot where Owain was proclaimed Prince of Wales before setting off to ravage Ruthin, Denbigh, Rhuddlan, Flint, Hawarden, Holt, Oswestry and Welshpool – all in a week.

The mound is on private land three miles east of Corwen and a quarter of a mile east of Llidiart-y-Parc, to the left of the A5. Look out for a small layby opposite an interpretation board.