

Jubilee Ride -3rd June 2022 - Talk Through

Distances – 25 km (short) 32km (long)

Short route- Leave venue and turn left. Follow road
Main route marked turning right into woodland after last Farm.
Caution – quite tight!

Alternative routes –1) take bridleway at Pant-yr-trwyn and follow to re-join route at B. NB -not marked (blue on map)

2) Go past right turn (steep downhill) and turn right onto Forest track- will be marked- re-join route at A (black on map)

Main route – track goes uphill then sharp left downhill and sharp Right onto main track (A). Follow straight and at junction (B) turn left downhill and through gate to road crossing.

Proceed down Melin St and ahead with Capel Babell on your right. Follow road, turning left along River, then right over bridge and take road to left uphill. Follow until cattle grid and look for markers taking you to right along track. Follow this until hill gate and cattle grid (no markers).

Soon after entering Common look for markers taking, you sharp left uphill on grassy track. Follow to top and turn right. Follow main track with Forest on your right. Keep ahead until hill gate and follow road until Markers take you down path on right. At end go ahead to road crossing and follow markers taking you down onto Sirhowy Valley Country Park main track to the right.

Continue straight on (no markers!) for quite a while until you reach Road barrier and turn left downhill when you will pick up the two-way section back to the venue.

NB- there are 3 walkovers along this section and the Council have agreed to unlock (but not necessarily open) the barriers alongside them.

Long route- routes diverge at Point C on common- short route keeps straight on. Long route goes left, then downhill to cross track and follow main grassy track to Point D. Go ahead onto track between fields and turn left at end and follow to left into wood. Track turns left to reach gate (Beware! Erosion other side of gate to the right) Keep on beautiful path through stunning bluebells (Caution fallen tree -walk over) and ahead across road onto Mynydd Dimlaeth, track veers left and go ahead at gate (Not right)

Keep on track, bearing right then left and up “Zigzag”, going through gate, ahead on track (NB -may be cattle here) and through gate back to Common and Point D. Retrace track to Point C and follow as short route.

NOTE- some of the best going and best sights (bluebells) are on the long route. Go on – give it a go!