

Three Circles of Crickhowell / Tri Cylch o Crughywel – North Circle: 5 miles

This route description is designed to be used in conjunction with a map & compass

Key: T JCN – T Junction, TR – Turn Right, TL – Turn Left, BR – Bear Right, BL – Bear Left,
SO – Straight On, Road – RD, Track – TK, X – Cross, FB – Footbridge, ST – Stile,
LMG – Large Metal Gate, LWG – Large Wooden Gate SWG – Small Wooden Gate,
KGT – Kissing Gate, CB – Compass Bearing,
FLD – Field, YDS – Yards, LHS – Left hand Side, RHS – Right Hand Side,
FPS – Footpath Sign, WMS – Waymarker Sign

1. Leave hall & TR. Remain on RHS pavement thru town centre passing Bear Hotel, Shell Garage, Llanbedr Rd & Bryn Nant on your RHS to arrive at pedestrian crossing with Crickhowell Community Primary School on the RHS. TR up steps & TL. Follow path to reach RD. SO on RHS pavement & when RD bends to R, X RD & up enclosed path to the RHS of No. 56 to reach RD. X RD & SO up enclosed path to reach RD. SO & thru gap (FPS) to the RHS of 2 x LMGs. TR & up enclosed path to reach path T JCN. TL & up enclosed path to reach path T JCN (LMG & KGT on RHS). TL along enclosed path to reach LMG. Thru to reach path T JCN. TR uphill & X stream to reach LWG. Thru & SO (stream on LHS) & 15 YDS after flight of wooden steps on the RHS, BL downhill to reach FB. X FB & uphill thru woods to arrive at ST. (GR SO 21916 20101)
2. X ST & SO (CB300°) across FLD to arrive at SWG next to LMG. Thru & follow LH FLD edge to arrive at LMG with black & white footpath sign. Thru & SO towards barn. Immediately before barn BR & follow dry stone wall (barn on LHS) to arrive at LMG. Thru & follow RH FLD edge to arrive at SWG & dry-stone wall. Thru & initially SO along stream bed & then follow RH FLD edge to leave FLD passing between 2 x dry stone walls. Wall on the LHS disappears & follow RH FLD edge to arrive at path fork (black & white FPS on RHS “Darren Mountain & Cwmbeth & Table Mountain”). BR & follow dry stone wall. As wall veers off to the R, SO to reach LMG. Thru & SO following RH FLD edge. Path will become enclosed between 2 x dry stone walls. Uphill to reach ST. X ST & SO to arrive at wide area enclosed by dry stone walls. Uphill & leave enclosed area in top RH corner. Uphill along enclosed path with 2 x dry stone walls to reach SMG. Thru & immed thru SWG. (GR SO 21181 20456)
3. SO following wall & then fence. Approx. 15 YDS before stream, BL uphill to reach FPS. TL uphill & after 25 YDS arrive at path fork & BR (initially CB30°). Path will bend to the R & climb thru bracken. (The dry-stone wall will fall away on the RHS & later, get closer to path again) Just before wall corner TR (CB70°) & keep wall on the RHS, X stream. Follow wall to arrive at 2 x LMGs (Private No Access). TL uphill (CB0°) & after 30 YDS BR (initially CB30° then CB50°) uphill thru bracken lined path. After 18yds at Y JCN bear L (CB12°) & ascend thru bracken towards 2 Hawthorn trees. Pass to RHS of trees, cross small open grass area (CB20°) to bracken edge & follow faint path uphill thru bracken to reach stream. X stream, turn immediately R (CB84°) on to bracken lined path (wall & LMG visible on RHS). SO on path thru bracken, wall on RHS, path descends toward trees. Pass to LHS of tree & continue downhill on path thru bracken to arrive at walled sheepfold area. (GR SO 21821 20916)
4. TL uphill keeping wall on the RHS to reach wall corner. Pass ruined building & uphill (dry stone wall will fall away on the RHS & later get closer to the path again as an intermittent wall & fence) to arrive at stream. X stream & follow narrow path uphill to arrive at wall corner. TR with the wall & follow intermittent broken wall & fence and later substantial wall as it bends gently to the R to arrive at LMG in wall. After 10 YDS, BL away from wall (CB150°) to arrive at broad path T JCN. TR uphill & scramble up path to the LHS of the rocky outcrop to arrive at the summit of ‘Table Mountain’. (GR SO 22531 20726)

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5. Leave summit on (CB160°) soon passing stone ring on the LHS. On reaching lip of table downhill thru rocks (CB215°) to pick up obvious grass path below. Follow this path to wall JCN, LMG & ST in bottom RH corner. X ST & along enclosed path to arrive at ST immed to LHS of LMG. X ST & downhill following LH FLD edge to arrive at ST next to LMG. X ST & along enclosed TK to arrive at SMG in RH fence line. Thru & downhill following LH FLD edge to arrive at SMG next to LMG. Thru & downhill following LH FLD edge to arrive at SMG next to LMG. Thru & along enclosed path to arrive at KGT. Thru & TL & follow LH FLD edge & along path that becomes enclosed. 20 YDS before stream BR up bank (WMS) & leave enclosed path. Follow LH FLD edge to arrive at WMS. TL thru hedge & immed before stream TR to arrive at ST. X ST then stream & SO downhill to arrive at SMG next to LWG (FPS) (House on the RHS). Thru & SO to arrive at LMG. Thru to RD. (GR SO 22571 19330)
6. TR downhill face oncoming traffic). At RD JCN, SO (Great Oak Rd) to arrive at RD T JCN. TR (Standard Street) & downhill to arrive at roundabout. TL (Greenhill Way) & follow RD to T JCN (A40). TR & follow pavement to return to Clarence Hall.
(GR SO 21851 18340)

(Total Distance 5.5 miles)