



Tankey Lake and Llanmadoc Walk Gower

Description:

Spectacular views over Llangennith, Whiteford point and the north Gower salt marshes. Lunch time stop at the Britannia for some great food and ale's!

Distance covered: 4.5 miles **Average time:** 1.5 hours **Terrain:** Some moderate climbs.

Directions:

Follow the main road towards Llangennith, pass the turning for Llanmadoc. When you emerge from the lanes back onto two lane road look on your right of open common land and a gravel track leading to Tankeylake. The best place to park is on off the road on the left hand side (do not block any entrance ways).



Once you have parked your car cross the road and pass through the gates onto Tankeylake moor, bear left taking the path which skirts the farmland below. Choose the paths that keep you skirting the hill, once on the north side overlooking Whiteford point the path will climb steadily until you once again meet the edge of the farmland.

Keep you eyes peeled and eventually the you will see the entrance of a rough track which descends through the farmland into the village of Llanmadoc.

History of Llanmadoc Church:

An your left as you enter the village you will see Llanmadoc church, The buildings origins can be traced back to the 13 th century though much of what meets the eye today dates to a very extensive renovation of the church in 1865. The reverend J. D. Davies was rector Llanmadoc and Cheriton from 1860 to 1911 and famously wrote a book “A History of west Gower” refer to by many as “the Gower Bible” the extensive work documents much of the history, customs and folk lore of the area and may be found for viewing in the reference library in Swansea. The Reverend was also a skilled carpenter, he personally carved the oak alter found within the church and also built the beautiful Swiss styled Rectory across the road, inspired by a holiday to Switzerland.

Once you meet the tarmac lane which runs through the village turn right walk down towards the Britannia Pub, if you haven't brought a packed lunch this is a perfect place to stop and relax. As you are walking down to the pub keep looking on your right for a footpath signs directing you up another small lane and back on to Llanmadoc hill.

After your well-earned rest set off back up the lane to the common land beyond. Take the path which bears left up onto the top of the rise and then follow the paths right along the ridge of the hill. The path you have taken passes through the remains of a late prehistoric hill fort known as the Bulwark. Before climbing to the summit of Llanmadoc hill which at 610ft in one of the highest points on the peninsular with spectacular views in all directions. Now follow the path which gently drops down the southern side of the hill and back to your car on the edge co the main road.

Tankey Lake and Llanmadoc Walking Map:



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