

Trip Report: Friday 22nd February

Distance: 11miles

Ascent: 2000'

Weather Forecast: Dry and Sunny

The squad were as follows;

Selina(Driver) and Mike + Skye, Sarah and Steve (Driver)
Glynis (guest and Driver), Tony (Driver) and Lynn + Riley ,
Jeff (Driver)and Debbie + Spot and Ellie, Cate (Driver)
Mark H (Driver), Dave C, Mike H, Jim G, Mike and Lesley,
Gerry, Ann

This walk was a linear one, along the Offas Dyke path starting from the car park for Moel Famau, at the top of the pass, and finishing in Bodfari.

Clearly this involved some faffing with the cars.

The main squad met at the pavilion as usual for 8.30 start, whilst the advance squad met at the car park of the Dinorben Arms in Bodfari (more about this later). The advance squad then continued in one car to meet the main team in the car park.

It was a beautiful sunny day, remarkable for February and the team set off in fine spirits. We soon reached the summit of Moel Famau and after mingling with other walkers for a while we descended from the top of the folly and took a very early coffee stop. Clearly everyone was enjoying the sunshine far too much and it was difficult to motivate the team to get going again.

We continued up and down along the ridge with our guest Glynis, who is from Mold and somewhat of an expert on the Clwyds, able to give advice on avoiding the steepest ascents/descents. Some remained purists sticking to Offas Dyke whilst others took a detour to avoid a steep descent and others went off

to bag extra peaks (a little confusing for Riley and Skye who had to decide who to go with).

Steve went ahead as scout and found another lovely spot for lunch in the sun with a great view. After lunch we had just about an hour and a half back to the Dinorben Arms. It was great to look back along the ridge to see how far we had come. Here the drivers had to leave the rest of the squad to while away 45 minutes in the sunshine whilst they went back to fetch the cars left at the beginning of the walk. There was a little disgruntlement in the team but nothing that wasn't forgotten when we arrived back in the Dysart for the re-rehydration.....Well I think it may take Tony a year or two to forget...