**St. Illtud’s Walk**

This is a 64 mile long distance trail and was devised and inaugurated in 1994 by the late Colin Davies, a member of Llanelli Ramblers.  It begins in Pembrey Country Park and passes through three counties to finish in Margam Country Park. Colin wrote a guide book which was illustrated by his friend Corris Edwards but the guide book is out of print. This website information and maps of the route supersede the guide book. The walk takes its name from St.Illtyd’s Church in Pembrey using the alternative spelling for St.Illtud. He was a pioneer of monastic life in Wales by setting up a monastery in Llantiwt Major (Llanilltud Fawr).

In 2014 a working group was set up by a member of Swansea Ramblers and in conjunction with Llanelli and Neath Port Talbot Ramblers and Carmarthenshire, Swansea and Neath Port Talbot councils. The aim was to review, revise and improve the existing route. Path improvements have been made and new signage installed. This has been funded from several sources including through the Swansea Rural Development Plan, Natural Resources Wales Rights of Way Improvement grants and local authority contributions.

As this is a linear walk it is suggested that the following sections or a combination of them are used starting from west to east GR=Grid Reference:

1. Pembrey Country Park GR SN 402 000 to Furnace GR SN 503 013

12 miles.

1. Furnace GR SN 503 013 to Pontarddulais GR SN 589 0379- 9 miles
2. Pontarddulais GR SN589037to Penlle’r Castell GR SN 665 095-8.5 miles
3. Penlle’r Castell GR SN665095 to Pontardawe GR SN 722 039- 10 miles
4. Pontardawe GR SN 722 039 to Resolven GR SN 826 030- 9.5miles
5. Resolven GR SN 826 030 to Afan Forest Park Visitor Centre GR SS 821 951- 9 miles
6. Afan Forest Park Visitor Centre GR SS 821 951 to Margam Park GR SS 799 863-12.5 miles.

**Public Transport**

It is possible to use public transport for most sections either entirely or in conjunction with the use of a car. For public transport information contact Traveline Cymru

[https://www.traveline.cymru](https://www.traveline.cymru/) or tel. 0800 464 00 00.

**Ordnance Survey Maps**

It is recommended that you obtain the following 1:25,000 scale Explorer maps before walking the route: 178 Llanelli & Ammanford, 165 Swansea, Neath, Port Talbot and 166 Rhondda and Merthyr Tydfil. **Please note that the route shown on this website is the most up to date. As changes have been made to the original route this may not yet be reflected in the OS maps.**

**Overnight Accommodation**

Information about accommodation can be obtained from these websites: <http://www.discovercarmarthenshire.com/>, [www.swansea.gov.uk/visitswanseabay](http://www.swansea.gov.uk/visitswanseabay), and <http://www.visitnpt.co.uk/>.

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