

Walks Around St Hilary

– North East –

8.6 miles – 3 hours – Moderate – 1 pub stop

- Overview** A longish walk with good views, little used paths, a 360° vista, a hidden lake, woodland walks and the chance to PYO in summer!.
- Distance** 8.6 miles
- Time** 3.0 hours (brisk pace without stops)
- Route** St Hilary – The Garn – Llantithyd House – Tair Onen – Hensol Woods – Hensol Lake – Welsh St Donats – Stalling Down – St Hilary Down
- Pub stops** Start and Finish: Bush Inn
- Terrain** Gentle ascents and descents. Country lane to start, then fields with stiles, a woodland walk, a hidden lake and good tracks around Stalling Down and St Hilary Down.

Map
Explorer 151
1: 25,000

Start and finish
grid reference:
ST 016733

A map is highly
recommended for
this walk



**Height Gain and
Altitude**



Start and finish: 420 feet
Highest point: 600 feet
Lowest point: 400 feet

About 400 feet between highest and
lowest points
About 700 feet height gain in total



At the car park at the end of the track, turn left

Cross the lane

At the end of the lake, follow the path up to the right through the woods, cross the lane and take the woodland track opposite

Take the lane on the right just before the village, passing the church

Cross the right hand outflow of the lake, then follow the track left around the north bank

At the crossroads, take the lane/track opposite

Where the road bears left, continue straight on following the track into the woodland

Through the gate into the field and go straight on to the highest point of the field – enjoy the 360° view, then turn 90° left for the gate on the left (The path from the gate opposite can be very overgrown in Summer)

Turn right onto the lane

Turn left, past a green single bar barrier, taking a clear track through the forest

Where the track bears right, go over the stile on the left

At the T junction, turn right passing Bonvilston House

Over the stile at the bottom of the field, turn right onto the track

At the crossroads, go straight across

Into the field and head for the top left hand corner

Just before the gate in front, climb the gate to the left and turn right

Straight on, with the farm behind you, then turn left as the track opens out

Through the gate at the top, follow the fence on the right towards the farm. Keep to the left hand side of the farm outbuildings, towards the front of the farm

Cross the A48 – take great care

Take great care when reaching the A48 – it is a very fast road. Turn left and cross with great care

Turn sharp right, taking the old roman road behind the restaurant

At the T junction at the Garn, keep straight on – after 100 yards, go straight, over the gate at the bend and aim for the bottom left hand corner of the field

After about 100 yards, take a path to the left through a small coppice – there is a small 18 inch concrete pyramid as a marker on the ground

Through the gap

The path opens onto St Hilary Down – cross it diagonally – the line is the tower of the church

Join the main track, turning left to follow the route back to St Hilary

Over the stile

Turn left out of the Bush, passing the church on the right. After 100 yards, turn right after Little Hall Cottage then left and immediately right down the lane, with the post box and phone box on the left and Village Farm on the right, towards Llantrithyd passing Coed Hills.

Keep to the right hand edge of the field

At the bottom of the field, clamber up the raised earthwork and follow the track to the left

Circular and Other Walks in and around St Hilary

This is one in a series of current and planned walking guides based on and around St Hilary

The Walks

Circular Walks

West – 6.4 miles
Aberthin / Cowbridge / Llanblethian

South East – 9.1 miles
Llantrithyd / Llancarfan / Treguff

North West
Llansannor / Penllyn / Cowbridge

South West – 7.7 miles
Llanblethian / Siginstone / Llandough

North East – 8.6 miles
Llantrithyd / Hensol / Stalling Down

North – 3.8 miles
St Hilary Down / Stalling Down

Routes between St Hilary and Cowbridge

via New Beaupre

via Roman Road

via The Downs

via Llanblethian

Points of Interest

Old Beaupre Castle

Coed Hills Rural Art Space

The Clump

Disclaimer: you undertake these walks at your own risk

Web site: All these walks will be available, as they are prepared, as a download from the St Hilary website: www.sthilary.org.uk ⇒ local walks and maps

The best map for all the walks is the Ordnance Survey's Explorer 151

Boots are advisable. Most walks involve stiles. The ground can be soft / muddy when wet.

Take great care when crossing roads and on the lanes

