

Walk to Llandrindod Wells and Shaky Bridge

To Llandrindod Wells Lake	45-60 mins
Llandod Lake to Shaky Bridge	45-60 mins
Shaky Bridge to Three Wells	105-120 mins

In normal conditions the walk can be done in trainers or similar stout footwear but walking boots are recommended when wet. Paths can be a little overgrown in places at some times of year.

Walk is of moderate difficulty throughout with hilly stretches and numerous stiles but with no particularly difficult parts. We have walked to Llandod lake with young children (3yo) but it takes a while and some carrying. There is easy parking at the lake or at Shaky Bridge if a lift home is wanted!

Walking To Llandrindod Wells

From the front of the hotel walk back up the drive past Acorn Court to the road. Turn right and walk up the hill until you come to a gateway on the left with a brown sign pointing the way onward to 'Brynhir Farm'.

1. Turn left off the road and use the stile to the left of the gate (there is a footpath sign but it seems to have fallen into the hedge). About 100m up the track there is another stile on the left under an oak tree – it is not immediately obvious so you need to look out for it. Climb over the stile and continue along the narrower track to the right that runs along the fence. As the fence ends bear right up hill over relatively open ground until you come to a waymark post then bear left towards post by tree ahead. Continue through the gap in the fence (waymarked) towards the gate ahead past another waymark post. Climb over another stile and follow waymark straight ahead to next stile. Over this stile continue to left of the low mounds toward the next waymark post.

2. Here you join a slightly indistinct, wider track. Follow this, bearing right initially though a gate (you can see the golf club/car park on the hill ahead). Follow track as it curves round to the left (you can normally see black cattle in the farm below, source of some of the beef in our restaurant) through 2 waymarked gates towards church.

3. When you come to a couple of old filling tanks on the right, look for the steps hidden to the right just before them. Go through the small gate and follow the path uphill by the wall (the churchyard). At the end of the wall turn left through the gate and cross the churchyard. Continue on across the road and through the gate opposite as signed. Keep following the path (normally quite obvious but can get very

overgrown) for quite a way with a fence just below on the left. This brings you to a small wooden gate on the left into the wood above Llandod lake.

[If you want to continue down to the lake or into the town there is a map inside the gate showing paths down to the lake from where you can walk along the road into town]

On to Shaky Bridge

4. Through the wooden gate you enter a wooded area with various way marked trails. Take the middle, green-banded walk that roughly follows the contour. This continues through a kissing gate. Eventually you reach another green-marked post indicating down to the left. Ignore this, leaving the green-banded trail, and go on almost straight following the path along the fence. At the next waymark post go left over the stile and follow path down across the field to a metal kissing gate.

5. Through the gate you come to a T junction behind the houses. Turn right and then left through the gully to a road. About 50m to the right on the other side of the road the path continues between the houses. After going over the stream cut across another road and through the metal gate into an open area. Follow the path that climbs through the middle of the trees alongside the stream up through a waymarked metal gate at the top. Continue on through gorse and then across open field toward the middle of the small wooded area in view ahead.

6. Go over the stile into the small wooded area. Ignore the stile directly ahead instead turning left between the trees to another stile at the end of the wood. Follow the waymark across the open field ahead to next waymark post and continue straight as marked, crossing over the track towards more gorse ahead, and join the track there that curves round the hill. This brings you round to another waymarked stile. Go over this to end of fence and turn right up slope to the next stile. This one has a signpost. Over stile go straight down along the field boundary through the metal gate and then on down through another gate to the road.

7. Turn right along the road, continuing round right hand bend and downhill until the obvious stile and footpath sign on the left. Follow sign direct to far corner of the field. Go over stile and on through gate to the right. Shaky Bridge is on the left (not actually shaky at all but apparently replaced an older bridge that was shaky).

8. There is a car park here and an open area with logs to sit on plus access down to the river so this makes a pleasant spot to stop and have a rest or some lunch. It is the far point of this walk but for those wanting yet more exercise there is a nice climb just across the river up to the top of castle bank which yields yet more nice views.

Back to Three Wells

9. To start back to Three Wells you need to find the path leading from the mid-back of the parking area into the trees. This bears a little left up through the woods to a wooden kissing gate. Continue on up the hill across open ground and then under a large broken tree into a wood (at the right time of year the bluebells here are beautiful). Continue with the stream below on the right hand side then across another open area to a waymarked gate. Through the gate go along a muddy track and over a stile ahead. Turn left up the hill through a metal gate and on up the track.

10. Ignore the waymark post on the bend and follow the track up to the left. A bit further up there is a metal gate into a field on the right. There is no waymark or sign but you can see the track along the field boundary beyond the gate. Go through the gate and along this track ignoring 2 gates to the right and keeping along a dry stone wall, then bear right through a metal field gate (this is not as shown on the OS map but that footpath has been 'obscured' and this connects almost immediately with another track that is on the map). The track takes you down through some farm buildings (this is as per the map) where you have to go through 2 sets of double metal gates and onto the road. Turn right up the hill and round bend at the top along to the road junction where you turn left.

[At this point you can just continue along the road for about a mile back to Three Wells. Note the road has several gates across but it is still a public highway all along]

11. At the bend follow the clear footpath sign over the stile on the right and cross the field to another stile just visible at the right end of the row of trees opposite (as you come up this hill and over the top watch out for the red kites that often seem to like to circle above). Continue over the stile and straight up across the field to the metal gate in the corner. Turn left, following the field boundary through another metal field gate then cut across next field diagonally to the far corner (the path is not very clear and the corner is hidden at first but becomes obvious as you walk ahead). This takes you to a stile onto the golf course.

12. Follow straight on from the diagonal across the fairway to the left of a small rowan tree and to the stile beyond (the left of the 2 stiles visible is most direct but either will do. Watch out for the golfers!). Over the stile bear left and down a little (not as far as the low wall) along a narrow track. This heads toward a waymarked stile at the left hand end of the broken dry stone wall. Head in the direction of the arrow (toward a white house in the distance) keeping approximately parallel to the field boundary. This is all quite wild with no clear track but eventually comes to meet the path you came up at the start of the walk.

13. You should see a way mark post and recognise where you came from earlier. Turn left and retrace your steps through the gap and on to the next waymark post, then bearing right, over and down before veering left along the field boundary. Go back over the stile under the oak tree, down the track to the right and over the stile onto the road. Turn right down the road and Three Wells is on the left at the bottom of the hill.

